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NEW MODEL PRESS RELEASE

2027 KAWASAKI KX™250F AND KX™250FX MOTORCYCLES

THE BIKE THAT BUILDS CHAMPIONS: STRONGER PERFORMANCE FOR KAWASAKI'S 4-STROKE 250 OFF-ROAD RACER

For more than 50 years, Kawasaki's KX motocross lineup has been built with one purpose: to win. Carrying that legacy forward, the 2027 [KX™250F](#) builds on the major performance gains of the 2025 model with a sharper focus on race-day results. Developed using direct feedback from competitive riders, the new KX250F delivers stronger, more usable power with smooth, controllable delivery, allowing riders to push harder and make the most of every lap.

Engine updates, including refinements to the combustion chamber, revised exhaust pipe length, and an optimized silencer, contribute to stronger power across the entire rpm range.

Updated FI settings provide a crisper, more linear throttle response, while a larger-capacity clutch improves power transfer to the rear wheel for stronger acceleration and better control out of corners.

The lightweight chassis retains the agile, confidence-inspiring feel introduced in 2025, now further refined for improved stability and handling. Updated front and rear suspension settings enhance traction and ground feel, helping riders stay consistent as track conditions change. The result is more confident line selection and the ability to ride more aggressively with greater confidence.

Up front, new styling elements including the number plate, front fender, and fork guards feature a slimmer, more purposeful design that reflects the KX's race-ready character.

The 2027 KX250F is built to perform when it matters most, continuing to evolve Kawasaki's 250cc platform with the goal of developing the next generation of champions.



2027 KX™250F FEATURING:

- 249cc 4-Stroke Engine With Electric Start

- **NEW** Stronger Power Across The Rev Range
- **NEW** Improved Hydraulic Clutch
- **NEW** Suspension Settings For Improved Ground-Holding Performance
- **New** Lighter, More Functional Front-End Styling
- Improved Power Mode Selection With Handlebar-Mounted Switch
- Kawasaki Traction Control (Ktrc) With Handlebar-Mounted Switch
- Launch Control Mode For Holeshoot Advantage
- Lightweight Aluminum Perimeter Frame
- Dual Injectors For Upstream And Downstream
- Ergo-Fit® Adjustable Components For Ride Position Optimization
- Smartphone Connectivity - Change Engine Mapping With Rideology The App Kx™

ADDITIONAL KX™250F FEATURES:

- Updated exhaust pipe and FI settings for increased low-rpm torque
- Optimized intake and exhaust layout for efficient flow
- Compact exhaust for optimized mass centralization
- Single-shaft primary crankshaft balancer
- Showa 49mm coil-spring fork and New Uni-Trak® rear suspension with Showa shock
- ODI lock-on grips
- Flush bodywork and shrouds for optimized rider interface
- Quick-release side cover offers tool-less air filter access

NEW ENGINE FEATURES

The 2027 KX250F engine is designed with a simple goal: deliver strong power that riders can actually use. For 2027, Kawasaki focused on creating a broader, more controllable powerband that helps riders go faster with more confidence. Updates to the combustion chamber and exhaust system increase power across the entire rpm range, while revised fuel-injection settings create a smoother, more linear throttle feel. A larger-capacity clutch helps maintain strong drive under heavy load, like starts, corner exits, hill climbs, and jump landings, while still delivering strong top-end performance on fast sections. In total, these updates also contribute to an overall weight reduction of about 0.15 lbs.

A key update for 2027 is a redesigned combustion chamber, now featuring a smoother, more hemispherical shape. This allows for faster, more efficient combustion, resulting in a measurable increase in performance, including approximately 0.7 horsepower more peak power and a slight bump in peak torque. The result is stronger acceleration, especially at higher rpm.

Throttle response has also been refined for 2027, with updated FI settings that advance ignition timing at initial throttle opening. This creates a more direct connection between throttle input and engine output, giving riders a more precise and predictable feel in all conditions.

Engine performance is further enhanced by a longer exhaust header, extended by approximately 3.5", which boosts low-end torque and improves throttle control in low- to mid-range conditions. The updated exhaust design is paired with laser welding at key joints for high-strength and improved durability. A new silencer now contributes to improved exhaust efficiency. The internal spark arrestor positioning has been optimized to improve low- to mid-range performance and reduce sound levels.

Also new for 2027, an updated hydraulic clutch features a 15% increase in spring load. This reduces clutch slip under heavy load and allows more of the engine's power to reach the rear wheel, improving drive and acceleration while maintaining a light, consistent lever feel.

Additional refinements include a revised cooling system layout, with radiator hoses now routed in series rather than in parallel. This simplifies the system, reduces the number of components, and trims approximately 0.3 lbs. while maintaining strong cooling performance.

The KX250F continues to use proven race-inspired technology, including finger-follower valve actuation, dual injectors, and a single-shaft primary balancer. These components help deliver strong high-rpm performance with smooth power delivery and reduced vibration.

NEW INSTRUMENTS & TECHNOLOGY

The 2027 KX250F pairs its race-ready performance with simple, rider-focused technology designed to make adjustments quick and intuitive. For 2027, updates to the bike's electronic systems give riders more control over how power is delivered, allowing them to easily adapt to changing track conditions.

Riders can switch between two engine maps, Normal and Aggressive, using the handlebar-mounted Mode (M) button. The updated Aggressive mode features revised fuel-injection settings with advanced ignition timing and slightly leaner fueling, delivering a sharper, more responsive feel for riders looking to maximize acceleration.

