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## NEW MODEL PRESS RELEASE

### 2026 KAWASAKI BRUTE FORCE® 450 EPS 4X4 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE

### BUILT FOR WHAT DRIVES YOU

For those seeking a versatile mid-size ATV that seamlessly transitions from trailblazing adventures to rugged work tasks, Kawasaki returns with the [Brute Force® 450](#) to its incredibly durable ATV lineup.

Positioned between the small and big bore classes, this model fills a crucial gap in the market, offering a balanced blend of value, power, features, and modern styling that discerning customers demand from a mid-size ATV. As a proud member of the esteemed Brute Force® family, the Brute Force 450 inherits Kawasaki's renowned build quality, advanced features, and top-notch performance, ensuring it upholds the legacy of its predecessors with unwavering excellence.



Underneath its rugged exterior lies a potent 443cc single cylinder engine, delivering impressive horsepower that exhilarates riders with every push of the throttle. Paired with a robust chassis that was designed to meet the demands of both work and play, the Brute Force 450 effortlessly tackles any terrain with confidence and ease. Thoughtful enhancements such as a comfortable seat, handlebar-mounted LED light, and convenient cup holder further elevate the riding experience, and new for 2026 is the addition of Electronic Power Steering (EPS) to select models as well as front and rear cargo carriers, offering unmatched comfort and practicality for long hours on the trail or at the job site. With its intrepid styling, highlighted by LED headlights, colored accents, and a distinctive 3D Kawasaki emblem, the Brute Force 450 exudes a bold and modern aesthetic that mirrors its strong performance and convenience features.

Whether it's covering rugged trails, hauling heavy loads, or seamlessly blending work and play, the Brute Force 450 excels in every scenario, thanks to its robust performance, extensive features, and perfectly balanced sizing. As the ultimate embodiment of versatility and capability, this ATV strikes the ideal harmony between functionality and excitement, ensuring that every ride is met with unparalleled satisfaction and confidence.

## 2026 BRUTE FORCE® 450 HIGHLIGHTS

- **NEW** Electronic Power Steering (EPS)
- Powerful and controllable 443cc single-cylinder engine
- Compact and ideally sized chassis
- Handlebar-mounted LED light
- KQR™ System-Compatible Front and Rear Cargo Racks
- 1,050 lb. towing capacity
- 75 lb. front and 150 lb. rear rack carrying capacity
- Large-surface, comfortable seat
- Full suite of convenient features

## ENGINE

The Brute Force 450 is powered by a liquid-cooled 443cc SOHC, 4-valve single-cylinder engine that delivers strong power and torque for versatile off-road performance. Its all-aluminum cylinder with electrofusion-coated bores ensures durability, heat management, and lightweight construction. A 38mm fuel-injection system provides smooth throttle response and reliable starting, while the centrifugal clutch transmission delivers seamless acceleration with low, high, neutral, and reverse gears. Riders can quickly adapt to terrain with the electrically selectable 2WD/4WD system and differential lock, supported by a gate-style shifter, button-drive selector, and low-maintenance shaft drive.

## CHASSIS

Built on a robust pipe under-bone frame with reinforced gussets, the Brute Force 450 balances strength, rigidity, and ride comfort across trails or work. Wide tread and carefully tuned suspension geometry provide stable handling, while heavy-duty front and rear carriers support 75 lbs. and 150 lbs. respectively. A standard 2-inch hitch offers 1,050 lbs. of towing capacity, with the frame designed to handle a 2,500 lb. class winch. Practical features like an integrated winch mount and durable plastic fuel tank further boost utility.

The Brute Force 450 EPS delivers a ride that seamlessly combines strong handling with comfort, thanks to its shock-absorbing frame and the assistance of Electric Power Steering (EPS). This high-grade EPS goes beyond traditional steering support, offering enhanced handling and increased ride comfort. The system works by translating the rider's handlebar input into a signal sent to the EPS Electronic Control Unit (ECU), which then determines the necessary level of steering assistance. Utilizing data from a vehicle speed sensor and torque sensor, the EPS ensures optimal assistance, with the greatest support at slow speeds or when stationary, gradually reducing as the vehicle gains speed.

