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## Check your F650GS or Dakar Forks

**WOZZUPPP WayneC1?**

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#1

### WayneC1

Adventurer

Joined: Oct 2008

Location: Australia

Odometer: 58

#### Check your F650GS or Dakar Forks

There has been much talk about the forks on the early F650GS & Dakar forks in the thread

Crash in Destruction Bay

<http://www.advrider.com/forums/showthread.php?t=371650>

It is easy check which forks you have courtesy of the composite pic from squarewheels. The only known failures are the old style

<http://www.advrider.com/forums/showp...6&postcount=92>

The forks on the left are the old type, the forks on the right are the new type. Both have the same BMW Part No.

The interesting part is we are not sure when the new type were introduced into production. Initially it was thought June 2003 but we now know of one machine built December 2002 with the newer style strengthened fork legs.

Thanks to the posts here we seem to have narrowed the changeover to Oct 2002.

You can check the production date of any BMW by decoding the VIN and there is a handy web site available to do so.

<http://www.bmw-z1.com/VIN/VINdecode-e.cgi>

It would be of assistance if people could post the results into this thread to narrow the production range of the machines with the earlier casting. Only post the production date and which type of casting the machine has

It would also be prudent for owners of machines with old style castings to refer any concerns they may have to BMW to satisfy themselves of the safety of these castings

*Last edited by WayneC1 : 12-06-2008 at 06:13 PM.*



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#2

## WayneC1

Adventurer

Joined: Oct 2008  
Location: Australia  
Odometer: 58

My own machine which had a failure

F650GS Dakar Production Date 2002 / 7 - Old Style



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#3

**cbxyc6** This is from Giddyupgirl's '01 F650GS:

On my  
Way...



Joined: Oct  
2004  
Location:  
Tomahawk  
Bluff, IL  
Odometer:  
785



"What would Modok do?"

Alaska '08

Peru '06

Europe/IOM TT '04

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MaddBrit

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#4

## BykMyk

Gnarly Adventurer

Joined: Feb 2006  
Location: Fair Oaks, Ca  
Odometer: 205

Just looked at my bike (Dakar), manufacture date 2002/06, old style forks.

Nobody gets out alive....



Blame MaddBrit

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10-10-2008,  
02:12 AM

## stuckinmud **Old Style**

all the time.



Joined: Aug 2007  
Location: Eastern  
Washington  
Odometer: 265

I have a 0402. Looks like the old style too. A little history on these forks. My bil  
much off road till now. I'm the new owner and plan to ride it as intended. 🤖




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### **StuckInMud**

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*Last edited by stuckinmud : 10-12-2008 at 01:53 PM.*

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#6

**michnus**  
petrolhead

Will this also affect the Funduro models?



Joined: Apr 2005  
Location: South Africa  
Odometer: 755

Blame MaddBrit

quote

10-10-2008, 06:24 AM

#7

**bluepoof**  
insert pithy saying here

Production date: 11/2000  
Old style forks



'09 BMW F650GS \* '01 BMW F650GS \* '02 Yamaha XT225 \* '08  
Honda CRF80F  
[www.bluepoof.com](http://www.bluepoof.com)

Joined: Dec 2004  
Location: San Carlos, CA  
Odometer: 338

Blame MaddBrit

quote

10-10-2008, 07:40 AM

#8

**kwh**  
Fat Hairy Git

Quote:

Originally Posted by **michnus**  
*Will this also affect the Funduro models?*



I don't believe so - they had different forks.

Joined: Jan 2005  
Location: SA31, United Kingdom  
Odometer: 98



Ken Haylock  
BMW K1200GT SE & Triumph TT600  
<http://www.cix.co.uk/~kwh>

Blame MaddBrit

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#9

**WayneC1**  
Adventurer

Re funduro

Joined: Oct 2008  
Location: Australia  
Odometer: 58

I checked the part Numbers online and it is a different part number so no they should not be affected. I am not sure but dont think they are showa forks, can anyone else confirm that ?

edit

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#10

**WayneC1**  
Adventurer

sgk3 - Old Style - RHS Failed - production date - June 2002

Joined: Oct 2008  
Location: Australia  
Odometer: 58

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quote

10-12-2008, 12:08 PM

# 11

## skibum\_1260

Gnarly Adventurer

Joined: Oct 2007  
Location: central iowa  
Odometer: 111

thats why i put a set of yamaha 450 forks on mine, fraction of the cost of the wp set, and handles like a new bike and alot lighter!

Blame MaddBrit

quote

10-12-2008, 03:53 PM

# 12

## face scrape 2001

Face Scrape 2001



Joined: Feb 2007  
Location: Adelaide Hills South Australia  
Odometer: 71

### F650 forks

Although there is a difference to the outside appearance, I don't see that there is much diff. at all where it counts, ie where the wheel holding part comes into the tubular part. F'instance, the above pics (post 1 of this thread) the cracked parting could easily follow the new moulding .

Has the alloy a thicker wall in this place, around the staunchion?



Interesting thread, I'll ask around.

Leaping to conclusions avoids the pitfalls of logical thought.

Be aware, take care, avoid life in a wheelchair!

I don't know where I've met you before, coulda been then or else when, or else where.

How does Elle swear?

she says, "Get outta this south -west Western Australian rainforest you paparazzi you!"

Blame MaddBrit

quote

10-13-2008, 02:07 AM

# 13

## GSBS

FunHog



Joined: Nov 2005  
Location: Blount Springs, AL  
Odometer: 1,628

### Source? Cost?

Quote:

Originally Posted by **skibum\_1260**  
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Interesting that the Yamaha forks can be used. Can you share details on where you bought and how much it costs?

Did you have to modify the steering head at all?

*"I'd rather sweat than bleed."* - Troutrider

My website: <http://studioblountsprings.com/>

<http://motocompound.com/> 🙌

Blame MaddBrit

quote

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# 14

kwh

Fat Hairy Git



Joined: Jan 2005  
Location: SA31, United Kingdom  
Odometer: 98



Quote:

Originally Posted by **GSBS**  
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Cheers!

Ken Haylock  
BMW K1200GT SE & Triumph TT600  
<http://www.cix.co.uk/~kwh>

Blame MaddBrit



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# 15

GSBS

FunHog



Joined: Nov 2005  
Location: Blount Springs, AL  
Odometer: 1,628

Tried, but...

Quote:

Originally Posted by **kwh**  
*If you have an '03 bike, would you mind feeding your VIN into the checking tool and telling us what your 'build date' was?*

*Cheers!*

got this response:

"Sorry, We could not process your request.  
Reason : Request was rejected from this IP address"

*"I'd rather sweat than bleed."* - Troutrider

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