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2025 KAWASAKI VERSYS® 1100 SE LT ABS MOTORCYCLE

DESTINATION: EVERYWHERE

Kawasaki is known for its versatility, innovation, and high performance, and the new 2025 Versys® 1100 SE LT ABS continues this trend. This adventure-style motorcycle is an adaptable powerhouse, designed for destinations everywhere. The 2025 model features a new powerful 1,099cc in-line four-cylinder engine, with the latest technology in both engine design and tuning. It also comes with a high-performance frame and a full range of advanced rider support features.

What makes the Versys 1100 SE LT ABS stand out for short trips or long adventures, is its smooth, responsive engine and lightweight frame equipped with Kawasaki's Electronic Controlled Suspension (KECS). This combination ensures an enjoyable, comfortable ride whether you are solo or with a passenger.

Designed for a variety of riders, the Versys 1100 SE LT ABS is perfect for street riding and promises fun in many different scenarios. It includes a more powerful engine, an updated Kawasaki Quick Shifter (KQS), a USB-C port on the handlebar, and smartphone connectivity with RIDEOLOGY THE APP MOTORCYCLE**, with available voice command feature.

The Versys 1100 SE LT ABS is packed with top-tier components, premium features and cutting-edge technology, such as Electronic Throttle Valves (ETV), Showa front fork with Kawasaki Electronic Controlled Suspension (KECS), and Kawasaki Cornering Management Function (KCMF).

2025 KAWASAKI VERSYS® 1100 SE LT ABS HIGHLIGHTS:

- **NEW** 1,099cc 4-stroke in-line four engine
- **NEW** improved Kawasaki Quick Shifter (KQS)
- Advanced electronics package
- **NEW** USB type-C outlet
- **NEW** RIDEOLOGY THE APP MOTORCYCLE* with voice command
- Relaxed riding position
- Unique Versys styling

ENGINE

The Versys 1100 SE LT ABS comes with a powerful 4-stroke in-line four engine that delivers strong performance, especially in the midrange and top-end. The engine displacement size has been increased to 1,099cc as well as several other updates that include a 3mm longer stroke, new piston shape with higher compression ratio, new intake funnel length, new intake port shape, and new cam

profile for an increase of 13 peak HP. This upgrade not only gives the bike more strength but also improves low-to-mid-range torque, ensuring the rider gets a quick and responsive feel when it's needed. The sound of the exhaust and intake adds to the thrill, letting riders hear and feel the engine as they ride.

The engine uses a liquid-cooled, DOHC, 16-valve setup with a bore and stroke of 77.0 x 59.0mm. This design provides plenty of power and torque, making the bike suitable for different riding situations. The 3mm longer stroke compared to earlier models helps improve torque, which enhances acceleration and overall performance. The downdraft throttle bodies allow air to flow quickly and directly into the engine, maximizing performance and responsiveness. A secondary balancer reduces vibrations, so the ride stays smooth and comfortable, even at high speeds.

The flywheel mass has been increased to match the larger engine, which improves handling at lower speeds. Fifth and sixth gears are longer to give a better power feel in fifth gear and reduce engine speed when cruising in sixth gear, making highway riding more comfortable. The overall gearing is set up to optimize the feel of the more powerful engine. The Versys 1100 SE LT ABS utilizes gear ratios that were chosen to accommodate a wide range of riding situations, including sport riding, highway cruising or riding fully loaded with a passenger and luggage. The exhaust system has a 4-into-2-into-1 design, adding a sporty look while also helping with exhaust management through an additional O2 sensor and catalyzer. Revised Digital Fuel Injection (DFI) settings and throttle valve opening characteristics match the higher displacement and help provide stronger low to mid-range response.

The Versys 1100 SE LT ABS also features a high-tech throttle system. The 38mm throttle bore is chosen for its quick response at low-to-mid-range speeds, and it's lighter than previous models, saving about 130g. The intake port has been narrowed to increase air intake speed, which helps improve performance at lower revs. The ECU settings have been fine-tuned to match the engine's higher displacement, ensuring smooth throttle control and overall performance.

One of the standout features is the race-inspired Assist & Slipper clutch. This technology not only reduces back-torque and prevents rear tire hopping during quick downshifts but uses fewer and lighter clutch springs to help make the clutch feel light and easy to use. The system uses an assist cam and a slipper cam to keep the clutch operation smooth and controlled.

