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KAWASAKI INTRODUCES NEW GTR1400 BUILT AROUND ZX14 MOTOR

Wait no more . . .

Kawasaki has just announced the GTR1400

Yes, the number 14 means something special. It means the 1352cc heart of this beastly sport tourer is derived from the almighty ZX-14. In sport tourer tune, it could prove to be the most powerful sport tourer ever. Can you say the words

“effortless acceleration”?

Make no mistake, this is a purpose built sport tourer from the ground up. As the naked photo below demonstrates, this is a shaft driven machine designed for long distances and low maintenance. The comfortable perch is complimented by extensive instrumentation (speedometer, tachometer, odometer, two trip meters, fuel gauge, gear position indicator and clock), tire pressure sensors, electrically adjustable wind screen and standard hard luggage.



If the massive displacement of the new engine were not enough, consider that it is digitally fuel injected, and features variable valve timing to spread the engine's power as far as possible across the rev range. Dual balancers according to Kawasaki, “virtually eliminate unwanted vibrations for extremely smooth engine operation and enhanced rider comfort”.

Although long distance comfort was clearly one of Kawasaki's design goals, high performance was another. Aside from the powerful engine, the new GTR1400 features ram air induction (rare for a sport tourer) and brakes worthy of a cutting edge sportbike. Radial mounted four piston front brake calipers feature a separate brake pad for each piston, claimed to increase brake feel at the lever and to better resist brake fade.

