# **Foreword**

This Kawasaki Service manual supplement information provides unique to the Kawasaki KSF400-A1, which is based on the Suzuki LT-Z400K3. It must be used in conjunction with the other chapters of this manual. Read both this supplement and the base manual for complete information on proper service procedures for the model covered by this manual.

This manual is designed primarily for use by trained mechanics in a properly equipped shop. However, it contains enough detail and basic information to make it useful to the owner who desires to perform his own basic maintenance and repair work. A basic knowledge of mechanics, the proper use of tools, and workshop procedures must be understood in order to carry out maintenance and repair satisfactorily.

Whenever the owner has insufficient experience or doubts his ability to do the work, all adjustments, maintenance, and repair should be carried out only by qualified mechanics.

In order to perform the work efficiently and to avoid costly mistakes, read the text, thoroughly familiarize yourself with the procedures before starting work, and then do the work carefully in a clean area. Whenever special tools or equipment are specified, do not use makeshift tools or equipment. Precision measurements can only be made if the proper instruments are used.

For the duration of the warranty period, we recommend that all repairs and scheduled maintenance be performed in accordance with this service manual. Any owner maintenance or repair procedure not performed in accordance with this manual may void the warranty.

To get the longest life out of your vehicle:

- Follow the Periodic Maintenance Chart in the Service Manual.
- Be alert for problems and non-scheduled maintenance.
- Use proper tools and genuine Kawasaki Vehicle parts. Special tools, gauges, and testers that are necessary when servicing Kawasaki vehicles listed in this manual. Genuine parts provided as spare parts are listed in the Parts Catalog.
- Follow the procedures in this manual carefully.
  Don't take shortcuts.

 Remember to keep complete records of maintenance and repair with dates and any new parts installed.

## How to Use This Manual

In preparing this manual, the product was divided into its major systems, and these systems became the manual's chapters. All information for a particular system from adjustment through disassembly and inspection is located in a single chapter.

The Group Index shows you all of the product's systems and assists in locating their chapters. Each chapter in turn has its own comprehensive Table of Contents.

For example, if you want crankshaft information, use the Group Index to locate the Engine chapter. Then, use the Table of Contents on the first page of the chapter to find the Crankshaft section.

Whenever you see these WARNING and CAUTION symbols, heed their instructions! Always follow safe operating and maintenance practices.

### **WARNING**

This warning symbol identified special instructions or procedures which, if not correctly followed, could result in personal injury, or loss of life.

#### CAUTION

This caution symbol identifies special instructions or procedures which, if not strictly observed, could result in damage to or destruction of equipment.

This manual contains the other symbols (in addition to WARNING and CAUTION) which will help you distinguish different types of information.

#### **NOTE**

- O This note symbol indicates points of particular interest for more efficient and convenient operation.
- Indicates a procedural step or work to be done.