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NEW MODEL PRESS RELEASE

2024 KAWASAKI KLX®230 S AND KLX®230SM ABS MOTORCYCLES

GET OUT AND PLAY

First introduced in 2020, the KLX®230 motorcycle has been a trailblazer in the world of off-road fun, purpose-built for serious dirt enthusiasts. Both its engine and frame were meticulously designed for trail riding, earning it a devoted fan base with its brisk engine performance and sure-footed ability to conquer diverse terrains. For 2024, the KLX®230 series returns with updates aimed at elevating performance and taking comfort to new heights.



At the heart of these new models is the 233cc fuel-injected, air-cooled, 4-stroke engine, offering strong low-to-mid-range response for enhanced off-road performance. The key update for 2024 lies in the chassis, specifically the revised rear subframe that allows for longer wheel travel and updated seat. This innovative design maintains ground clearance while reducing seat height, providing a comfortable reach to the ground and significantly enhancing off-road riding potential and overall comfort. Redundant.

The KLX®230 S motorcycle features an updated dual-purpose ABS, allowing riders to disable both front and rear ABS according to their preference when venturing off-road. With revamped bodywork inspired by the KX™ motorcycle and new features like smartphone connectivity, the 2024 KLX230 S inspires confidence on any trail. The KLX230SM ABS shares many of the same new features, including new KX-inspired styling, smartphone connectivity via RIDEOLOGY THE APP, updated seat, and receives a new compact LED headlight that brings even more capability and riding enjoyment.

2024 KLX®230 S HIGHLIGHTS

- 233cc Fuel-injected, air-cooled, four-stroke engine with electric start
- **NEW** Longer-travel suspension and ample ground clearance
- **NEW** ABS system with on/off function
- **NEW** Smartphone connectivity with RIDEOLOGY THE APP
- **NEW** KX™-inspired styling
- **NEW** Updated seat with two-tone color

- Full-sized wheels

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 67.0mm x 66.0mm, with a displacement of 233cc. The long-stroke offers robust low-mid range torque for smooth and easy performance. A simple SOHC two-valve design was chosen for its easy-to-use power character and reliability. A narrower intake port and 4mm smaller intake valve, now measuring 33mm, help contribute to increased low and mid-range performance, and revised ECU settings match the increased low to mid-range torque.

Fuel injection ensures consistent fuel delivery regardless of outside air temperature or elevation. It also enables the use of an electric starter, for easy starting at the push of a button, whether the engine is hot or cold, and contributes to clean emissions. The fuel injection system utilizes a 32mm throttle body, which delivers a precise response. A longer 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, which is also effective when trail riding. A 45/14 final gear ratio was selected for an ideal balance for both road and trail riding.

CHASSIS + ERGONOMICS

Designed to combine 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. For 2024, the rear subframe was redesigned and traces a lower line on the machine, which allows for longer wheel travel while maintaining good ground reach, translating to improved off-road performance. 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 53.7-inch wheelbase combined with 9.5-inches of ground clearance contributes to the bike's maneuverability, allowing riders to navigate the trail more easily.

A large, 37mm diameter telescopic fork handles suspension duties up front; equipped with 7.9-inches of suspension travel to offer controllability on a variety of terrain. At the rear, the New Uni-Trak® rear linkage with 8.9-inches of wheel travel provides great road holding ability and bump absorption. The single rear shock absorber with pressurized nitrogen gas now comes with a threaded preload adjustment, allowing riders to set the bike up for their weight or a passenger. In addition, the KLX230 S comes equipped with a new aluminum swingarm that is approximately 2.6-pounds lighter than before, and a lighter rear brake master cylinder helps to further shave weight.

The KLX230 S motorcycle is perfect for those who are looking for a more approachable KLX® model. Bringing down the seat height to 33.3-inches, the KLX230 S enables more riders to take on off-road trails with confidence. The side stand has also been shortened to match the low seat height. The frame, seat, and tank of the KLX230 S 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.

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.

BRAKES AND WHEELS

Full-size aluminum wheels, measuring 21-inches at the front and 18-inches at the rear, make it easier to overcome obstacles encountered on trails, contributing to exciting trail-riding performance. For 2024, the KLX230 S will come with black wheels, maintaining the KX-inspired looks that help reflect its sporty character.

The KLX230 S motorcycle comes equipped with petal disc brakes, front and rear, which provide sure stopping power. On non-ABS models, a 240mm front disc gripped by a twin-piston caliper offers strong, easy-to-control braking. Slowing the rear, a single-piston caliper grips a 220mm disc. ABS-equipped models utilize a 265mm front disc, gripped by a twin-piston caliper, which offers strong, easy-to-control braking. A 220mm disc operated by a single-piston caliper slows the rear.

The dual-purpose ABS system was updated for 2024 and is carefully tuned for both on-road and off-road use. Designed to assist riders to stop effectively in a short distance in most conditions, dual-purpose ABS offers additional reassurance to riders when braking on a low-traction surface. Using a switch on the left side of the handlebar, riders can now disable both the front and rear ABS function based on their preference when riding off-road. Once the bike is turned off and re-started, the ABS returns to its default setting, returning ABS functionality to the rear brake.

STYLING + INSTRUMENTATION

The KLX230 S gets its styling from Kawasaki's line of KX motocross motorcycles, and for 2024, an even sportier, more aggressive styling cue was used. The newly designed two-toned seat has a flat profile for added freedom and movement for the rider, and smoother bodywork has eliminated some of the protruding parts that minimized movement. A new compact LED headlight is the focal point of the KLX230 S front end. The headlight is encased in a slim, sharp new front cowl and offers impeccable brightness. To match the sporty headlight, the front fender features an aggressive, edgy design.

