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NEW MODEL PRESS RELEASE

2022 Kawasaki Z900RS SE Motorcycle

THE RETRO REVOLUTION IS HERE

With the resurgence of retro-sport motorcycles going strong, the new 2022 Z900RS SE is sure to turn heads with its timeless design and integral beauty that pays homage to the iconic old-school Z models. Serving as a high-grade variation of the Z900RS, the Z900RS SE inherits the same upgraded brake package and similar suspension package of the Z900 SE with a new, iconic "Yellow Ball" livery that is sure to pull at those nostalgic heartstrings.



Highlights of the NEW 2022 Z900RS SE:

- **NEW** Öhlins S46 rear shock with remote preload adjuster
- **NEW** Brembo® front brake package featuring M4.32 calipers
- **NEW** Improved suspension settings
- **NEW** Iconic "Yellow Ball" styling
- Relaxed retro-style riding position

SUSPENSION

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To further supplement the ride feel, the Z900RS SE features an Öhlins S46 rear shock. The shock is built with an aluminum body and single-tube construction, a large 46mm piston and internal air and gas chambers separated by a floating piston, the combination of components offers a superior feeling of grip and handling. The remote preload adjuster allows for quick and easy adjustment settings without tools, perfect for those tandem rides and luggage-bearing trips. With the improved movement in the initial part of the suspension stroke from both the front and rear suspension components, riders are left with an increased sense of contact with the road, further adding to rider confidence throughout the ride.

The Z900RS SE receives revised damping settings to the 41mm, fully adjustable inverted front forks, with 10-way compression and 12-way rebound damping, which help to compliment the new rear shock. The outer fork tubes are also gold for 2022 to match the signature look of the Öhlins rear shock.

Fitted with Kawasaki's modern horizontal back-link rear suspension, the Z900RS SE allows for a high level of sporty riding potential while matching the front fork's level of riding comfort and performance. The extruded aluminum swingarm is lightweight and helps contribute to the light handling of the motorcycle, and the linkage placed atop the swingarm allows for better mass centralization. This also allowed for the lay-down shock absorber to be moved further away from the exhaust so that its operation is not affected by any heat omitted by the exhaust. The shock has an adjustable preload and rebound damping.

WHEELS & BRAKES

- **NEW** Brembo® front brake package featuring M4.32 calipers

The Z900RS SE features dual 300mm Brembo front petal disc brakes and a 250mm rear petal brake with ABS. This contributes to the high level of quality and sportiness. Dual opposed four-piston Brembo M4.32 calipers with resin Brembo brake pads offer a linear brake feel, facilitating control for the rider. This new Brembo brake package offers stronger stopping power and contributes to greater rider control, all while presenting an overall greater ease of use. The brake pads are complimented by a Nissin radial-pump master cylinder and stainless-steel braided lines, delivering greater stopping power and a more linear progression when operating the lever, further facilitating rider feel. For an added degree of rider reassurance, the Z900RS SE comes fully equipped with an anti-lock braking system (ABS) to help prevent wheel lock-up and assist braking in certain conditions.

Keeping with classic style, the Z900RS SE utilizes cast flat spoke wheels in a gold color that resemble traditional wire-spoked wheels while offering a unique balance of light weight and stylish looks, positively contributing to both handling and retro Z1 design. Dunlop GPR-300 tires accompany the motorcycle and further add to the iconic retro feel.

STYLING & INSTRUMENTATION

- **NEW** Iconic "Yellow Ball" styling

With a seamless blend of Z1-inspired styling elements and modern craftsmanship – from the iconic teardrop fuel tank to the innovative oval LED taillight – the Z900RS offers timeless good looks with an exquisite attention to detail and superb fit-and-finish. The Z900RS SE's styling is reminiscent of the iconic "Yellow Ball," a black and yellow version of the orange and brown paint of the original Z1. The unique colors come to life on the fuel tank, and thanks to the use of immersion graphics and rich quality paint, the design does not leave a raised surface, resulting in a high-quality finish that one would expect on a timeless motorcycle.

The Z900RS SE features a large-diameter LED headlamp with a convex lens and chromed headlamp ring, adding to the iconic retro feel of the motorcycle. LED lighting is used to illuminate not only the headlamp, but the position lamps, taillight, and license plate lamp as well. The turn signals feature bulb-type lighting.

The Z900RS SE utilizes a dual-dial instrumentation panel with a multi-function LCD screen, balancing retro-style looks with modern functionality. A negative display (white letters on a black

background) adds to the instrument cluster's sporty, modern appearance, and the highly visible gear position indicator helps to increase shifting precision and confidence.

ERGONOMICS

- Relaxed retro-style riding position

One of the unique features of the 2022 Z900RS SE is its relaxed riding position, giving riders the retro feel of other iconic motorcycles from the past. The upper-triple clamp is 40mm higher which allows for a higher handlebar position and a more upright riding position compared to the Z900, and the wide, flat handlebar contributes to the retro style while offering a wide grip to facilitate control. Handle grips are 30mm wider, 65mm higher, and 35mm closer to the rider which contributes to the upright riding position, and a wide 35-degree steering angle facilitates low-speed maneuvering. Rubber-mounted bar ends help to dampen vibrations in the bars, and both the clutch and brake levers are 5-way adjustable to help accommodate a wide variety of hand sizes.

The slim fuel tank is narrow at the rear which allows for easy knee gripping, and a low seat height, combined with a slim overall design, add to the rider's ability to firmly place both feet on the ground when stopped. A stepped seat offers a wide, comfortable sitting space for both the rider and passenger. The seat is slimmer in the front to help with the rider's ability to touch the ground and can be removed without tools, allowing for easy access to the battery, fuse box and tool kit.

Footpegs are 20mm lower and 20mm farther forward compared to the Z900, further enhancing the relaxed riding position. The footpegs come adorned with rubber pads to help reduce vibration transmitted through the feet, and rubber-mounted weights on the undersides to further dampen vibrations.

ENGINE

The liquid-cooled, DOHC, 16-valve 948cc inline four-cylinder engine offers impressive power and strong torque. Designed to complement the chassis, the lightweight engine provides plenty of torque, and the 73.4 x 56.0 mm bore and stroke create an engine design that embodies the thrill of acceleration.

Four individual 36mm throttle bodies offer ideal mid-range power and the sub-throttles ensure smooth, sensitive throttle response. The downdraft throttle body layout creates the shortest distance possible for the fuel-air mixture, contributing to the engine's overall performance.

ACCESSORIES

A full range of Kawasaki Genuine Accessories are available at authorized Kawasaki dealers for the Z900RS SE, giving retro riders the option to add to the motorcycle's iconic, old-school feel. Returning accessories for the Z900RS SE include a tank emblem set, premium bike cover, black, gold or silver oil filler caps, grip heater set, front axle slider, ERGO-FIT® reduced reach seat, tank pad, frame slider set, center stand, side grip set, passenger grab bar, smoke wind deflector, and an Akrapovic slip-on exhaust.

COLORS AND MSRP

The 2022 Z900RS SE motorcycle is available in Metallic Diablo Black and has an MSRP of \$13,449.

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