Kawasaki Traction Control (KTRC) adds another level of adjustability, with two selectable modes, Weak and Strong, that can be chosen using the handlebar-mounted Traction (T) button. Riders can also turn the system off completely, giving them the flexibility to match conditions and personal preference.

Launch Control Mode helps improve starts by managing power delivery to maximize traction on low-grip surfaces. This factory-style system gives riders a better chance of getting off the line cleanly and efficiently.

Smartphone connectivity through *RIDELOGY THE APP KX allows riders to take tuning a step further. Using the app, riders can adjust fuel and ignition settings, similar to the functionality of previous FI calibration kits, as well as log maintenance and setup information for future reference.

**RIDELOGY THE APP KX is not intended for use during vehicle operation. Only use RIDELOGY THE APP when the vehicle is not being operated and it is safe to do so.*

NEW SUSPENSION

For 2027, the KX250F receives updated suspension settings designed to better match the engine's increased performance and improve overall control on the track. Based on feedback from Kawasaki's motocross race teams, these updates focus on improving suspension performance, helping the tires stay planted and consistent across a wider range of conditions. The result is better traction, improved rider confidence, and more flexibility for the rider to choose lines as track surfaces change throughout a moto.

Up front, the suspension has been revised with updated cylinder pressure and damping characteristics to improve bump absorption and front-end feel, especially on rough or technical sections. New valve and shim settings provide a more compliant feel at the beginning of the stroke, while maintaining the support needed through the mid-stroke and beyond. This gives riders a more planted, predictable front end, making it easier to stay on line even in ruts or uneven terrain.

At the rear, suspension settings have been updated to deliver more controlled performance through the mid-stroke while improving bottoming resistance on harder impacts. Changes to preload, compression, and rebound damping, and internal shim settings help reduce kickback and keep the rear wheel driving forward. This improves traction in demanding conditions and gives riders more freedom to accelerate where and when they want, ultimately opening up more line options on the track.

NEW ERGONOMICS

For 2027, the KX250F receives updated bodywork and rider interface components designed to improve comfort, mobility, and overall control on the track. A new, lighter front-end design gives the bike a more compact and unified look, while also contributing to improved mass centralization.

New for 2027, the front number plate, front fender, and fork guards feature a flatter, more streamlined design that creates a lighter, more race-focused appearance. Rerouting the brake hose behind the plate also contributes to a cleaner front-end appearance. The front fender is approximately 1.2" shorter and has a steeper profile, helping reinforce a compact feel while also reducing weight., while the overall front-end design emphasizes the KX250F's aggressive, race-ready character.

The bodywork has been designed with smooth, uninterrupted surfaces to make it easier for riders to move freely on the bike. The shrouds, side covers, and rear fender minimize snag points, allowing riders to slide forward and back with less effort during aggressive riding. This creates a more natural connection between rider and machine.

A unified Lime Green color scheme across the bodywork and seat gives the KX250F a bold, factory-inspired look that stands out on the track and reinforces its Kawasaki racing identity.

Rider adjustability remains a key focus, with ERGO-FIT® settings including four handlebar positions, ranging from approximately 1" forward to 0.4" back, and two footpeg positions, including a lower setting about 0.2" down. This allows riders to fine-tune their riding position for better comfort and control based on preference and track conditions.

ODI Lock-On grips come standard, offering a secure, comfortable grip along with a simple, bolt-on design that facilitates replacement.

For added convenience, the side cover can be removed without tools, allowing quick access to the air filter for faster maintenance between motos.

2027 KAWASAKI KX™250F

Color: Lime Green

MSRP: \$8,599

Availability: Summer 2026

KX™250FX

2027 KAWASAKI KX™250FX FEATURING:

- 249cc 4-Stroke Engine With Electric Start
- **NEW** Stronger Power Across The Rev Range
- **NEW** Improved Hydraulic Clutch
- **NEW** Cross-Country-Specific Suspension Settings For Ground-Holding Performance
- **NEW** Lighter, More Functional Front-End Styling
- Power Mode Selection With Handlebar-Mounted Switch
- Kawasaki Traction Control (Ktrc) With Handlebar-Mounted Switch
- Launch Control Mode For Holeshoot Advantage
- Lightweight Aluminum Perimeter Frame
- Dual Injectors For Upstream And Downstream
- Ergo-Fit® Adjustable Components For Ride Position Optimization
- 21-In Front Wheel, 18-In Rear Wheel, Sealed Chain, Rear Brake Disc Guard, & Side Stand
- Smartphone Connectivity - Change Engine Mapping With Rideology The App Kx™

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- Updated exhaust pipe and FI settings for increased low-rpm torque
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- Compact exhaust for optimized mass centralization
- Single-shaft primary crankshaft balancer
- Showa 49mm coil-spring fork and New Uni-Trak® rear suspension with Showa shock
- ODI lock-on grips
- Flush bodywork and shrouds for optimized rider interface

- Quick-release side cover offers tool-less air filter access
- Front and rear accessory power connector for aftermarket accessories

The 2027 [KX™250FX](#) is built to handle the demands of cross-country racing, combining durability, traction, and versatility for a wide range of terrain. With a 21” front wheel and 18” rear wheel paired with enduro-style tires, the KX250FX delivers confident grip and performance from tight wood sections to open terrain. A standard side stand adds everyday practicality for off-road use.

For added convenience, an accessory power connector is now available at both the front and rear of the bike, making it easier to install accessories such as a headlight or taillight.

2027 KAWASAKI KX™250FX

Color: Lime Green

MSRP: \$8,699

Availability: Summer 2026

KAWASAKI TEAM GREEN™ RACER REWARDS

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