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#31

johno

Beastly Adventurer



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

I am at work at the moment, but I think there is some bolt holes in the lower LH fork that you could make a bracket up to mount the ABS sensor.

1990 R100GSPD, 1995 Diversion 900, 1980 Goldwing Hack

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#32

JDLuke

Familiar with sarcasm



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

Quote:

Originally Posted by **johno**

I am at work at the moment, but I think there is some bolt holes in the lower LH fork that you could make a bracket up to mount the ABS sensor.

Excellent. I should have a chat with Kildala about making a bracket for this purpose.

I think that if this mod were more widely known it would be very popular. 🙄

OMG radioactive anthrax... with eggs!

[Blame MaddBrit](#)

[quote](#)

10-14-2008, 10:46 PM

#33

kfsinc

Chaingolian Observer



Joined: Aug 2003
Location: Crystal Lake, IL
Odometer: 1,321

Production Date 11/2000

Old Forks

No Problems @4,717 Miles 🤘

BTW -- The BMW Z1 looks like a very cool car! 🤖


Karl
R1100GS




F650GS

"If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough.", *Mario Andretti*

Indulge. Repent. Repeat.

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 10-15-2008, 11:47 PM

#34

talltony

Gnarly Adventurer

Joined: Apr 2005
Location: Dorset, UK
Odometer: 129

2001/11 - old style forks.


40,000 miles, all tarmac except for first 300 at BMW Offroad School, Wales.
I'm sufficiently concerned about this to either replace the sliders or, most likely, the entire forks.

Tony

02 F650 Dakar
95 XR250

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 10-17-2008, 05:02 PM

#35

troy_mp

n00b

Joined: May 2006
Location: Indianapolis, Indiana
Odometer: 8


My forks ...

'03 F650 GSA. ~53K miles (nearly all paved). Mfg. date per VIN site cited above: 06/03. New style forks. Appear fine to hand inspection and naked eye.

"The next best thing to knowing, is knowing how to find out." -- Samuel Johnson.

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 10-23-2008, 11:31 AM

#36

sgtpaco

HoosierDaddy?




Joined: Dec 2007
Location: Indy
Odometer: 8

2003/nov f650GSA low- new style fork

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 10-24-2008, 12:46 PM

#37

skibum_1260

Gnarly Adventurer


Joined: Oct 2007
Location: central iowa
Odometer: 111

heres a short write up to my yamaha fork upgrade

<http://www.advrider.com/forums/showt...13#post8195313>

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 10-24-2008, 03:56 PM

#38

waAvr

Adventurer

Joined: Sep 2008
Location: Kent WA

ouch


October 02... old style. I'm assuming changing these old style to the new style isn't a recall issue?

Odometer: 42

Last edited by waAvr : 10-24-2008 at 04:11 PM. Reason: add question

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 10-24-2008, 06:25 PM

#39

WayneC1

Adventurer


Joined: Oct 2008
Location: Australia
Odometer: 58


The only known failures have been in the old style forks and there are no recalls in the UK, USA or Australia.

There are no known TSB's regarding forks we are aware of other than the fork stabiliser bolt. We would be interested if anyone was aware of a TSB



 edit

 quote

 10-29-2008,
02:41 AM

#

giddyupgirl

Gnarly Adventurer



Joined: May 2005
Location: Utica, IL
Odometer: 226

Here's my contribution that cbxtc6 alluded to. My broken fork was due to a dog hit. At the time I didn't give much thought to it, my mistake for not being able to avoid the dog, end of story.

Well, after this thread popped up, I gave it more thought and I don't feel that hitting a 50 lb dog at **maybe** 45 mph tops, should have caused the damage that it did.


Luckily I still have the old fork and took a few pictures





 Blame
MaddBrit



 10-30-2008, 02:21 AM

41

talltony

Gnarly Adventurer

Joined: Apr 2005

Location: Dorset,UK

Odometer: 129

Here is an email conversation I had with BMW UK on the subject:

Dear Sir,

Following numerous recent items on various internet motorcycle forums concerning catastrophic failure of the lower fork sliders on F650 GS models,I am seeking advice on the matter.

I understand that the forks were redesigned for later models with the area around the axle mountings strengthened.As this is the area that has failed I can only assume that this was as a result of problems with the original design.

Due to the safety critical nature of this problem should I fit the later design forks?

If so, would BMW be prepared to contribute to the expense?

I own a 2002 reg. Dakar (VIN *****) which has now covered close to 40,000mls.

