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The Nike Kyrie 4 Deconstructed – More Zoom and More Comfort



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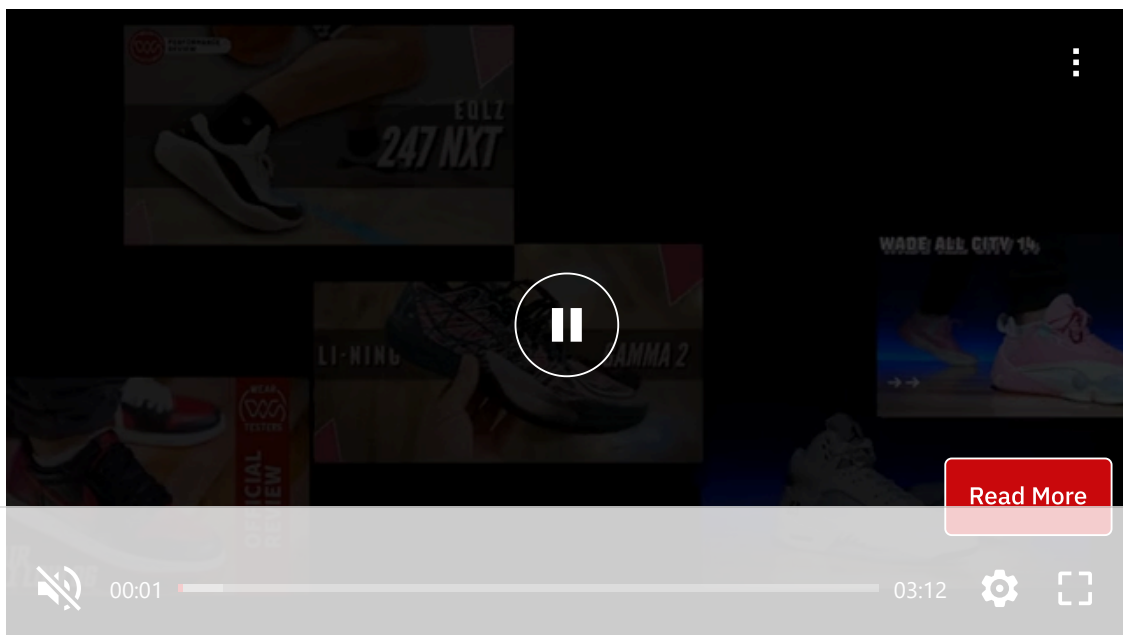
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The team over at [FastPass](#) has deconstructed the Nike Kyrie 4, and the findings are conclusive.



Nightwing2303's glowing [Nike Kyrie 4 Performance Review](#) made note of improved fit, great traction, and much improved cushioning. Now that the Kyrie 4 has been deconstructed, we can see where that added cushioning comes from.

First off, the Zoom unit in the heel has gotten longer, wider, and thicker. You can see a comparison of the Kyrie 3 and Kyrie 4 at the bottom of this piece, but the Zoom Air unit in the Kyrie 4 is now 11.36mm thick (versus the Kyrie 3's 10.56mm) — that's nearly a millimeter thicker.



Moreover, the heel Zoom Air unit is now nearly 4.5mm longer, and over 1.5mm wider. The Kyrie 4 also uses an OrthoLite insole that is nearly 1mm thicker than what was used in the Kyrie 3, and that rides atop a Cushlon midsole that is just slightly less dense than the midsoles of the Kyrie 2 and 3.

While many of these changes are numerically small, the difference in feel on-foot has been dramatic.

Be sure to check out Nightwing2303's [Nike Kyrie 4 Performance Review](#) below. If you noticed anything interesting in this deconstruction sound off in the comments.

