

REVIEW: KAWASAKI GTR1400

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As an ex FJR1300 owner I must admit I was really looking forward to this day, the day of the GTR1400. I had the pleasure of taking it up to Empangeni with my wife on the back, to really test the touring comfort and performance of this well refined machine.

This is as sporty as you can get, well for now anyway, and Kawasaki thought of it all in raising the bar for all sports tourers to match up to. They've taken the powerful engine of the famous ZX14 and retuned it, making this the ultimate Sport Tourer to date.

My wife and I found it to be extremely comfortable, great performance, a breeze to handle once you're on the go, gear change was smooth as silk and the lowered side-view mirrors were positioned at just the right height for easy observing and offering additional wind protection on your hands.



FEATURES

First there is the shaft drive, a real benefit to long distance travelling, quiet and hardly any maintenance to worry about.

The electric adjustable screen waves off wind and rain, providing you with a more relaxed ride just so you don't have a stop every 200km's to catch your breath after battling it out on the ride.

The GTR comes fitted with the all new KIPASS (Kawasaki's Intelligent Proximity Activation) which "unlocks" only your bike upon your approach and allowing a keyless start with the transmitter safely in your pocket. A unique security device you can rely on.

The GTR delivers amazing torque levels right across the rev range and the variable valve timing enhances the torque to mind blowing accelerations still leaving you with a smooth top-end cruising or should I say touring speed.

On the front panel you'll find controls to adjust the headlamps and next to it a 12V socket to easily power-up electrical accessories like a GPS, a bar fridge, a hair dryer, a drill or ... don't get carried away, this is a bike and I think a GPS will do just fine.

The brakes on the GTR are linked petal brake all around, radially-mounted front callipers allied with ABS making your stopping a sure thing under any condition. They are very sharp and something you'll miss when getting on something else afterwards.

The detachable panniers with huge capacity and designed to truly integrate with the sporty lines of the GTR. The GTR's wheels also comes fitted with tyre pressure sensors, keeping you posted on what's happening down there right in front of you on the instrument panel. Very convenient and useful for those who just fill-up with fuel and think they're ready to hit the road.

LOOKS

Beautiful lines, huge headlights for the dark and haunted roads. You'll stand looking at the GTR wondering what it is about it that draws you and then you'll realise you are looking at a technology first in touring, waiting to match-up to your heart beat from the moment you sit on it, knowing that there is nothing like this out there.

WHO NEEDS IT

Anyone who wants to get on a long ride looking for comfort, great features and performance plus keeping the misses happy at the same time, what more do you want from a tourer.

PRICE

R129 995.00 Incl. 14% VAT

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