The Versys 1100 SE LT ABS motorcycle has an updated contactless-type quick shifter with a shorter throw that allows for ultra-quick, full-power upshifts and clutchless downshifts. The Kawasaki Quick Shifter (KQS) detects that the shift lever has been actuated and sends a signal to the ECU to cut ignition so that the next gear can be engaged for clutchless shifting. During deceleration, the KQS system controls engine speed to perfectly match engine RPM, which smoothly engages the lower gear, allowing effortless downshifts. The improved KQS feature operates in a wider range of rpm, with the minimum changing from 2,500 rpm to 1,500 rpm, giving riders smooth shifts during slower-speed riding for added riding comfort.

CHASSIS

The frame of the Versys 1100 SE LT ABS is composed of a five-piece cast aluminum construction, consisting of steering stem, left and right main frames, and two cross pieces. The two main sections of frame components have open C-shaped cross sections and were die-cast to ensure a smooth surface finish. The lightweight, highly rigid frame uses the engine as a stressed member, which contributes to handling, offering a firm, planted feeling and light, nimble turning. The sub-frame is composed of a steel tube trellis design, which enables the high payload capacity of 485 lbs. for carrying a passenger or luggage. To create the sleek appearance, the frame was constructed with the fewest number of welds possible.

SUSPENSION

The Versys 1100 SE LT ABS motorcycle is equipped with 5.9-inches of long travel suspension, both front and rear. The 43mm Showa cartridge fork and Showa BFRC lite rear shock utilize the latest in Kawasaki Electronically Controlled Suspension technology (KECS).

Compression and rebound damping for both the forks and shock are generated (and adjusted) electronically via the KECS system that is controlled by a solenoid valve with direct actuation and allows for extremely quick reaction time. Riders can choose base settings from four modes: Sport, Road, Rain, and Rider mode (Manual). KECS then adjusts to the road surface environment in real-time to provide the ideal damping, considering vehicle speed, and stroke speed. Deceleration is also accounted for to manage the natural pitching that occurs under braking. Riders can electronically control the rear shock preload settings as well. KECS offers three different preload settings: rider only, rider with luggage, and rider with passenger and luggage; riders can fine-tune these settings with 10 levels of adjustment.

The forks and shock have built-in stroke sensors that provide real-time stroke speed and compression information. The sensor coils provide input to the KECS ECU every millisecond. This is complemented by information provided by the IMU (acceleration/deceleration) every 10 milliseconds, and the FI ECU (vehicle speed) every 10 milliseconds. The KECS ECU then directs current to the solenoids to adjust damping as required by the situation. This results in quick reaction time to road conditions and maintains a natural feeling that is crucial to the ride feeling at one with the motorcycle.

The KECS, coupled with a Showa 43mm inverted cartridge fork and BFRC lite suspension components, delivers added confidence in rough road conditions and assures the tires feel planted when cornering.

Software for the semi-active Kawasaki Electronic Control Suspension (KECS) system integrates Showa's Skyhook EERA (Electronically Equipped Ride Adjustment) technology to deliver an even more collected ride. The Skyhook concept imagines a hook supporting the motorcycle's sprung weight and modulates the suspension's damping force to allow the wheels to track road dips and bumps while maintaining the motorcycle's vertical position with minimal disturbance.

BRAKES + WHEELS

The Versys 1100 SE LT ABS comes equipped with sporty, lightweight six-spoke 17-inch wheels front and rear. For a bike with unlimited street riding potential, it was crucial to find tires that offer superb cornering performance for more fun on canyon roads, and a strong on-road image to go with the sporty character.

Handling the stopping duties for the new Versys 1100 SE LT ABS is a full round disc brake setup, featuring Kawasaki's Intelligent anti-lock Brake System (KIBS) technology. The Radial-pump front brake master cylinder commands a pair of 4-piston radial-mount monobloc calipers to grip a pair of 310mm brake discs, providing plenty of stopping power. The rear brake features a single piston, pin-slide caliper gripping a new larger-diameter 260mm disc for increased stopping power to match the engine's increased output.

ERGONOMICS

The Versys 1100 SE LT ABS has several ergonomic features that enhance performance and comfort. At the front of the motorcycle, an adjustable windscreen, vent layout, and cowl design increase performance and comfort. The large windscreen height can be adjusted from the rider's seat, without tools, using two knobs on the inside of the screen to suit the rider's height preference. The adjustable windscreen is equipped with a centrally located vent, which helps reduce the negative pressure effect in the cockpit, increasing rider comfort at high speeds. The upper cowling design and wider fairing provide increased wind protection while keeping fresh air routed to the areas of the engine bay that produce the most heat.