A redesigned two-gallon fuel tank allows the good times to keep rolling over the course of a long day, and redesigned shrouds and side covers create a single-flowing integrated look that mimics the looks of a KX motorcycle. A pair of passenger footpegs enables two-up riding. The KLX230 S motorcycle is also equipped with a lockable toolbox compartment, located in the left side cover, which features everything necessary 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, and for 2024, now provides smartphone connectivity to access instrument functions. Features include speedometer, odometer, fuel gauge, clock, and indicator lamps.

SMARTPHONE CONNECTIVITY

Harnessing the power of Bluetooth® technology, the KLX230 S offers riders' seamless wireless connectivity to their motorcycle. Leveraging the dedicated smartphone application RIDELOGY THE

APP*, this innovative feature unlocks a myriad of functions, enhancing the overall motorcycle experience. Whether it's monitoring performance metrics, receiving notifications or customizing settings, Bluetooth connectivity allows riders to stay connected to their bike in a modern and intuitive way.

Functions include:

- **Vehicle info:** battery voltage can be viewed via the smartphone
- **Riding log:** GPS route information as well as vehicle running information can be logged and viewed via the smartphone
- **Telephone notices:** when a call or mail is received by the smartphone, this is indicated on the instrument display
- **Communication sharing:** rider profile, location and riding logs can be shared with other RIDOLOGY THE APP users, allowing riders to interact with other like-minded riders
- **Maintenance log:** maintenance history like refuelling, lubrication, oil changes, consumable parts replacement, and periodic inspections can be managed

KAWASAKI GENUINE ACCESSORIES

Riders can personalize their KLX230 S to meet their needs, with numerous Kawasaki Genuine Accessories to choose from, such as: high seat, helmet lock, low seat, hand covers, USB type-c, frame slider, small skid plate, large skid plate, small carrier, large carrier, and a handlebar pad.

KLX®230SM ABS

Fortifying the KLX® brand, the KLX230SM ABS motorcycle was developed utilizing the dual-purpose KLX230 platform and caters specifically to street riding. For 2024, Kawasaki introduces a revised KLX230SM ABS model, maintaining excellent street capabilities while adding updates for improved performance and comfort. Receiving the same engine, KX-inspired ergonomics and subframe upgrades as the KLX230 S, the KLX230SM ABS makes the ideal partner for conquering the urban jungle, inspiring confidence and enjoyment wherever the next road may lead.



2024 KAWASAKI KLX®230SM ABS HIGHLIGHTS:

- **NEW** Seat with added comfort and low seat height
- **NEW** KX™-inspired styling
- **NEW** Smartphone connectivity with RIDELOGY THE APP
- **NEW** Compact, bright LED Headlight

WHEELS & BRAKES

The KLX230SM ABS motorcycle comes with 17-inch front and rear wheels, and they are wider than those found on the KLX230 to help riders navigate the roads with increased handling precision. A large 300mm semi-floating petal disc front brake with a twin-piston caliper adorns the front wheel of the motorcycle, delivering powerful stopping power and adding to the sleek supermoto looks. Like its KLX230 brethren, a 220mm disc with a single-piston caliper oversees slowing the rear.

CHASSIS

The KLX230SM ABS comes equipped with 37mm inverted forks, adding front-end rigidity, and giving the motorcycle a sportier look. Like the KLX230 S, the KLX230SM ABS utilizes the New Uni-Trak® rear linkage that aids in bump absorption, and the single rear shock absorber is adjustable for preload, allowing riders to easily make the necessary adjustments for their weight or for the weight of a passenger. For 2024, the suspension settings were revised to create a more forward-leaning posture and increase rear wheel travel, contributing to enhanced rider comfort. Since this motorcycle is built for the road, the KLX230SM ABS comes equipped with stiffer spring settings compared to the KLX230 model, that reduce the amount of travel, offering greater overall composure while in use. Since this motorcycle is geared for the streets, the off-road rider footpegs are replaced with standard footpegs with rubber pads, adding to the rider's overall comfort.

STYLING

If riders are looking to tackle the city streets in style, they need to look no further than the 2024 KLX230SM ABS. Aggressive supermoto styling can be found from the front to the rear fender on the KLX230SM ABS, including a new compact LED headlight in a slim, sharp front cowl, that is the centerpiece of the sporty front-end that is short front-to-back, giving the area a sleek overall look. The sporty front fender is matched to the 17-inch front wheel, and the blacked-out engine, frame, swingarm, handlebars and rims give the motorcycle the overall edgy, aggressive supermoto image.

Borrowing cues from the KLX230 S motorcycle, the KLX230SM ABS has a redesigned two-toned seat with a flatter silhouette and smooth bodywork for easier rider movement, and a redesigned fuel tank, shrouds and side covers into a single flowing, integrated surface emulate sharp, cutting-edge looks of the latest KX models.

KAWASAKI GENUINE ACCESSORIES

Riders can personalize their KLX230SM ABS as they see fit with numerous Kawasaki Genuine Accessories to choose from, including a skid plate, frame covers, hand covers, oversized handlebar, gold alumite rims, helmet lock, and a rear carrier.

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2024 Model Variations

Kawasaki KLX®230 S

Color: Lime Green, Battle Gray

MSRP: \$4,999

Availability: Now

Kawasaki KLX®230SM ABS

Color: Battle Gray

MSRP: \$5,599

Availability: Now

Kawasaki KLX®230 S ABS

Color: Lime Green, Battle Gray

MSRP: \$5,299

Availability: Now

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