Nike Kyrie 4 Performance Review

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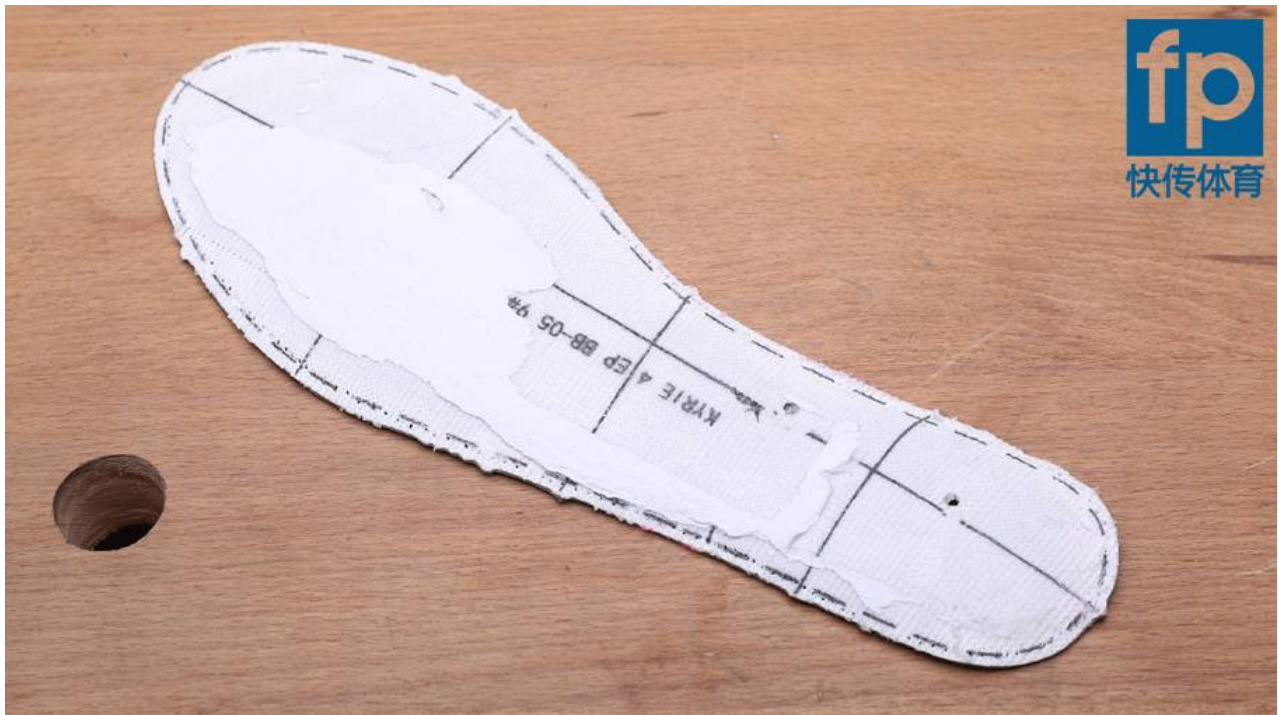
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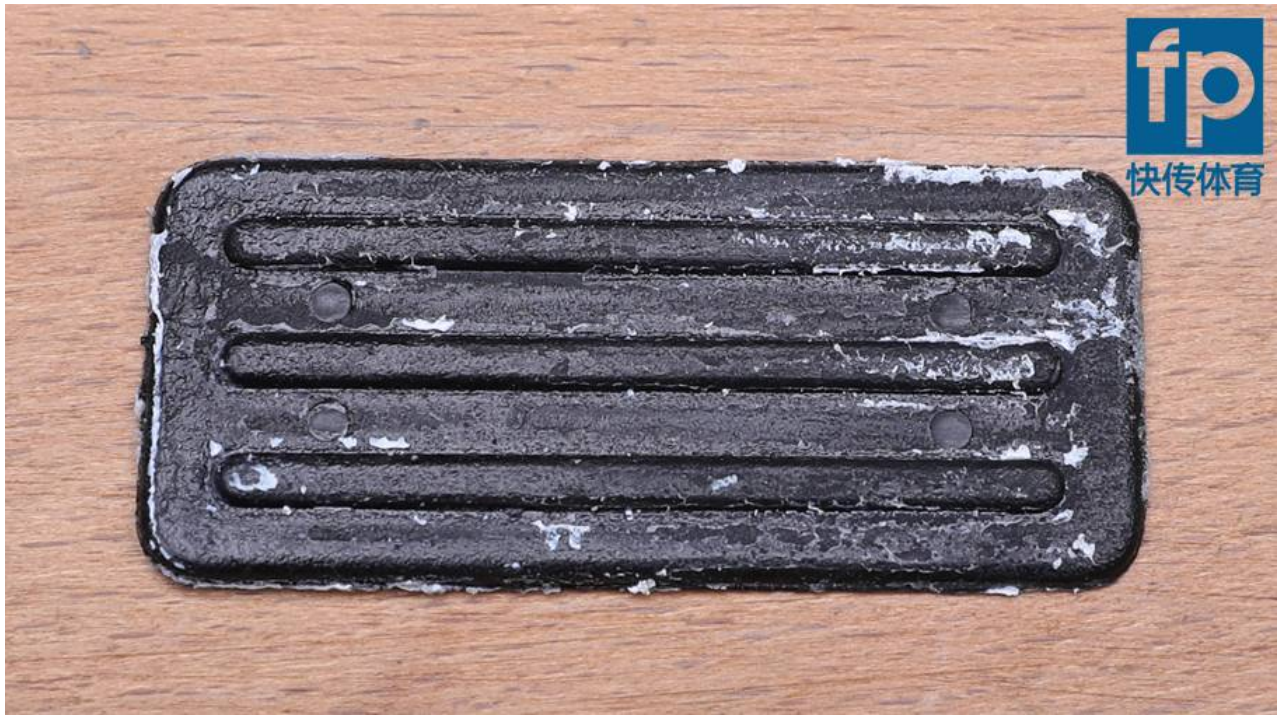