Not only does the EPS contribute to precise steering, but it also acts as a damping system, enhancing overall ride comfort and control. When the steering input is neutral, the inertia of the electric motor serves as a stabilizer, minimizing any unwanted movement. The EPS significantly reduces bump steer and kickback to the handle caused by shocks to the wheels, providing riders with a smoother and more controlled experience on a variety of terrains. This system ensures that the rider enjoys not only responsive and effortless steering but also a comfortable ride.

## **SUSPENSION**

The independent suspension on the Brute Force 450 is tuned for both trail riding and work, delivering stability, comfort, and precise handling across rough terrain. Optimized damping ensures controlled movement, keeping the ride smooth and consistent in all conditions.

## **BRAKES, WHEELS & TIRES**

Stopping power comes from dual 202mm front discs and a single 202mm rear disc, optimized with calipers, master cylinder, and pad material for linear feel and strong, progressive braking. Riders can operate the system via the right-hand lever (front), left-hand lever or foot pedal (rear), with a handlebar-mounted parking brake for added security. High-quality Maxxis® tires on 12-inch wheels complete the package, offering excellent traction, bump absorption, and durability while enhancing the ATV's aggressive stance.

## **ERGONOMICS & STYLING**

The Brute Force 450 combines muscular styling with rider-friendly ergonomics for all-day comfort on the trail or at work. Its compact single-cylinder engine and slim fuel tank layout create a natural riding position, while a wide, urethane-padded seat with stretch material ensures support and reduced fatigue. Heat management is improved with a CVT cover featuring a slit to minimize heat transfer, enhancing rider comfort and control in demanding conditions.

Aggressive styling meets functional design on the Brute Force 450. Its condensed yet muscular form delivers a rugged, sporty stance, highlighted by forward-slanting lines, a colored grille inspired by the Brute Force 750, and integrated LED headlights for modern appeal and trail illumination. Details like colored fender accents, a compact bumper, LED light covers, and a 3D Kawasaki emblem elevate the premium look. Available in Grayish Blue or the new Firecracker Red for 2026, with updated graphics, the Brute Force 450 exudes strength, agility, and high-grade style.

The Brute Force 450 features a handlebar-mounted LED light for added visibility and utility. Positioned above the standard headlights, it turns with the handlebars to illuminate precisely where the rider is headed—especially useful when accessories like a snowplow block the front lights. Its elevated placement enhances trail confidence and work convenience, all included as standard equipment.

A back-lit LCD panel keeps riders informed with speedometer, tachometer, gear position, fuel gauge, clock, odometer, hour meter, trip meter, and 4WD/Differential Lock indicators. With a clear, intuitive layout, the display ensures key information is always at a glance.

## **STORAGE & CONVENIENCE**

Practical touches make the Brute Force 450 even more refined. A mini tray, rubber-lined cup holder with drainage, under-seat storage box, and 12V power outlet add everyday convenience. Pre-wiring for Kawasaki Genuine Accessories further boosts versatility for work or play. New to 2026, the Brute Force 450 is equipped with front and rear cargo carriers designed for both stability and versatility. Both carriers are mounted at a reduced forward tilt angle—improved from 10.4° to 5.5° in the front and from 8.4° to 5.5° in the rear—helping keep loads more secure across rough terrain. Their updated shape is now compatible with Kawasaki's KQR mounts for easy accessory integration. Built to handle the

demands of work and recreation, the carriers can support up to 75 lbs. in the front and 150 lbs. in the rear, making them ideal for hauling gear, camping supplies, or jobsite essentials.

## **KAWASAKI GENUINE ACCESSORIES**

A full range of Kawasaki Genuine Accessories is available, including winch kits, brush guards, skid plates, plow systems, cargo solutions, rack extensions, and more. Options like WARN® VRX 25 winches, a windshield, storage cover, and dry duffle bag allow riders to customize their machine for any adventure.

## **2026 Model Variations**

### **Kawasaki Brute Force® 450 EPS**

**Color:** Grayish Blue, Firecracker Red

**MSRP:** \$7,999

**Availability:** Winter/Spring 2026

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