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H2

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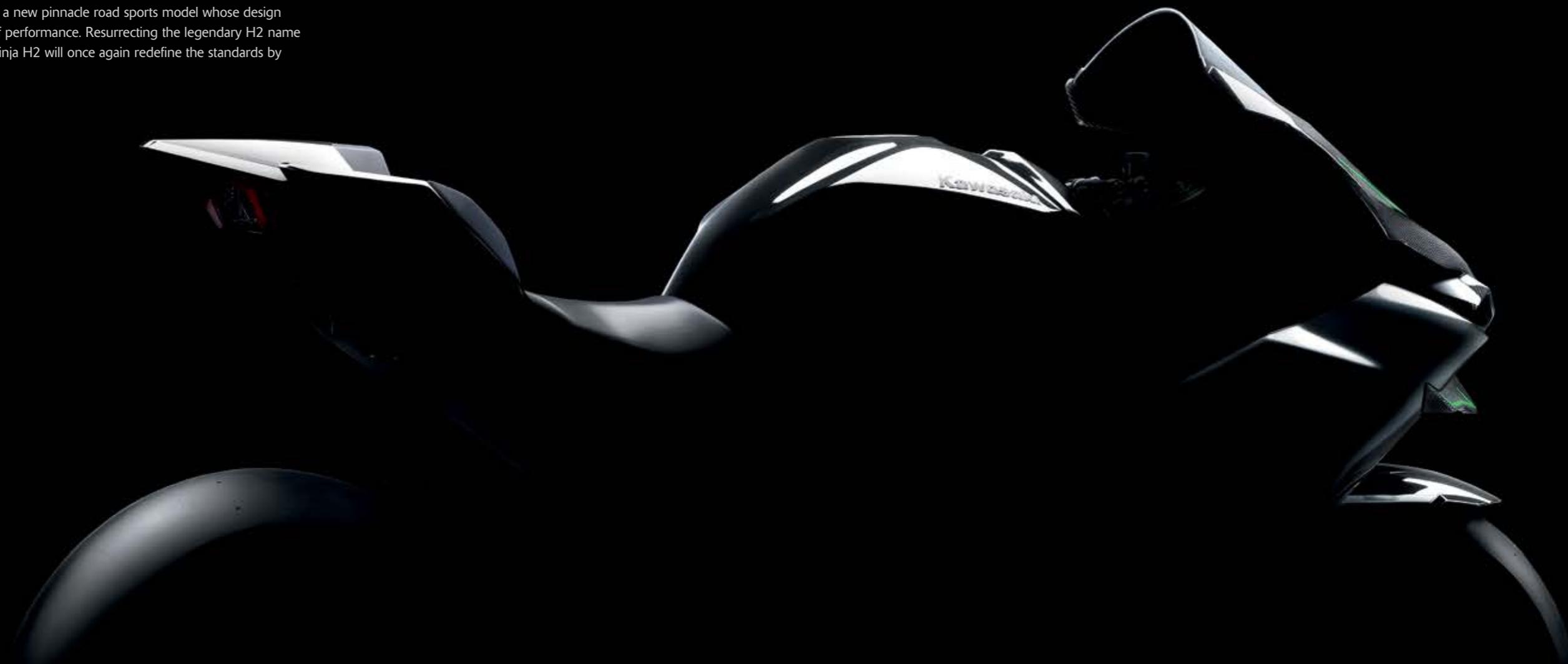
You can't buy or "invent" heritage, that's why our history of creating iconic machines is the envy of other manufacturers and celebrated with such enthusiasm by loyal Kawasaki riders the world over. Our hard won reputation for manufacturing provocative and distinctive motorcycles creates a positive point of difference in a world of uniformity and sets Kawasaki apart.



REDEFINING THE NORM

IN 1971, KAWASAKI'S H2 ROAD BIKE TOOK THE WORLD BY STORM. ITS 748 CM³ 2-STROKE IN-LINE TRIPLE ENGINE DELIVERED THE WORLD'S FASTEST, MOST INTENSE ACCELERATION, CAUSING A GREAT SENSATION AMONG RIDERS.

That sensation is set to be repeated with a new pinnacle road sports model whose design colours outside the lines in the pursuit of performance. Resurrecting the legendary H2 name from Kawasaki's illustrious history, the Ninja H2 will once again redefine the standards by which motorcycles are judged.



