

REVIEW: KAWASAKI KFX450 QUAD

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At first I thought, what am I doing on this, I'm not a dirt-kinda-guy? Although not my first time on a quad of this calibre I still had to ask my self the question ... Were 4 hours on the water not enough? My answer ... Nope, not if you can so much fun afterwards!

For starters I knew that this was going to be a machine to be reckoned with and at first I found the suspension hard, although fully adjustable I kinda got used to the stiff setting, especially around corners.

This high performance machine doesn't require extensive and expensive modifications to make it race-ready, because it already includes all the race-winning performance and technology required for success straight out of the box.



The KFX450R's design incorporates everything a rider needs to win. Every component was chosen to maximize performance on the track or in the bush and to minimize the hassle of getting there. This highly advanced racing 4-wheeler comes with all the performance and technology necessary to put riders at the head of the pack.

The KFX450R uses a engine based on Kawasaki's highly acclaimed KX450F motocross engine. With the addition of an efficient and highly-responsive 32-bit digital fuel injection system, the KFX450R's engine produces more torque in the low and medium rev ranges for mindblowing acceleration. The use of fuel injection helps ensure that the engine's performance remains consistent and is virtually unaffected by changes in temperature or altitude. This 4-wheel's ability to find traction is superb, and its four-stroke torque helps keep the wheels hooked-up for improved handling and higher corner speeds. Other race-ready features include a lightweight titanium exhaust header pipe and a durable forged piston.

Winning depends on a chassis that's built to handle tough conditions. The KFX450R offers the full benefits of an all-aluminium frame, combining exceptionally light weight with the extreme stiffness needed to win. However, it isn't just advanced materials that give the KFX450R its winning edge. The front suspension design incorporates extremely long lower A-arms which results in outstanding response from the front-end. At the rear is a cast aluminium swingarm that provides the ideal balance of flexibility and rigidity resulting in unparalleled traction. The high-tech chassis also features a very low center of gravity and excellent roll resistance. Regardless of changing conditions or rough surfaces, this race-oriented chassis makes the KFX450R a potent weapon in the battle of the ATV's.

Competition-oriented equipment, including the only reverse gear in its class, helps keep the KFX fast and reliable. Previously unheard of in racing, the KFX 450R's lightweight reverse system lets riders quickly pull themselves from any turning oops or dead-end trails.

Kawasaki has also made the KFX450R easy to work on, so riders can focus on what's important ... winning.

The headlight assembly is quickly detachable for closed-course races, and the compact design means that the ATV looks just as aggressive with or without headlights. These features leave little doubt that the new KFX450R was designed to get its rider on the racetrack and winning races as quickly as possible.

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