

05-24-2010, 04:30 AM

#181

Mith
Swedish
Joined: Mar 2010
Location: Sweden
Odometer: 23

Quote:

Originally Posted by **mpanther**

I can understand your english just fine.

While that maybe possible, I doubt very much it is Likely.

There have been some failures before then, but it took awhile before word got to the internet and for people to hear of it happening to someone else.

I don't know about who knew what when, but any possibility of this kind of failure is to much chance for me.

Have you considered doing the Yamaha fork swap?

<http://www.advrider.com/forums/showthread.php?t=399113>

When we find a F650 for milady, we will be doing this modification.

I think it would be worth it just for the better handling and ride quality.

the extra safety makes it required for me.

But that is just my opinion.

Welcome to ADV & best of luck with your travels.

I'll look into the Yamaha ones. For now I'll have to settle with some 1.5mm stainless steel wire. Please don't spoil it for me and say that it won't make any difference :)

! REPORT

10-06-2010, 11:58 AM

#182

winemkr
Winemaker



Joined: Jul 2008
Location: Poulsbo, WA
Odometer: 14

10/02/2010 fork failure at 10 mph

Here is a photo of my recent fork failure on my 2002 F650GS BMW. I was coming out of a Round About in Woodinville, WA going about 10 mph when the catastrophic failure happened.

Has anyone filed a law suit with BMW? There is more than a few failures now and this is not a great sign for other riders. The bike is being assessed and my shoulder is as well. Hopefully, I won't be needing too much surgery to fix it back to health.

I only had the right side fail but still, I am not really enjoying the thought of getting a "fixed" BMW back.

Attached Images




Time for a change? ... Go for a ride instead!

When you get there put your feet up, enjoy the view and company and have a GLASS of wine for crying out loud!

! REPORT

10-06-2010, 12:35 PM

#183

 **TwilightZone**
 Studly Adventurer
Joined: Dec 2008
Location: Behind the Redwood Curtain
Oddometer: 988

>"I only had the right side fail but still, I am not really enjoying the thought of getting a "fixed" BMW back."

Later model forks are beefed up. No repots of damage on those.
 It is amazing that BMW has escaped a vehicle recall.


Quick question... on all 'newer' BMW.F650's (say 2005) what is the thickness of the front fork reinforcing web ? I have a suspicion that a PO may have changed the right side of the lower fork tube... but would like to confirm.

 REPORT



10-06-2010, 03:01 PM

#184

 **redbaroness**
 Gnarly Adventurer



Joined: Apr 2008
Location: Seattle, WA
Oddometer: 204

Quote:

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The most we can do is reach out to existing riders who have these bikes and urge them to replace their forks.

 REPORT



10-06-2010, 03:44 PM

#185

 **wetrock**
 McLovin



Joined: Oct 2006
Location: Seattle, Washington
Oddometer: 109

Winemkr, glad to hear you are still mostly okay after the fork failure. Super sketchy having your forks fail on you. After reading the story of RedBaroness's failure, I swapped out my 2002 forks with 32k on them for newer forks. My forks were probably fine at that point, but I just couldn't trust them anymore. Swapping out to the newer forks is relatively easy if you are keeping the original triples (I have an extra set of triples if needed). If you need help with that, let me know as I am in the nearby neighborhood.

Twilight, there are a few photos of the new/old lugs side by side in this thread or related threads that show the difference. Once you have seen them side by side, the difference is easy to spot.




 REPORT



10-07-2010, 10:14 AM

#186

 **WayneC1**
 Gnarly Adventurer

Joined: Oct 2008
Location: Sydney, Australia
Oddometer: 232


An NHTSA report should be filed on the failure to go with all the others

 REPORT



10-07-2010, 10:18 AM

#187

 **redbaroness**
 Gnarly Adventurer



Joined: Apr 2008
Location: Seattle, WA
Oddometer: 204

Quote:

Originally Posted by **WayneC1**
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Agreed. Winemkr, I am in your area. Please contact me if you need any help with this. Send me a PM with your phone number so we can talk.

 REPORT



10-08-2010, 05:07 AM

#188

sgk3

Adventurer



Joined: Aug 2008

Odometer: 15

Winemkr, I screwed up my shoulder pretty bad when this happened to me too. I hope you're doing ok and will recover quickly.

Please file a report with the NHTSA. With another incident reported maybe they will reopen the investigation. Its pretty straight forward and won't take to long.

Here's a link to the page.

<http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq/index.cfm>

Go Jonah Go Riff Raff 2011 !

1951 Bianchi 125

1964 BSA Star 250

2003 BMW Dakar

! REPORT

10-08-2010, 06:07 AM

#189

redbaroness

Gnarly Adventurer



Joined: Apr 2008

Location: Seattle, WA

Odometer: 204

Quote:

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I will file the report for you if you are in too much pain to deal with it. I know what it feels like to just want to recover before you deal with any of these secondary things, but know that you have help.

! REPORT

10-08-2010, 06:17 AM

#190

slide

A nation in despair

Joined: Jul 2003

Location: NM, USA

Odometer: 19,038

Quote:

Originally Posted by **redbaroness**

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Politics is the art of focusing hatreds.

