

2018 VERSYS 650



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ALL ROADS - ONE BIKE

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The ideal motorcycle for commuting around town through the week and covering large distances on the weekend, the Versys 650 is a highly talented performer indeed. The Versys range of motorcycles is all about going where you want, when you want.

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ELECTRONIC FUEL INJECTION

Fuel injection settings for the Versys were selected primarily to deliver a strong powerful feeling when the throttle is opened. ECU settings match changes to the engine and contribute to improved fuel efficiency. (*Actual mileage varies depending on riding style, riding conditions and vehicle maintenance.)

SPORTS LIKE HANDLING

Thanks to 17inch sports bike inspired wheels and rubber, the Versys delivers highly responsive handling with outstanding road holding and stability.

The Versys range is all about escape and versatility. Sharp handling, ABS brakes as standard, excellent road holding and smooth power makes the Versys range ideal for commuting around town and the large capacity fuel tank, adjustable wind screen and relaxed riding position make covering long distances a breeze. The Versys models feature long travel suspension to soak up the bumps and smooth out your day.

Green wheel stripes, green rear shock spring and other green highlights provide the appearance on the of an SE model.

A large range of genuine accessories are available to ensure your Versys is perfectly customised to your needs.



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COMPACT PARALLEL-TWIN ENGINE TUNED FOR LOW-MID RANGE TORQUE

Tuning of the 649 cm³ Parallel Twin engine focused on achieving a throttle response that balanced a powerful feeling and a quick-revving character.

To optimise performance for everyday riding, care was taken to maximise low-mid range torque. When opening the throttle, riders will notice an extremely smooth and powerful engine character that offers both a high level of control when making minute throttle adjustments and a gratifying rush of acceleration in the lower rpm ranges.



ABS COMES STANDARD

Dual ø300 mm petal discs are gripped by new twin-piston calipers. The design of the new calipers contributes to the bike's sportier image, while new brake pad material offers a stronger initial bite when the brakes are first applied.

The front brake master cylinder features a lever ratio that contributes to both increased controllability and increased overall brake force. Large rear disc measures ø250 mm. The increased controllability and brake force are reassuring when touring or when riding with a heavy load.



WIND PROTECTION & AIRFLOW MANAGEMENT

A large adjustable windscreen helps reduce wind noise and helmet buffeting, creating a serene space behind which to enjoy high-speed riding.

The cowl design helps direct airflow away and around the rider. Range of adjustability is 60 mm, accommodating a large variety of rider sizes. Conveniently, the screen height can be adjusted without tools (by simply loosening two knobs at the front of the screen).



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EXHAUST SYSTEM

Sportier muffler end cap contributes to the sharper image. The under-engine exhaust muffler aids mass centralisation and the styled muffler end cap gives a much sharper image.

The under-engine design of the muffler allows for a slimmer pillion seating position and also keeps heat away.



NATURAL RIDING POSITION

The slim design makes it easier for riders to reach the ground with their feet. A short-style tank positions the rider closer to the front. The seat's slim design and the knee grip characteristics of the tank afford good freedom of movement. Thick urethane increases and the stepped shape of the two-piece seat provides support for the rider when accelerating.



LONG TRAVEL SUSPENSION

Remote rear preload adjuster makes it easy for riders to adjust their suspension setup to suit riding with a passenger and/or with luggage.

The adjuster is conveniently positioned between the seat and rear shock for easy access.



RIDER AND PASSENGER COMFORT

The comfortable seat and relaxed position enables long hours in the saddle. Each part of the two-piece seat was designed with different thickness and firmness of urethane.

Pillion position was also designed to offer a natural seating position with room for rider movement.

PANNIER GRAB HANDLES

Larger grab handle provide a secure position for the pillion and double-up as the attachment point for the easy mount pannier system.

The 2016 Versys 650 has secure room for a pillion, panniers and top box all at the same time. The passenger seat/pegs/grab bar relationship was carefully designed to ensure excellent passenger comfort.



21L TANK

The large volume 21 litre fuel tank coupled with excellent fuel economy translates to an increased cruising range.

The new tank design expands into the side cowls to keep the knee grip slim and to keep the tank height from getting too tall.



LOW VIBRATION

Changing the front engine mounts to rubber mounts instead of rigid mounts (complementing the rubber mounts used for the upper-rear engine mounts) reduces vibration at the handlebar, seat and fuel tank, significantly increasing comfort.

Handlebar is rubber mounted. The reduced vibration contributes to increased comfort and increased mirror visibility. Footpeg mounting plate also uses rubber mounts, reducing vibration.



HEAT MANAGEMENT

Innovative Kawasaki technology, like the radiator fan cover (patented), located behind the radiator directs hot air down and away from the rider, significantly increasing comfort when stuck in heavy traffic.

Redirecting the air also helps keep the tank, frame and other parts that contact the rider cooler, further increasing rider comfort.



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SHARP SPORTY STYLING

Upper cowl features a horizontally split design that reinforces the compact and sporty image of the Versys 650. The aggressive new design contributes to a strong Kawasaki identity.

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SPORT INSTRUMENTATION

An updated stacked instrument system features an easy-to-read layout. Analogue-style tachometer uses white LED backlights for excellent visibility at night. The multi-function LCD screen has amber backlighting.

Gear position indicator added to the already high grade instrument with many standard features including a fuel gauge, digital speedometer, clock, odometer, dual trip meters, remaining range, average/instant fuel consumption and the Economical Riding Indicator.

Raised tick marks on the tachometer dial face, a bubble lens and elevated instrument frame construction contribute to the instrumentation's greater legibility as well as a high-quality image.



LONG-TRAVEL SUSPENSION & SPORTY 17" WHEELS

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Further, the long-travel suspension provides an added dimension of controllability: the ability to consciously control the bike's front-rear weight transfer gives riders an additional riding element to explore.

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