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## NEW MODEL PRESS RELEASE

# 2022 Kawasaki KLX®230 SE Dual-Sport Motorcycle

## GET OUT AND PLAY

The Kawasaki KLX®230 returns for 2022 accompanied by the new 2022 KLX®230 SE (special edition) dual-sport motorcycle. The KLX230 SE is purpose built for serious fun on the street and in the dirt; with its engine, frame, and suspension designed to inspire confidence. Just like the KLX230 dual-sport, the KLX230 SE takes cues from the KX™ motorcross line and Kawasaki's racing heritage to deliver a dual-sport motorcycle that has been designed to enable riders to get out of town while enjoying the trails with confidence.

The KLX230 SE comes standard with all the great features of the KLX230 as well as several Kawasaki Genuine Accessories upgrades that give it a special appearance while adding to the overall ride experience. Upgrades include the addition of handguards, skid plate, frame covers, tapered handlebar set as well as black rims, and unique color and graphics.



### 2022 KLX®230 SE HIGHLIGHTS

- **NEW** Hand guards
- **NEW** Tapered handlebar
- **NEW** Skid plate
- **NEW** Frame covers
- **NEW** Black coated rims
- **NEW** Special Edition color and graphics

### SPECIAL EDITION UPGRADES

Several Kawasaki Genuine Accessories offered for the KLX®230 motorcycle can now be found as standard equipment on the KLX®230 SE. A tapered handlebar set helps improve ride comfort with its 1-1/8" steel-clamping diameter that tapers to a narrower grip area. This allows controlled flex that acts as a kind of shock absorber for the hands and arms to reduce fatigue and add comfort. The handlebar has also been fitted with a hand guards that help protect the rider's hands from debris and weather.

Durable frame covers are constructed from plastic and help provide scuff protection for the chassis side rails. A skid plate has been mounted to provide full coverage protection of the chassis bottom rails and includes an oil drain hole to allow oil to be changed without the need for removal. Black finished front and rear wheel rims replace the silver rims found on the KLX230 for an aggressive look that is complemented by the special edition color and graphics.

## ENGINE & TRANSMISSION

The four-stroke air-cooled single cylinder engine offers smooth, reliable and durable performance in a compact package. The engine has a bore and stroke of 67.0 x 66.0 mm, with a displacement of 233 cc. The long-stroke offers robust low-mid range torque for smooth and easy handling. A simple SOHC two-valve design was chosen for its easy-to-use power character and reliability.

Fuel injection ensures consistent fuel delivery regardless of outside air temperature or elevation. An electric starter makes starting easy with the push of a button, whether the engine is hot or cold, and contributes to clean emissions. The fuel injection system utilizes a 32 mm throttle body, which delivers precise response. Exhaust pipe length was selected to contribute to the engine's low-mid range performance. To match the strong off-road image of the KX™-inspired bodywork, the exhaust features a tapered silencer with an oval cross-section.

A smooth-shifting six-speed transmission covers a wide range of street-riding conditions and allows for more comfortable cruising on the highway, while also effective when trail riding. A 45/14 final gear ratio was selected for an ideal balance for both road and trail riding.

## CHASSIS

Designed from the start for off-road and street riding, the high-tensile steel perimeter frame offers the optimal handling needed for enjoyable riding in a wide range of environments. The engine and frame were designed together, which helped engineers achieve a low engine height, ideal chassis rigidity balance, and a low center of gravity, all in a compact chassis. The short 54.3" wheelbase combined with the high 10.4" ground clearance contributes to the bike's maneuverability, allowing riders to more comfortably navigate the trail.

A 37 mm diameter telescopic fork handles suspension duties up front; equipped with 8.7" of travel, the suspension offers controllability on a variety of terrain. At the rear, the new Uni-Trak® suspension with 8.8" of wheel travel provides a more planted feel and great bump absorption. The single rear shock absorber with pressurized nitrogen gas is adjustable for preload, allowing riders to set the bike up for their weight or a passenger.

## WHEELS & BRAKES

Full-size aluminum wheels, measuring 21" at the front and 18" at the rear, make it easier to overcome obstacles encountered on trails, contributing to exciting trail-riding performance.

The KLX®230 SE motorcycle comes equipped with petal disc brakes, front and rear, which provide ample stopping power. A 240 mm front disc gripped by a twin-piston caliper offers strong, easy-to-control braking. Slowing the rear, a single-piston caliper grips a 220 mm disc.

## ERGONOMICS

The frame, seat, and tank of the KLX®230 SE motorcycle were designed with a combination of form and function in mind, making the frame easy to grip with the legs, offering superior chassis control. Thanks to the compact design of the KLX230 SE, a low seat height of 34.8" was achieved.

Similar to the lineup of KX™ motorcycles, the flat design of the tank and seat gives the rider greater freedom of movement when changing riding positions and facilitates sitting farther forward. In addition to trail riding, cruising comfort was also a consideration when deciding the seat shape and

thickness. The seams between the shrouds, seat and side covers all fit flush, making it much easier for the rider to move around on the bike.

## **STYLING & INSTRUMENTATION**

The KLX®230 SE takes its styling cues from Kawasaki's line of KX™ motocross motorcycles, giving the bike an agile, aggressive look to match its trail-riding prowess. A two-gallon fuel tank allows the "Good Times™" to keep rolling over the course of a long day. Brightness was a priority when designing the headlamp of the KLX230 SE; the large-size 60/55 watt lamp offers excellent illumination. A pair of passenger footpegs enables easy two-up riding. The KLX230 SE motorcycle is also equipped with a lockable toolbox compartment, located in the left side cover for quick, on-the-spot maintenance jobs. The toolbox utilizes the Kawasaki One-Key System, which means that the side cover panel is conveniently unlocked with the ignition key. An all-digital instrument panel offers at-a-glance information care of a large, easy-to-read LCD display screen. Features include: speedometer, odometer, dual-trip meters, fuel gauge, clock, and indicator lamps.

## **COLORS AND MSRP**

The 2022 KLX®230 SE is available in Oriental Blue and Firecracker Red with an MSRP of \$4,999. The 2022 KLX®230 is available in Lime Green with an MSRP of \$4,799.

## **ABOUT KAWASAKI**

Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. (KHI) started full-scale production of motorcycles over a half century ago. The first Kawasaki motorcycle engine was designed based on technical know-how garnered from the development and production of aircraft engines, and Kawasaki's entry into the motorcycle industry was driven by the company's constant effort to develop new technologies. Numerous new Kawasaki models introduced over the years have helped shape the market, and in the process have created enduring legends based on their unique engineering, power, design and riding pleasure. In the future, Kawasaki's commitment to maintaining and furthering these strengths will surely give birth to new legends.

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