The wide handlebar and seat design along with low and forward footpeg position of the Versys 1100 SE LT ABS creates a spacious and confidence-inspiring rider triangle. The upright riding position accommodates a variety of riding styles, broadening the spectrum of riding enjoyment and offering a high level of comfort, a great benefit for longer rides.

KQR 28 LITER SADDLEBAGS

The saddlebag mounting system of the Versys 1100 SE LT ABS motorcycle utilizes a quick release mechanism, which allows for convenient removal and installation of the saddlebags. Seamlessly integrating the saddlebags with the rear of the bike, the clean-mount system positions them close to the centerline of the motorcycle and thanks to its clean, clutter-free design, ensures the rear of the bike still looks good with the saddlebags removed. The standard KQR™ 28-liter hard saddlebags are rated for up to 11 lbs. storage weight and utilize the one-key system, which means they can be unlocked and removed with the ignition key. They are also color-matched to the body of the bike and have the Kawasaki logo stamped into their covers, ensuring a well-integrated, high-quality image. The Versys 1100 SE LT ABS can also accommodate an accessory top case with saddlebags, offering multiple configuration options.

STYLING

The styling and design of the Versys 1100 SE LT ABS features smooth, flowing lines throughout the chassis and bodywork, Highly Durable Paint and all-LED lighting which helps to create a motorcycle that is sure to keep even the most seasoned riders enticed. The engine and sub-frame area were consciously presented as a styling element, as it showcases the trellis-style sub-frame. In addition to the strategic use of colored pieces, the design displays the balanced use of metal and composite materials, with each part's material reflecting its functionality. The front design with long, slim reflectors contributes to sporty looks while offering increased protection for the fork inner tubes. The engine color is all black, highlighting the new powerful engine, and the cylinder head is now more visible with deeper engraving to give it a 3D appearance.

Kawasaki's Highly Durable Paint was chosen for all high-touch areas including the fuel tank, side cowls, and side covers on the Versys 1100 SE LT. The Highly Durable Paint features a special coat that allows certain types of scratches to repair themselves, enabling the paint to maintain its high-quality finish. Soft and hard segments in the coat work together like a chemical spring, creating a trampoline effect that absorbs impacts. The Highly Durable Matte Paint is highly wear-resistant, enabling the paint's beautiful finish to be maintained for years to come. In some cases, it can take approximately one week for the paint to recover, and deeper scratches caused by keys, coins, zippers and snaps may not recover.

Complementing the sleek and elegant appearance of the Versys 1100 SE LT ABS are all-LED lighting and cornering lights. Each of the LED headlamps features low and high beams as well as a position lamp. The headlamps offer significantly increased brightness. The LED cornering lights, which are built into the shrouds, help to illuminate the road when cornering. Each of the three lights has a fixed direction and is activated based on lean angle. As the bike leans over, the lights come on in order, creating a wider illuminated path in the direction the bike is heading.

INSTRUMENTATION

Instrumentation with an advanced, high-tech design gives the cockpit of the Versys 1100 SE LT ABS a very high-class appearance and feel. The analog-style tachometer is complemented by a high-grade full-color TFT LCD screen, which automatically adjusts screen brightness to suit available light. The screen enables information to be displayed graphically. Two selectable display modes allow riders to prioritize the information they want to see depending on the kind of riding they are doing at the time. The first mode was designed with touring in mind; the easy-to-read, calm layout offers a substantial amount of information immediately. The second mode was designed with sport riding in mind. Important

information is prioritized and presented graphically for easy digestion: tracking information such as the G-forces through the feedback from the IMU, throttle and brake force application are illustrated visually rather than numerically. In addition to the digital speedometer and standard gear position indicator, display functions on the Versys 1100 SE LT ABS motorcycle include a fuel gauge, odometer, dual trip meters, current and average fuel consumption, remaining range, coolant temperature, intake air temperature, clock, Economical Riding Indicator, integrated riding modes, IMU indicator and smartphone connectivity.

ELECTRONICS

The strength of Kawasaki's cutting-edge electronics has always been the highly sophisticated programming that, using minimal hardware, gives the ECU an accurate real-time picture of what the chassis is doing and what the rider wants, to best support the rider's intentions with a natural feel.

Using the latest evolution of Kawasaki's advanced modeling software including input from a compact Bosch IMU (Inertial Measurement Unit), Kawasaki Cornering Management Function (KCMF) monitors engine and chassis parameters throughout the corner to assist riders in tracing their intended line through the corner. The Versys 1100 SE LT ABS utilizes the input from multiple sensors to optimize ride quality via the Kawasaki Electronic Controlled Suspension (KECS) and the Kawasaki Intelligent anti-lock Braking System (KIBS).