NINJA H2 - BUILT BEYOND BELIEF

A machine apart, the new Kawasaki Ninja H2 is the embodiment of Kawasaki's passion for performance, for the search for technical excellence and desire to achieve road riding perfection. Equipped with a Supercharger designed and constructed entirely in-house, the Ninja H2 will delight connoisseurs with a visual feast of craftsmanship details plus a new standard of road bike acceleration.







FUNCTIONAL BEAUTY

Dissimilar to any other motorcycle from the past, the Ninja H2's exceptional form evolved as a result of a focused mission to gain any possible high speed riding advantage. Whether for reducing wind resistance, generating downforce, directing fresh air towards the engine, helping hot engine air escape, or lightening the burden on the rider - the shape of every piece of its bodywork has a reason. In a perfect example of form following function, the Ninja H2's stunning new design was sculpted for performance.

SHAPED FOR SPEED

As speed increases, wind resistance increases exponentially. To be able to operate in the ultra-high speed range, a combination of high power and slippery aerodynamics was needed. With power requirements taken care of by the supercharged engine, the next step was to design bodywork that both minimised drag and added control when riding at ultra-high speed. Assistance from Kawasaki's Aerospace Company was enlisted in creating the aerodynamically sculpted bodywork to ensure maximum aerodynamic efficiency.



DOWNFORCE GENERATION

In order to maintain both straight-line stability and the control to change direction while running at high speed, the Ninja H2 features a number of aerodynamic devices to ensure the front wheel has strong contact with the ground.

The chin spoiler incorporated in the upper cowl design is not a cosmetic flourish; the downforce it creates contributes to high-speed stability. Also contributing to the downforce and high speed stability are the mirrors on the Ninja H2 which are designed by Kawasaki's Aerospace Company.



Evoking the quality and performance of the Ninja H2, the multi-faceted Akrapovič hexagonal slip on silencer is designed as a three dimensional hydro formed item offering low weight and an inspirational exhaust note.





THE QUEST FOR POWER

In order to be able to offer intense acceleration and a top speed in a range that most riders have never experienced, it was essential that the engine be able to produce big power. While a large-displacement engine could easily provide a high engine output, to ensure a lightweight, compact overall package a compact engine was also desired.

Using a supercharged engine enabled both of these engine design requirements to be met: the Ninja H2 has a maximum output of 200 PS and its engine size is on par with other supersport litre-class power units. Aside from minor differences in the engine unit, and intake and exhaust systems tailored for street use to ensure it meets noise and emissions standards, the supercharged engine is essentially the same as the over 300 PS engine of the closed-course Ninja H2R, delivering an intense acceleration unlike anything you can experience on a naturally aspirated bike.

Designed in-house, the immense potential of the highly compact, highly efficient engine is a testament to the technology possessed by the KHI Group.



The impeller is formed from a forged aluminium block using a 5-axis CNC machining centre to ensure high precision and high durability. The 69 mm impeller features 6 blades at the tip, expanding to 12 blades at the base. Grooves etched into the blade surfaces help direct the airflow. The impellers pumping capacity is over 200 litres/second, with intake air reaching speeds of up to 100 m/s. After passing through the supercharger, air pressure is increased to as much as 2.4 times atmospheric pressure.



The Supercharger is driven by a planetary gear train, which runs off the crankshaft. Designing the gear train using technology from Kawasaki's Aerospace Company resulted in a very compact unit, with minimal power loss.



The top injectors spray fuel onto stainless steel nets positioned over the intake funnels. This has an ordering effect, creating a more uniform fuel-air mixture as the fuel is sucked into the intake funnel. The net also promotes fuel misting, which helps to cool the intake air and increases filling efficiency.



While the intake valves are stainless steel, the exhaust valves needed to be able to handle the supercharged engine's high-temperature exhaust gases. They are formed from two materials, friction-welded at the centre: inconel --an extremely heat-resistant alloy --is used for the head and lower half of the stem; heat-resistant steel is used for the upper half.



Cast pistons offer better strength than forged pistons for the very high temperatures generated by the high-performance engine. A unique casting process (similar to forging process) sees unnecessary material removed and hollows created to achieve the ideal thickness. This enables a light weight on par with forged pistons.



