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2026 KAWASAKI W175 LTD MOTORCYCLE

RIDE OF PASSAGE

Whether you're commuting to campus, grabbing a bite at your favorite cafe, or cruising through your neighborhood, the new 2026 [Kawasaki W175 LTD](#) makes every ride smooth, stylish, and enjoyable. As one of the most approachable members of the “W” family, it brings classic Kawasaki heritage to the everyday ride with its compact form, retro-inspired styling, and lightweight agility.

Drawing inspiration from Kawasaki’s iconic LTD models, the W175 LTD blends timeless design with modern-day functionality. A well-cushioned stepped seat, pullback-style handlebar, and rigid semi-double cradle frame create a relaxed, upright riding position that makes city travel a pleasure. With its low seat height and light chassis, this rider-friendly machine is built for confident navigation through urban environments.



The W175 LTD is more than just a practical city bike – it’s a statement. Details like cast wheels, a teardrop-shaped fuel tank, and vibrant color options in Ebony or Candy Emerald Green give it a relaxed yet unmistakably confident presence. Designed to deliver comfort, control, and charisma in every ride, the W175 LTD truly is a ride of passage.

W175 LTD HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fuel-injected 177cc single engine
- Highly rigid semi-double cradle frame
- ABS-equipped front brake
- Full-size 17” front and rear wheels
- Roomy ergonomics
- Authentic LTD styling with two distinct colorways

ENGINE

At the heart of the Kawasaki W175 LTD lies a robust and rider-friendly 177cc air-cooled, SOHC single-cylinder engine, perfectly suited for urban exploration. Tuned for strong low to mid-range torque, the engine delivers a smooth yet responsive character that makes navigating city streets or back roads comfortable and enjoyable. The carefully designed cam profile and valve timing work in harmony with the flywheel mass to ensure strong pull at low rpm, reducing the likelihood of stalling when moving from a stop.

The engine is equipped with a modern fuel injection system featuring a 28mm throttle body, providing precise throttle response and consistent fuel delivery. This system contributes to stable

performance and helps with starts whether the engine is hot or cold. Complementing this is an electric starter to facilitate ignition. A crankshaft balancer minimizes unwanted vibration while preserving just enough of the engine's natural pulse to give the W175 LTD its engaging character.

To ensure smooth performance across a variety of riding conditions, the engine pairs with a 5-speed transmission designed to maximize the engine's torque. Involute splines on the transmission shafts reduce play between components, contributing to a solid, positive shift feel. A screw-type cam chain tensioner enhances reliability at high rpm, reducing friction and supporting stable performance. Meanwhile, an efficient AC generator and open-type regulator ensure strong power output for the bike's 60W headlamp and other electrical components.

Visually, the engine plays a key role in the W175 LTD's classic aesthetic. The simple, high-volume design is enhanced by functional cooling fins and blacked-out components – including the starter motor and tensioner – creating a sleek, unified look. Silver bolts add a tasteful contrast, while the rounded engine covers and compact spark plug cap further elevate the design. A matte-black peashooter-style muffler with a curved header pipe adds to the retro appeal and complements the engine's silhouette, delivering a crisp exhaust note that enhances the ride's sensory experience.

CHASSIS

The Kawasaki W175 LTD features a highly rigid semi-double cradle frame that forms the foundation of its confident, laid-back riding character. Tuned for sporty yet approachable handling, this frame strikes a balance between functional performance and relaxed, enjoyable control – perfect for navigating urban environments or meandering back roads. Its sturdy construction also reflects the quality riders have come to expect from Kawasaki, making it a dependable companion for daily commutes and weekend rides alike.

In addition to its performance benefits, the frame plays a key role in the W175 LTD's classic styling. A U-shaped seat rail design supports the bike's relaxed ergonomics and vintage silhouette, while the carefully selected swingarm length contributes to the W175 LTD's balanced proportions and unhurried, responsive handling. Together, these elements give riders the freedom to enjoy the pure, timeless pleasure of motorcycling.

SUSPENSION

The Kawasaki W175 LTD is equipped with a suspension system designed to deliver a comfortable and confidence-inspiring ride. Up front, 30mm telescopic forks with 110mm of stroke offer smooth shock absorption over uneven road surfaces, while tipping guards not only protect the fork tubes but also add to the motorcycle's classic styling. At the rear, dual shock absorbers provide 65mm of stroke and feature 5-way preload adjustability, allowing riders to fine-tune their setup for solo or two-up riding.

Together with the bike's rigid frame, the suspension components are tuned for natural, unhurried handling that suits both relaxed city cruising and spirited weekend outings. The rear shocks are mounted at an angle of approximately 70°, a layout that contributes not only to ride quality but also to the W175 LTD's laid-back, vintage-inspired silhouette. Whether navigating tight corners or enjoying a scenic ride, the suspension delivers the ideal balance of comfort and control.