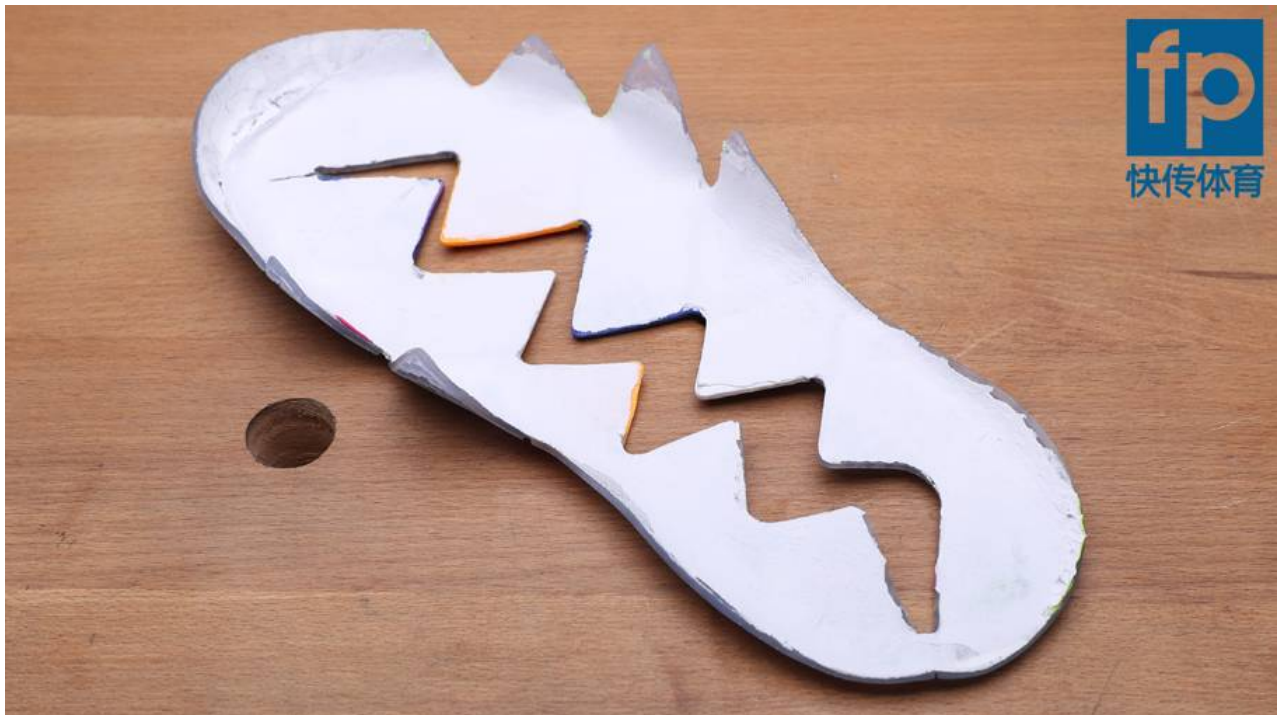


























Source: [FastPass](#)

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Nene33 says:

December 21, 2017 at 6:44 am

Probably my favorite Nike/Jordan since the Melo m9. The upgrades were needed, and it's great to see the Kyries got all the updates, the 'no shortcuts' mentality should be more common in sneakers.

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JackC88 says:

December 21, 2017 at 7:53 pm

So the entire midsole is Cushlon? I originally thought it was just the forefoot.

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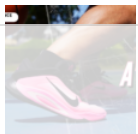
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