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10-08-2010, 06:36 AM

#191

redbaroness

Gnarly Adventurer



Joined: Apr 2008

Location: Seattle, WA

Odometer: 204

Quote:

Originally Posted by **slide**

I didn't know how to find this. What was the reason given for the shut down?

I cannot link directly to the report, but go to the NHTSA defect investigation link: <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/defects/defectsearch.cfm>. Enter PE09026 to view the report summary and click on "Document Search" to read the detailed report.

Here is the report summary:

THIS PE WAS OPENED AFTER NHTSA RECEIVED 3 VOQS CONCERNING ALLEGED FRONT AXLE SEPARATIONS ON CERTAIN BMW F650 GS MODEL MOTORCYCLES SOLD FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES (THE SUBJECT VEHICLES). COMPLAINTS INVOLVING MOTORCYCLES IN NON-US MARKETS ARE NOT COUNTED IN THIS TOTAL. AFTER GATHERING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SUBJECT, WE ARE NOW AWARE OF FOUR CONFIRMED INCIDENTS INVOLVING MODEL YEAR 2001-2003 SUBJECT VEHICLES. ALL FOUR BIKES WERE BUILT BEFORE SEPTEMBER, 2002. OF THESE, TWO INVOLVE MY 2001 BIKES AND THE OTHER TWO, MY'S 2002 AND 2003, RESPECTIVELY. THE INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN 2002, 2003, AND TWO IN 2008. IN EACH INSTANCE, THE LUG FRACTURES ARE FORCED FRACTURES RATHER THAN FATIGUE-RELATED. BETWEEN OCTOBER 1999 AND SEPTEMBER, 2002, BMW BUILT APPROXIMATELY 4,300 SUBJECT VEHICLES. AFTER SEPTEMBER 12, 2002, ALL F650GS'S WERE BUILT WITH REINFORCED LOWER FORK TUBES TO REDUCE, ACCORDING TO BMW, "THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY SIGNIFICANT FRACTURE THAT COULD OCCUR AT THE FORK LEG AXLE LUG AREA" DURING A CRASH. BMW TOOK THIS ACTION BECAUSE THE SUBJECT VEHICLES ARE DESIGNED FOR OFF-ROAD USE WHERE CRASHES (MANY MINOR) ARE COMMON AND DID NOT WANT RIDERS TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH A BROKEN FORK AS A RESULT. **CURRENTLY, THERE IS NO DATA CONCLUSIVELY ESTABLISHING THAT THE SUBJECT FORK LUGS ARE SEPARATING BEFORE AN ALLEGED CRASH OCCURS. ADDITIONALLY, THE INFREQUENT, SPORADIC, AND RANDOM NATURE OF THE FAILURES FAILS TO ESTABLISH A DEFECT TREND CURRENTLY EXISTS.** A SAFETY-RELATED DEFECT HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED AT THIS TIME AND FURTHER USE OF AGENCY RESOURCES DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE WARRANTED. ACCORDINGLY, THIS INVESTIGATION IS CLOSED. THE CLOSING OF THIS INVESTIGATION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A FINDING BY NHTSA THAT A SAFETY-RELATED DEFECT DOES NOT EXIST. THE AGENCY WILL TAKE FURTHER ACTION IF WARRANTED BY THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

! REPORT

10-08-2010, 06:52 AM

#192

slide

A nation in despair

Joined: Jul 2003

Location: NM, USA

Odometer: 19,038

Thanks, redb. So these gov't guys think that in all these cases the bikes crashed and then, due to the crash, the lugs broke off.

So here in four cases a bike is just running along and for no reason the bike crashes. Due to the no-cause crash, the fork lugs break off.

I have never had any faith that appealing to any government official or agency is worth the bother unless you are a person of influence. I am ready to see some evidence that I'm wrong but I doubt that will occur.

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10-08-2010, 07:02 AM

#193

redbaroness

Gnarly Adventurer



Joined: Apr 2008

Location: Seattle, WA

Odometer: 204

Quote:

Originally Posted by slide

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Pretty much. The summary does not make any sense and there was no response to our repeated queries to the investigator.

! REPORT

10-08-2010, 07:04 AM

#194

slide

A nation in despair

Joined: Jul 2003

Location: NM, USA

Odometer: 19,038

Quote:

Originally Posted by redbaroness

Pretty much. The summary does not make any sense and there was no response to our repeated queries to the investigator.

I have completely given up on any government agency doing anything to benefit me. I see it as just a scary thing

which robs me of my money and gives that money to its friends.

Sad but true.

Politics is the art of focusing hatreds.

REPORT



10-20-2010, 12:59 PM

#195

nagash
n00b

Joined: Oct 2010
Odometer: 4

Hello everyone.

I recently decided to service my forks before a trip to the motogp. I had heard of catastrophic fork failure, but expected that to just be a very rare scenario.

Imagine my surprise when I decided to take a close look at the axle mounts, only to find that an ominous crack had begun to develop on one side of each fork. So much for riding to the motogp this year!

I'm now looking to order some replacements from the USA for around AUD\$640... or if I bought them in Australia, then AUD\$1120. Guess I'll be waiting for awhile until I'm back on the road... then again, I'm just happy that I caught this before embarking on a 2500km journey through pothole infested highways!

Every F650 rider with a pre-2003 model should check their forks for signs of failure.

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