BRAKES & WHEELS

Braking performance on the Kawasaki W175 LTD is both reliable and visually appealing, in keeping with the bike's classic-meets-modern design philosophy. A 270mm front disc brake paired with a two-piston caliper delivers strong, controlled stopping power, while front-wheel ABS adds an extra layer of confidence – particularly useful in unpredictable road conditions. The disc itself features lightening holes that not only help with heat dissipation but also enhance the W175 LTD's distinctive styling. At the rear, a drum brake contributes to the motorcycle's vintage-inspired aesthetic while providing dependable braking support.

Complementing the braking system are 17" cast wheels at both the front and rear, contributing to the W175 LTD's stable, street-focused ride character. These wheels, paired with 80/100 front and 100/90 rear tires, offer a confident footprint and relaxed handling, ideal for navigating a range of urban and suburban environments. Beyond performance, the wheels also play a key role in defining the LTD-inspired styling that sets the W175 LTD apart, reinforcing its identity as a modern motorcycle with timeless appeal.

ERGONOMICS

The Kawasaki W175 LTD offers a comfortable, confidence-inspiring ride thanks to its thoughtfully designed ergonomics. A pullback-style handlebar, generously cushioned stepped seat, and well-placed footpegs combine to create a natural, relaxed riding position that suits a wide range of riders and riding styles. Whether cruising through the city or enjoying a spirited weekend ride, the upright posture – with the rider's upper body leaning slightly back – ensures all-day comfort and control. The bike's manageable chassis weight and 30.7" seat height allows for a comfortable reach to the ground, enhancing rider confidence.

Key to the W175 LTD's ergonomic comfort is the thickly padded, wide single-position seat. The rider section features a raised rear area that offers supportive lower back cushioning – particularly useful during acceleration – while the broad seating surface helps reduce fatigue on longer rides. The passenger portion of the seat is equally plush, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience for two-up travel. This attention to comfort makes the W175 LTD ideal for both solo commuting and shared journeys.

Further enhancing the riding experience, the rider triangle is positioned slightly rearward, contributing to added stability at higher speeds. This layout, combined with rubber-padded footpegs that help dampen vibrations, ensures a smooth and enjoyable ride over a variety of road conditions. Altogether, the W175 LTD's ergonomic design makes it a versatile and accessible machine, offering comfort, control, and style in equal measure.

STYLING

The Kawasaki W175 LTD blends timeless styling with practical urban functionality, drawing from the rich design heritage of Kawasaki's W family. Its retro-inspired lines and quality materials give it the presence of a larger-class machine, while details like the round chrome-rimmed headlamp and elegantly shaped fuel tank tie it firmly to the classic W aesthetic. Bright and functional, the 60W headlamp provides excellent illumination, and rounded turn signals, mirrors, and switch boxes add to

the vintage feel. The analog-style instrumentation further enhances the classic look, while offering essential readouts like an odometer, trip meter, and indicator lamps for added convenience.

The bodywork flows smoothly from the fuel tank to the stepped seat, which features a gently sloping design that gives the W175 LTD a distinctive cruiser-like silhouette. The low seat height not only emphasizes the fuel tank but also improves rider accessibility. At the rear, the seat curves upward to meet a large, easy-to-grip passenger grab bar that matches the seat's angle, creating a cohesive and stylish rear profile. The W-style rear fender hugs the wheel closely, helping to minimize water and mud spray while complementing the bike's laid-back stance. A taillight design reminiscent of the W800 completes the rear styling and reinforces the W family identity.

Additional touches like tipping guards that expose the chrome fork inner tubes, a durable steel front fender, and relaxed-looking cast wheels with a unique spoke pattern give the W175 LTD a confident street presence. Built-in tie-down hooks at the rear provide utility for everyday commuting or weekend outings. Available in two eye-catching color options – Ebony for a refined, classic look and Candy Emerald Green for a more youthful, energetic appeal – the W175 LTD delivers a carefully crafted balance of style, simplicity, and function.

KAWASAKI GENUINE ACCESSORIES

Riders looking to personalize their Kawasaki W175 LTD can choose from a range of genuine accessories designed to enhance both style and functionality. An available engine guard adds peace of mind by helping protect the bike from damage in the event of a tip-over, while a convenient center stand makes routine maintenance and parking more practical. For added comfort and a touch of classic style, knee guards are also offered, allowing riders to further tailor their W175 LTD to suit their individual riding needs and preferences.

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2026 Model Variations

Kawasaki W175 LTD

Color: Ebony, Candy Emerald Green

MSRP: \$2,999

Availability: Now

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