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## **2026 KAWASAKI KLX®230 S, KLX®230 S ABS, AND KLX®230SM ABS MOTORCYCLES**

### **GET OUT AND PLAY**

The KLX®230 motorcycle lineup has been a trailblazer in the world of both off-road and on-road fun, purpose-built to deliver a rider-friendly experience. For 2026, the Kawasaki KLX®230 S, KLX®230 S ABS, and KLX®230SM models return stronger than ever and encourage riders to get out and play.

At the heart of the KLX230 S is a 233cc fuel-injected, air-cooled, 4-stroke engine, high-tensile steel perimeter frame, full-size wheels, capable suspension, KX™-inspired styling, smartphone connectivity via RIDEOLOGY THE APP MOTORCYCLE\*, an LED headlight and available both with and without ABS.



The KLX230SM ABS shares many of the same key features found on its KLX230 and KLX230 S counterparts. Unique features that differentiate the KLX230SM ABS from the off-road models include wider 17-inch front and rear wheels, powerful 300mm semi-floating petal disc front brake, stiffer suspension settings, supermoto styling, and footpegs with rubber pads.

#### **KLX230 S AND KLX230 S ABS**

The Kawasaki KLX230 S motorcycle stands out as an accessible, versatile machine designed to bring adventure to riders of all levels. At the core of the KLX230 S is its dependable 233cc four-stroke air-cooled single-cylinder engine, offering smooth and reliable performance. Its compact design, with a bore and stroke of 67.0mm x 66.0mm, ensures durability while delivering a satisfying ride. The fuel injection system guarantees consistent power delivery in various conditions, while the electric starter contributes to its user-friendly nature.

Engineered with a high-tensile steel perimeter frame, the KLX230 S offers exceptional handling for a wide range of terrains. Designed in harmony with the engine, the frame provides an ideal balance of rigidity and a low center of gravity, ensuring a maneuverable and confidence-inspiring ride. With a short 53.7" wheelbase and 9.4" of ground clearance, this motorcycle excels at tackling obstacles and tight trails with ease, making it a great choice for off-road enthusiasts. Suspension duties are managed by a 37mm telescopic front fork with 7.9" of travel, ensuring comfort and control on varied terrains. At the rear, the New Uni-Trak® rear linkage system delivers 8.9-inches of wheel travel, providing excellent bump absorption and road-holding capabilities. The KLX230 S's full-size black aluminum wheels, 21" at the front and 18" at the rear, add to its ability to navigate challenging conditions. On non-ABS models, a 240mm front disc gripped by a twin-piston caliper offers strong, easy-to-control braking. ABS-equipped

models utilize a 265mm front disc, gripped by a twin-piston caliper, which offers strong, easy-to-control braking. Slowing the rear on both models is a 220mm disc gripped by a single-piston caliper.

The KLX230 S offers modern conveniences alongside its rugged performance. A low 33.2" seat height makes it accessible to a wide-range of riders. Its design borrows styling cues from Kawasaki's KX motocross lineup, exuding a sporty and aggressive aesthetic. Practical features, such as a lockable toolbox for on-the-go maintenance and a two-gallon fuel tank for extended adventures, add to its versatility. The digital instrument panel with Bluetooth® connectivity enhances the riding experience, allowing seamless integration with RIDEOLOGY THE APP MOTORCYCLE\* for added functionality and convenience.

### **KLX230SM ABS**

The 2026 Kawasaki KLX230SM ABS was developed utilizing the dual-purpose KLX230 platform and caters specifically to street riding. It features the same 233cc four-stroke air-cooled single-cylinder engine, high-tensile steel perimeter frame, digital instrumentation, and Bluetooth® wireless connection via RIDEOLOGY THE APP MOTORCYCLE\*.

The KLX230SM ABS motorcycle comes with 17" front and rear wheels with road tires, which 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 look. Like its KLX230 brethren, a 220mm disc with a single-piston caliper oversees slowing the rear. The 37mm inverted forks and New Uni-Trak® rear suspension are equipped with stiffer spring settings compared to the KLX230 model, reducing the amount of travel, and offering greater overall composure while in use.

Aggressive supermoto styling can be found from front to rear on the KLX230SM ABS, beginning with its sporty front fender that is designed to match the 17" front wheel. 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.

### **KAWASAKI GENUINE ACCESSORIES**

Riders can personalize their KLX230 S to meet their needs, with numerous Kawasaki Genuine Accessories to choose from, including a 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. On the KLX230SM ABS, riders can choose from a skid plate, frame covers, hand covers, oversized handlebar, gold alumite rims, helmet lock, and a rear carrier.

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## 2026 Model Variations

### **Kawasaki KLX®230 S**

**Color:** Lime Green, Bright White

**MSRP:** \$5,199

**Availability:** Now

### **Kawasaki KLX®230SM ABS**

**Color:** Neon Green/Ebony

**MSRP:** \$5,799

**Availability:** Now

### **Kawasaki KLX®230 S ABS**

**Color:** Lime Green, Bright White

**MSRP:** \$5,499

**Availability:** Now

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