The Bosch compact IMU weighs in at only 40 g. The IMU allows an additional layer of precision to be added to the already high-level components. The system uses minimal hardware but complex Kawasaki proprietary software. The IMU monitors inertia along six DOF (degrees of freedom) Acceleration along longitudinal, transverse and vertical axes, plus roll rate and pitch rate are measured. The sixth axis, yaw rate, is calculated by the ECU using Kawasaki original proprietary software developed through World Superbike racing experience. The motorcycle's ECU gains an even clearer real-time picture of chassis orientation, and its software is uniquely predictive as it combines chassis orientation information with real-time monitoring of the rider's intentions to enable the control systems to maximize forward acceleration.

Smartphone connectivity through integrated Bluetooth® technology in the instrument panel, allows riders to connect to their motorcycle wirelessly. Utilizing the RIDEOLOGY THE APP MOTORCYCLE*, riders can access numerous instrument functions, significantly enhancing the motorcycling experience. This connectivity provides real-time data and control options directly from the rider's smartphone, making the riding experience more integrated and convenient.

SMARTPHONE CONNECTIVITY

A newly updated version of RIDEOLOGY THE APP MOTORCYCLE includes an available voice command feature, enabling riders to control the app hands-free, thereby maintaining full control of the motorcycle. This innovation assists riders with accessing necessary information conveniently without taking their hands off the handlebars or their feet off the pegs.

The app offers a variety of functions that cater to different aspects of riding. Vehicle Info allows riders to view essential information such as the fuel gauge, odometer, and maintenance schedule on their smartphone. The Riding Log function logs GPS route information and vehicle running data, which can be reviewed later. Telephone notices ensure that riders are aware of incoming calls or messages by displaying notifications on the instrument panel. The Tuning options, both General Settings and Kawasaki Riding Management, allow for personalized settings and riding mode adjustments via the smartphone, which can be uploaded to the bike when in proximity. Additionally, the Navigation feature enables route planning, waypoint management, and real-time navigation, providing a comprehensive tool for any journey.

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Power & Integrated Riding Mode Selection

The Versys 1100 SE LT ABS motorcycle allows riders to choose from Full Power or Low Power modes, setting power delivery to suit preference and conditions. While output at lower rpm is very similar, Low Power mode limits output to approximately 75% of Full Power and uses a milder throttle response. Reduction in both power and throttle response varies according to engine speed, throttle position, and gear position.

All-inclusive modes that link KTRC, Power Mode and KECS allow riders to efficiently set traction control, power delivery, and suspension characteristics to suit a given riding situation with a single adjustment. Riders can choose from four settings: Sport, Road, Rain or a Rider (Manual) setting. The Sport setting enables riders to enjoy sporty handling. The Road setting provides comfortable riding characteristics over a wide range of situations, from city riding to highway cruising and rural roads. The Rain setting offers rider reassurance when riding on a low-traction surface. In the manual Rider mode, each of the systems can be customized.

KTRC (Kawasaki TRaction Control)

The Kawasaki TRaction Control (KTRC) featured on the Versys 1100 SE LT ABS motorcycle has three modes for riders to choose from that enable optimal performance for a wide range of riding conditions, offering either enhanced sport riding performance or the peace of mind under certain conditions to negotiate a variety of surfaces with confidence. Kawasaki's advanced modeling software, complemented by input from the IMU, delivers this one-of-a-kind precise control. The system can also be turned off if riders elect to do so.

KIBS (Kawasaki Intelligent Anti-Lock Brake System)

Kawasaki's supersport-grade ABS is standard equipment on the Versys 1100 SE LT ABS motorcycle. This is based on the same system used on the Ninja® ZX™-10RR and Ninja H2™ motorcycles, with programming and settings revised to suit both the street performance parameters and long-travel suspension of the Versys 1100 SE LT ABS. High-precision brake pressure control enables the system to avoid reduced brake performance due to excessive pressure drops, allowing lever feel to be maintained when KIBS is active, and helps ensure ABS pulses feel smooth.

Electronic Cruise Control

The Versys 1100 SE LT ABS is equipped with electronic cruise control, which improves the overall comfort for those long days on the road. The new cruise control system enables riders to set and maintain their desired speed with the simple press of a button. Once activated, the rider does not have to constantly apply the throttle to maintain speed. The cruise control helps to reduce rider fatigue when traveling long distances, allowing the rider to relax and enjoy cruising, contributing to a high level of riding comfort.

2025 Model Variations

Kawasaki Versys® 1100 SE LT ABS
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