This motorcycle was first owned by the BMW Offroad Training School in Wales,I purchased it from my local dealer, CW Motorcycles, with around 500mls. showing.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Holt

Dear Mr Holt

Thank you for your email dated October 16, 2008. I am sorry to learn that, following research that you have carried out on the internet, you have concerns over the functionality of your BMW F650 GS. I can appreciate the concern that this has caused you.

When a potential issue comes to light, BMW Germany carry out full investigations to ensure that any vehicles which may be affected are issued with a product enhancement. I have researched this matter on your behalf and began by reviewing the failure reports, customer feedback and part order information that BMW collate in order to determine if a fault is common. I have checked our records and I am unable to locate information which confirms that the defect you have noted is an inherent fault within our vehicle range. With this in mind, BMW would not be in a position to assist with the cost involved in replacing these components. I appreciate your concern, however, unless there is a fault with the front forks on your motorcycle, we would not see a requirement to replace them.

I have also checked your bike's specific chassis number against our records to see if there are any outstanding technical campaigns. I can advise that there is an outstanding campaign to check the wiring harness on your motorcycle. I would recommend liaising with your local BMW Approved Dealership in order to have this check completed.

I am sorry that you have had cause to write to us under such circumstances and I trust that I have been able to allay your concerns regarding your motorcycle. If you have any further queries, or if I can be of assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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URL: www.motorrad.co.uk

Dear Mr. Jack,

Thank you for your prompt reply to my email.

As far as I have been able to ascertain, there appears to be no prior warning of the fork casting failures so it is impossible to tell if there is a fault until failure occurs.

With this in mind, do you consider I would be wise to replace my forks with the later updated, apparently stronger, version particularly as my motorcycle was used for offroad training which presumably placed extra strain on the suspension?

Yours sincerely,

Tony Holt

Dear Mr Holt

Thank you for your most recent email dated October 21, 2008.

As previously advised, we have procedures and processes in place to highlight any issues that arise with our vehicles that may occur more frequently or appear inherent. Having looked into this matter for you, I can confirm that an issue with the failure of the front forks has not been highlighted as an inherent issue with any of our motorcycles.

I can appreciate that, following your own research on the internet and based on its history, you have concerns over the reliability of your bike, however, we would not recommend the replacement of a component that is not faulty.

I am sorry that you have had further cause to write to us under such circumstances and I hope that this information helps to allay your concerns. I have updated details of your most recent correspondence under case number 163510, should it be required for future reference. If you have any further queries regarding this, or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

BMW Motorrad UK
Simon Jack


Probably no surprises there but it does at least confirm the 'official' position.

Tony

02 F650 Dakar
95 XR250

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 10-30-2008, 05:12 AM


#42

Cubdriver

Stampede Swimmer



Joined: Aug 2007
Location: Palmer, Alaska
Odometer: 176

Pretty much a load of bullshit to me. 


He did not waste any words asking the nature of your concern, did he? It is because he already knows about it and is in the avoidance and denial mode. I have to say this tarnishes an otherwise overwhelmingly positive attitude I have had on the BMW line. That was their chance for redemption and they took a pass.

KLR650
HD Softail..... OOPS not on this site

For Mrs CD:
F650GS
Yamaha TW 200

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 10-31-2008, 01:17 PM


#43

jdaniele

Study Adventurer




Joined: Oct 2007
Location: Staten Island NY
Odometer: 664

03 Dakar mfg 07/02 old style forks 

JD
"These pretzels are makin me thirsty"

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 10-31-2008, 11:45 PM

#44

allan16

Damn Kids;Git Off My Lawn



Joined: Sep 2005
Location: Dumbfuckistan.....I
take it with me wherever I go
Odometer: 2,988

Just Checked my '98 Funduro.....appears to be OLD STYLE


So doesn't look like BMW changed anything until that 2002/03 model year.

Irish alzheimers...forget everything but the grudge

No matter how cynical you get, it's impossible to keep up.
...Lily Tomlin

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 11-01-2008, 12:47 AM

#45

allan16

Damn Kids;Git Off My Lawn

And I guess the next question being....what is involved in upgrading an older bike (hmmmm...how 'bout a '98 F650) to the post '03 spec forks ?



Joined: Sep 2005
 Location: Dumbfuckistan.....I
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 Odometer: 2,988

Blame MaddBrit

Trying to keep it as stock as possible (except the farkles)

Anybody done an upgrade yet with BMW stuff ?

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...Lily Tomlin

quote

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