

Performance on the Road

Kawasaki Ninja ZX-14

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High-performance sport bikes live in a tough neighborhood, with everyone wanting to be the biggest, badest and the fastest; and if you want to keep up with Suzuki's Hayabusa's, you have to grow. Kawasaki has done this with the release of their Ninja ZX-14. Powered by a 1352cc inline four, the ZX14 is the most powerful Kawasaki street bike to date.

Kawasaki engineers and designers have created a motorcycle which turns its Ram Air and fuel-injected engine into the core of a powerful, torque-producing, aerodynamic sensation that will draw attention from onlookers whether on the road, or parked on the roadside. With your choice of Passion Red, Ebony, or Candy Thunder Blue, the new ZX-14 makes choosing the perfect color to fit your personality easy.

This all new in-line four has evolved from the Ninja ZX-12R and features a bore and stroke of 84 x 61mm packed into a purposefully designed compact outline which minimizes engine width, leaving it at virtually the same width as the 12R.

A twist of the throttle delivers a seamless spread of torque which is so linear, the "power band," per se, ceases to exist. Riders will pay particular attention to the impressive response which kicks in once the motor exceeds 6,000 rpm. Those who have ridden the newest Kawasaki flagship marvel at the torque, that makes pulling away from a total stop in almost any gear a possibility.

The engine uses a secondary balancer to ease unwanted vibrations, and a direct-actuation shift lever is lighter than conventional linkage-type set-ups, offering a more direct feel for the rider.

The ZX-14's chassis design is every bit the equal of its power plant. It is an advanced version of Kawasaki's unique aluminum "monocoque" frame, lightweight and very strong. With the engine positioned forward in the frame, engineers were able to carefully select the wheelbase and front/rear wheel weight balance to achieve both high speed stability and responsive handling. The ZX-14 uses an inverted 43mm cartridge fork and new "Uni-Trak" linkage rear suspension to complement the highly rigid frame, thus offering both great controllability at high speeds and superb road holding when sport riding on twisting hill roads.

Offering a very relaxed sport riding position, it is compact without being cramped. The narrow engine, "monocoque" frame, and fuel tank make it easy for the rider to keep his knees close together in any riding conditions. Footpegs are low-set to give ample legroom, and the low seat height and narrow seat front make planting feet on the ground when stopped a cinch. Quadruple projector beam headlights enhance the ZX-14's front cowl, with the outer lights containing position lamps and high beams. Low beams are located in the two center lamps. The front and rear turn signals are integrated into the fairing and rear cowl, and the all new LED tail lamp features a unique "V" design.

All told, Kawasaki has once again brought its engineering and design expertise to the forefront of motorcycle creation. The Ninja ZX-14 lives up to its predecessors, and far surpasses them.

Come experience the ZX-14 for yourself at Action Motorsports, Anthem.