HIGH-SPEED STABILITY

The objectives for the Ninja H2's chassis were to ensure unflappable composure at ultra-high speeds, offer cornering performance to be able to enjoy riding on a circuit, and finally to have a highly accommodating character. Ordinarily, high-speed stability can easily be achieved with a long wheelbase, but a shorter wheelbase was selected to achieve the compact overall package and sharp handling that were also desired. The frame needed not only to be stiff, but also to be able to absorb external disturbances, which, when encountered while riding in the ultra-high speed range, could easily unsettle the chassis. A new trellis frame provided both the strength to harness the incredible power of the supercharged engine, and the balanced flex to achieve the stability and pliability for high-speed riding.



KYB AOS-II racing suspension makes its debut on an on-road bike. Based on the Air-Oil Separate cartridge fork developed for motocross racing, this is the industry's first use of this high-performance racing suspension on an on-road motorcycle.



The bottom of the KYB fully adjustable mono rear shock is mounted via revised Uni-Trak linkage that offers excellent feedback regarding the rear tyre's grip condition to the rider. The new linkage, situated below the swingarm also mounts to the Swingarm Mounting Plate.



Kawasaki's electronic steering damper was jointly developed with Öhlins. Unlike a mechanical steering damper, the damping characteristics are changed electronically according to vehicle speed and the degree of acceleration or deceleration.



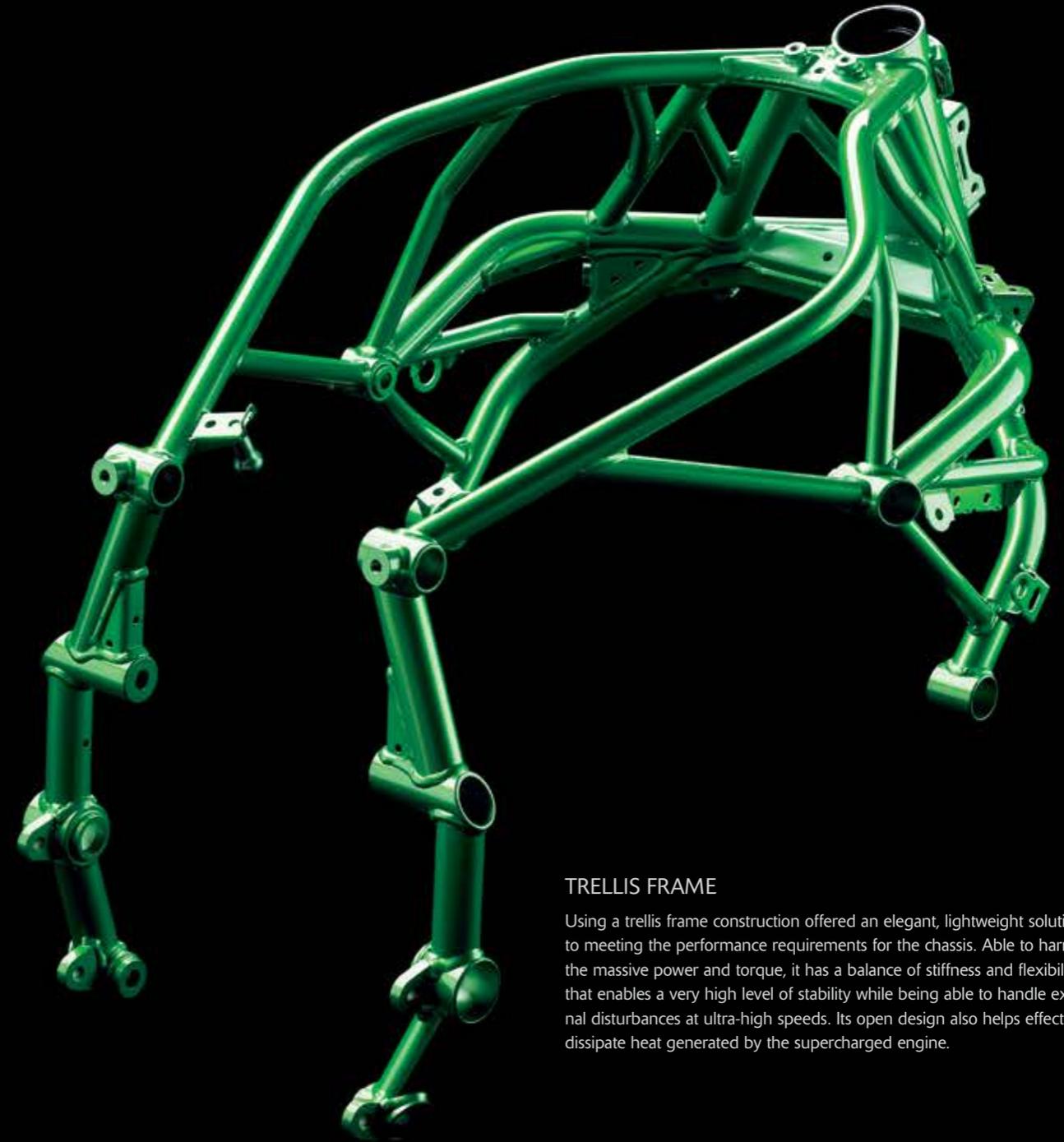
The Ninja H2 features Kawasaki's first single-sided swingarm. Having a single-sided swingarm allows the exhaust silencer to be mounted closer to the bike centreline, ensuring a high bank angle for sporty cornering.



