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SimpleSimon

Aspiring advrider



Joined: Mar 2007
Location: Lake Stevens, WA
Odometer: 1,877

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2003 BMW F650 GS in Black (Fastest color avail)
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kwh

Fat Hairy Git



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



Quote:

Originally Posted by **GSBS**

got this response:

"Sorry, We could not process your request.

Reason : Request was rejected from this IP address"

That's not good! Do you want to PM me the last 7 digits of your VIN and I'll run the number for you?

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

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GSBS

FunHog

pm sent...

with my numbers

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



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

<http://motocompound.com/>

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

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skibum_1260

Gnarly Adventurer

Joined: Oct 2007
Location: central iowa
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i picked up a whole front end(yz450f, but most of the yamaha dirt bikes are the same ie 250, 426, 450 etc.), wheel(excel), brake caliper, forks, and triple clamps of e bay for about 200 bucks, rebuilt the forks with new seals heavier oil and heavier springs, i did have to trim some off the fairing i guess you would call it as the yamaha clamps are alot wider, and i only had to take about .010 thousands off the steering stem on the lower bearing i think it was(i did this last winter, i should have documented this alot better for you guys, sorry!) and the other stock f650gs bearing was perfect, only cost me about 300 bucks for everything and that includes an excel wheel! let me know if you need any more info and ill try and help ya out, the forks are longer then the stock dakar forks fyi, and i measured each whole assembly and the yamaha front end saved 15lbs off the bike.

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kwh

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **GSBS**
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GSBS: F650GS Dakar with old style forks - Production date 2002/06

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johno

Beastly Adventurer

A bit more info on the Yammy conversion.
I have a YZ450 front end on my 1990 R100GSPD, and as the R100, and F650 have the same head stem bearings, you dont have to machine any bearing surface.
Use the Yammy head bearings. The cup size is the same as the



Joined: Jan 2008
 Location: Mount Gambier,
 South Australia, Australia.
 Odometer: 1,704

BMW. 😄

Even the Yammy bearing seals fit OK.
 And on the 650, stem length should be the same on bothe bikes.
 I had to get a shorter stem made for my GSPD.

Would be a cheaper conversion on a GS, than using Dakar parts.
 And better results. 🤔

Definately the way to go. 😄

1990 R100GSPD, 1995 Diversion 900, 1980 Goldwing Hack 🤔

Blame MaddBrit

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JDLuke

Familiar with sarcasm



Joined: May 2007
 Location: New Jersey
 Odometer: 1,947

Man, this is awfully interesting. I've been pondering what to do for a front suspension upgrade on my '01 F650GS, and this looks to be the ticket. There's a set of forks + some kind of trick 'Tag' tripletree on fleabay right now with a 'buy it now' price of \$275. Searching by 'YZ250' instead of 'YZ450' shows even more.

If I hadn't just ordered a custom seat I might just go for it. As it stands I'll probably wait for the Winter to start searching. I'd need to do the forks, of course. Is the existing front wheel adaptable to these forks? I have ABS and would hate to mess with the system too much. I guess I'd also need to go for a proper set of dirt bike handlebars.

Oh, my bike was made in March of '01 and has the old style forks.

OMG radioactive anthrax... with eggs!

Last edited by JDLuke : 10-13-2008 at 10:48 PM.

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ThorH

BMW F650GS



Joined: Nov 2005
 Location: Oslo, Norway
 Odometer: 130

Marty over at the ChainGang wanted someone to post his data:
 '03 GSLA - man. 10/02 new style forks

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SScratch

Highly Flammable



Joined: Mar 2004
 Location: Nashville
 Odometer: 948

Old style forks, mfg 0501. 55k hard miles, no defects.

'79 Bultaco Sherpa T 350, '02 DRZ400S, '01 BMW F650GS Dakar

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My 2003 has the new style. I don't have the production date.

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#26

Bgunn

Ah, Chihuahua!



Joined: Apr 2004
Location: Rockford, Wa.
Between Spokane and CdA
Casino..
Odometer: 457

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My 03 has the new style, prod date 04-03. The Yamaha fork mod sounds tempting...🤔

"Now- your negotiating"

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#27

TimF650GS

Studly Adventurer



Joined: Oct 2006
Location: Burien, WA
Odometer: 844

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2003 - Date of manufacture 0403 - New Style 17k miles and look good on the outside.

Tim in Burien, WA
'03 F650GS
'03 Wing

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#28

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South Australia, Australia.
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If searching Ebay, I just type in Yamaha YZ, and go to suspension and brakes.

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125, 250, 400, 426, 450 will all do I believe. As long as they are USD.

Get as late as possible(mine are 2003, 46mm tubes) Real late are 48mm I think, and earlier maybe 43mm??

As for the wheel fitting, not sure. Anything will fit if you have some knowledge.🙄

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I'm getting rather excited about this as a winter project. It looks like a **serious** upgrade to the machine for cheap. This is particularly true if I can turn around and sell my OEM forks to somebody who wants 'em.

More than the wheel right now, which can be addressed with the right axle and spacers, my concern is around the ABS sensor. That thing is held in close proximity to the ring mounted to the wheel, through a hole in the casting for the left fork. You can see it in the pictures above, mounted through that thin section of casting above the axle. I really think that's the only difficulty I should have in making the transition. I might need to do (or get done) some custom machining.

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