

Katana MX review/testimonial



Wow what a beautiful bird, I only have 3 words fantastic, excellent and perfect. It can't get better than this but may be Shaun will prove me wrong in the next design.

I love every aspect of it, starting with the kit build. You will notice that if you are a seasoned builder the kit goes in easily. If you are not I suggest you take your time to read the manuals and the build threads on internet. The manual is sufficient but the internet forums are full of experiences that can be useful.

I have had 2 so far with close to 90 flights on the new one the first one died due to pilot error. All blue, the color stands out dramatically and is very strikingly serene.

I wouldn't call myself a pro yet but an intermediate pilot, given my skills the plane handles very well, the high throws are just a treat. Maneuvers like walls, hover, point rolls, waterfall, ke spins, ke loops, etc are a breeze. It really feels like I am connected to the bird much like the movie "The Pacific Rim" where the Jaeger & humans are connected with mind, body and soul. Ok enough of this lets get down to some fun stories.

I got a chance to participate at the basic aerobatics section @ Singapore nationals 2013. Took my kmx as the weapon of choice, this being my first ever competition I wasn't aware of what to expect and how it works, the judges explained the rules and I saw the huge pattern planes as my competitors wow they could stay in a straight line perfectly and the wind was blowing hard. The club being close to the sea we always get crosswinds and gusts.

Finally after flying my 3 rounds of the routine and competing I was placed 4th. Lost the top 3 positions due to technical faults that were purely my mistakes as I did not anticipate the wind correctly. Flying the loops, slow rolls, Cuban 8, humpty bump type of maneuvers is not something I am used to as its all straight line. But as Michael Wargo says precision is needed in 3d flying and I experienced the kmx is a true multiuse plane. The plane handled the wind very well, although at time in the loop I could see it drifting away from me but never did the loop lost it's 360 degree look. Slight bit of wing correction should have helped as realized later. Its a different feel in the competition. Nevertheless KMX performed beyond expectation bringing in many seasoned pilots to like this plane. People were amazed at the futuristic construction and went bonkers looking at so much carbon. Getting a bit of attention is always good, helps make new friends :).



I will be using the KMX definitely to compete at the upcoming competitions locally.

Take my advice, if you have gone beyond the phase of crashing planes and can fly and land a plane in one piece, this is the plane you need to take your skills to that next level. It can be fast, aggressive as well as slow, slender tamed bird, check out the videos of people flying it, one can see different style of flying kmx performs well in every aspect regardless.

One most imp thing to note is the long running cost (lipos) of pa planes is very less due to the use of only 3s2200 lipos, these are fairly cheap and abundant. So what are you thinking ? Get yourself a KMX and you won't regret it ever.

Cheers to PA & Shaun, and looking forward to new planes from there stable.

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