The cast aluminium star-pattern 5-spoke wheels were designed specifically for the Ninja H2 based on analysis technology coming from our KRT superbike team.



Given the ultra-high speed performance the Ninja H2 is capable of achieving, the brakes chosen are the best available for production based machines. Specialist tuning ensures that all possible play is removed from the system.



TRELLIS FRAME

Using a trellis frame construction offered an elegant, lightweight solution to meeting the performance requirements for the chassis. Able to harness the massive power and torque, it has a balance of stiffness and flexibility that enables a very high level of stability while being able to handle external disturbances at ultra-high speeds. Its open design also helps effectively dissipate heat generated by the supercharged engine.

MAN-MACHINE INTERFACE

Although the Ninja H2's high performance cannot be denied, since it was not intended to be a race bike designed to turn quick lap times as efficiently as possible, it did not need the spartan accommodation found on most purpose-built supersport models. The man-machine interface enables riders to enjoy the bike's performance with a modicum of comfort. While the riding position, ergonomics and cockpit layout were all designed first and foremost to put the rider in the best position to control this amazing machine, the impression from the rider's perspective is one not of austerity, but rather plush quality, high-tech control, and an impeccable fit and finish.



LCD screen uses a black/white reverse display. In addition to the digital speedometer and gear position indicator, display functions include: odometer, dual trip meters, current mileage, average mileage, fuel consumption, coolant temperature, boost indicator, boost temperature, stopwatch (lap timer), clock and the Economical Riding Indicator.



Compact new handle switch design allows all instrument functions to be controlled from the handles.

ELECTRONIC RIDER SUPPORT

KIBS (Kawasaki Intelligent anti-lock Brake System)

Kawasaki's supersport style ABS is standard equipment on the Ninja H2. This is the same base system used on the Ninja ZX-10R, with programming and settings revised to suit the performance parameters of the Ninja H2.

* High-precision brake pressure control enables the system to avoid reduced brake performance due to excessive pressure drops, allows lever feel to be maintained when KIBS is active, and ensures ABS pulses feel smooth (not heavy).

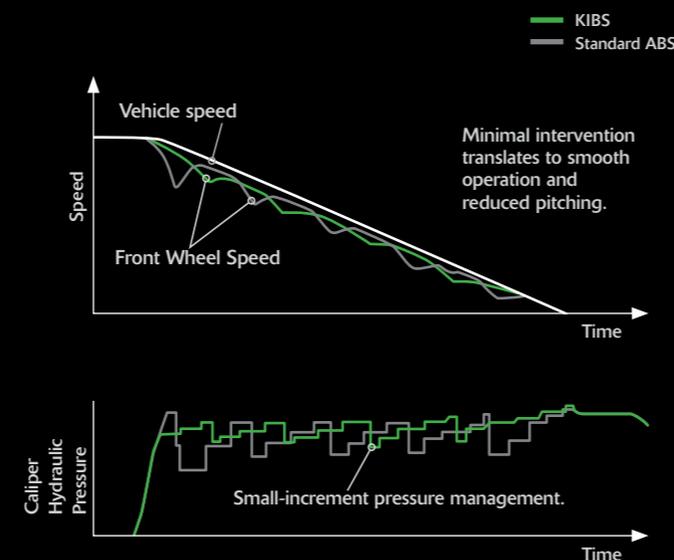
* High-precision brake pressure control also offers a number of sport riding benefits:

1. Rear lift suppression
2. Minimal kickback during operation
3. Accounting for back-torque

* Riders have the option to deactivate the system. There are three possible settings:

- ON – KIBS affects both front and rear brakes
- R OFF – KIBS affects only the front brakes
- OFF – KIBS is deactivated

Front ABS Control



KTRC (Kawasaki TRaction Control)

The new KTRC system used on the Ninja H2 combines the best elements of Kawasaki's earlier traction control systems. Multi-level modes offer riders a greater number of settings to choose from, with each mode providing a different level of intrusion to suit riding conditions and rider preference, and all modes designed to manage output when a sudden slip occurs. The new system offers both enhanced sport riding performance and the peace of mind to negotiate slippery surfaces with confidence.

* Riders can choose from three modes, each offering a progressively greater level of intrusion. Each mode has three rider-selectable levels, adding more or less intrusion (rider preferences for each mode are programmable for on-the-move selection), for a total of nine possible settings. Riders may also elect to turn the system off.

* Modes 1 and 2 are tailored for circuit riding, while Mode 3 settings were optimised for street-like conditions. (Illustration A)

* Using complex analysis, the system is able to predict when traction conditions are about to become unfavourable. By acting before slippage exceeds the range for optimum traction, drops in power can be minimised, resulting in ultra-smooth operation. (Illustration B)



Maximum Acceleration

Riding Stability

KLCM (Kawasaki Launch Control Mode)

Designed to assist the rider by optimising acceleration from a stop, KLCM electronically controls engine output to prevent wheelspin and minimise wheelies when launching.

* Riders can choose from three modes, each offering a progressively greater level of intrusion. Each mode allows the rider to launch from a stop with the throttle held wide open.

Engine Brake Control System

The Engine Brake Control system allows riders to select the amount of engine braking they prefer.

* When the Engine Brake Control system is activated (by selecting "LIGHT" in the settings), the engine braking effect is reduced, providing less interference when riding on the circuit.

KQS (Kawasaki Quick Shifter)

The Ninja H2 is the first Kawasaki motorcycle to be fitted as standard with a quick shifter. Operating on the upshift, KQS means that gear changes can be made under hard acceleration without the need to engage the hand clutch lever.



SPECIFICATIONS - NINJA H2

Engine type	Liquid cooled, 4-Stroke In-Line Four with Supercharger
Displacement	998 cm ³
Bore x stroke	76.0 x 55.0 mm
Compression ratio	8.5:1
Maximum power	147.2 kW [200 PS] / 11,000 rpm
Maximum power with RAM Air	154.5 kW [210 PS] / 11,000 rpm
Maximum torque	133.5 N·m [13.6 kgf·m] / 10,500 rpm
Valve system	DOHC, 16 valves
Fuel system	Fuel injection: Ø 50 mm x 4 with dual injection
Lubrication	Forced lubrication, wet sump with oil cooler
Transmission	6-speed, return, dog-ring
Final drive	Sealed chain
Clutch	Wet multi-disc, manual
Frame type	Trellis, high-tensile steel with Swingarm Mounting Plate
Tyre, front	120/70ZR17M/C (58W)
Tyre, rear	200/55ZR17M/C (78W)
Suspension, front	43 mm inverted fork with rebound and compression damping, spring preload adjustability and top-out springs
Suspension, rear	New Uni-Trak with gas-charged shock, piggyback reservoir, dual-range (high/low-speed) compression damping, rebound damping, preload adjustability and top-out springs
Brakes, front	Dual semi-floating 330 mm discs. Caliper: Dual radial-mount, monobloc, opposed 4-piston
Brakes, rear	Single 250 mm disc. Caliper: Opposed 2-piston
L x W x H	2,085 x 770 x 1,125 mm
Wheelbase	1,455 mm
Ground clearance	130 mm
Seat height	825 mm
Curb mass*	238 kg
Fuel capacity	17 litres

* Mass of the unladen vehicle ready for normal use including all fluids and a full fuel tank.



Kawasaki Traction Control (9-mode)



Economical Riding Indicator



Kawasaki Launch Control Mode

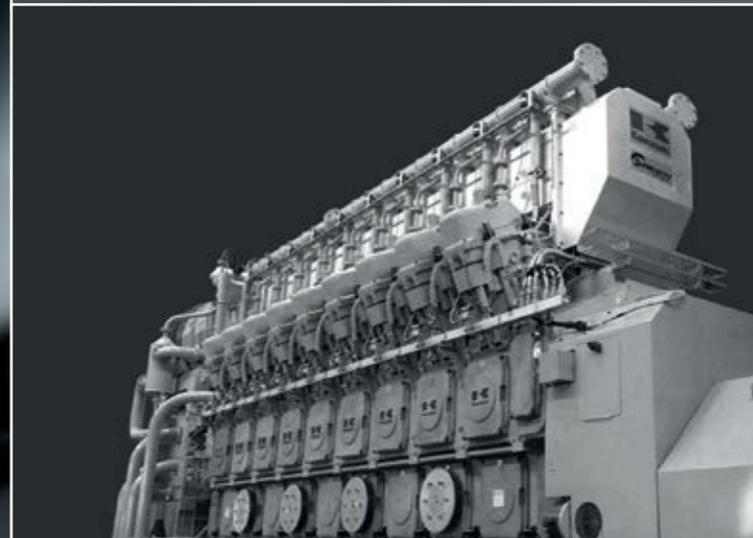
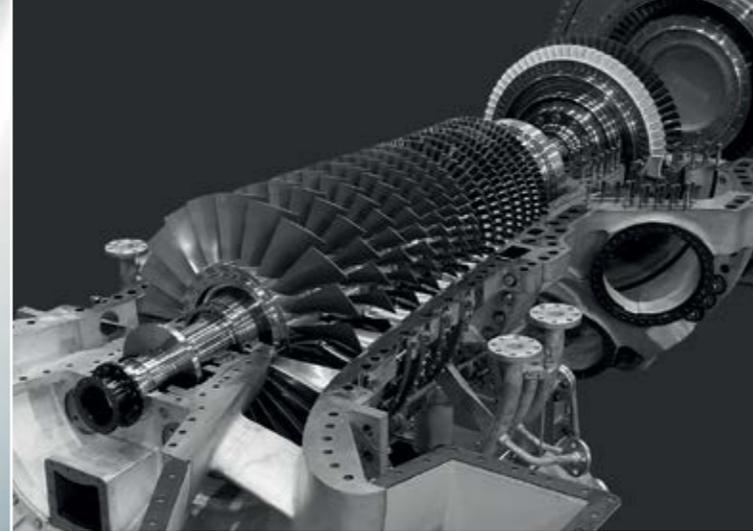


Kawasaki Intelligent anti-lock Brake System



Dual Injectors





COLLECTIVE TECHNOLOGY OF THE KAWASAKI HEAVY INDUSTRIES GROUP

The origins of Kawasaki Heavy Industries (KHI) go back to the Kawasaki Tsukiji Shipyard founded by Shozo Kawasaki in 1878. When he was running his shipping business, he created a flag with a stylised version of the character “river”—the first character in the name Kawasaki—which he flew from the ships he owned. The emblem came to be called the “River Mark” and was adopted as the symbol of the KHI Group, which prized technology, originality and innovation.

The “River Mark” is proudly displayed on the Ninja H2’s upper cowl. It is proof that the Ninja H2 is a product of the collective technology of the KHI Group. Its supercharger was designed with know-how gained from the gas turbine used to power 30 MW cogeneration systems. The piston crown shape was determined with experience gained from the V18 Green Gas Engine power plant, which boasts a generating capacity of 7.5 MW. And its aerodynamic mirror stays were designed by Kawasaki’s Aerospace Company using the latest CFD analysis technology.

The Ninja H2 is not merely a high performance motorcycle. It is a crystallisation of advanced technology born from the collective efforts of the KHI Group, whose activities span a wide range of business domains including Land, Sea and Air Transportation Systems, Energy & Environmental Engineering, and Industrial Equipment.

Always ride responsibly. Respect the law and the environment. Always ride within the limits of your skills, your experience, and your machine. Wear an approved helmet and protective clothing. Adhere to the instructions and maintenance schedule in your owner's manual. Never drink and ride. Specifications have been achieved by production models under standard operating conditions. Data are intended to describe motorcycles and their performance capabilities fairly but may not apply to every machine. Specifications likely to change without notice. Specifications, products and illustrated equipment may vary by market. The actions depicted here took place under controlled conditions with professional riders. Never attempt any action which is potentially dangerous. Valuable K-Care customer programmes are available exclusively for products officially imported by Kawasaki Motors Europe N.V. and sold through its official network.

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