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#196

redbaroness
Gnarly Adventurer



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

Quote:

Originally Posted by **nagash** *Hello everyone*.

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

I'm guessing you're located in Australia? Please do consider filing a report with your authorities before fixing the forks. Every bit of evidence helps our case. Thank you so much!

PREPORT

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#197

mpanther
KotW - Just Ride!



Joined: Apr 2008 Location: Las Wages Oddometer: 991

I second Red Baroness.

Also, in your case, BMW might actually replace the damn things. as you have Not had a failure that leads to an accident yet.

You should file with the authorities First though!

If BMW doesn't give you new lowers for FREE, take a look at these other threads. I bet you will be Much happier with a set of Yamaha YZF/YZ 450/426/250/125 forks up front.

The people that have made the switch have been Very happy with them compared to the stock sets. plus I bet you can get it done for Much less money.

Threads:

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

and Rob's build. he really thrashes his 650gs and still uses the stock Yamaha front wheel and brake. no problems in over 10k miles.

 $\underline{http://www.advrider.com/forums/showthread.php?t=592734}$

best of luck, and welcome to the forum.

EDIT:

Also, can we get some pictures?

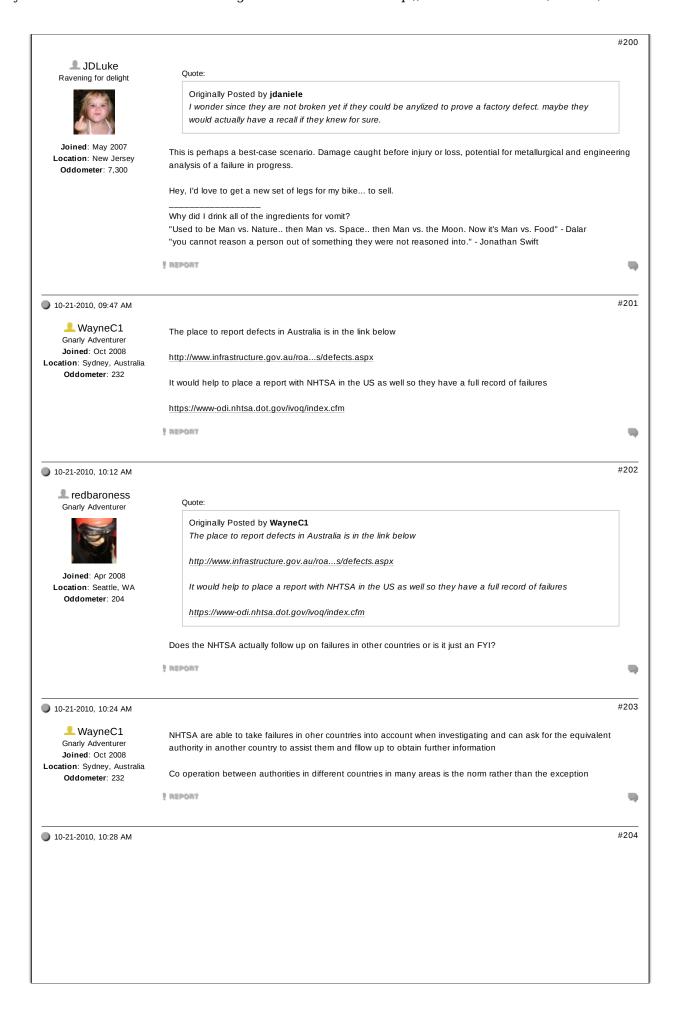
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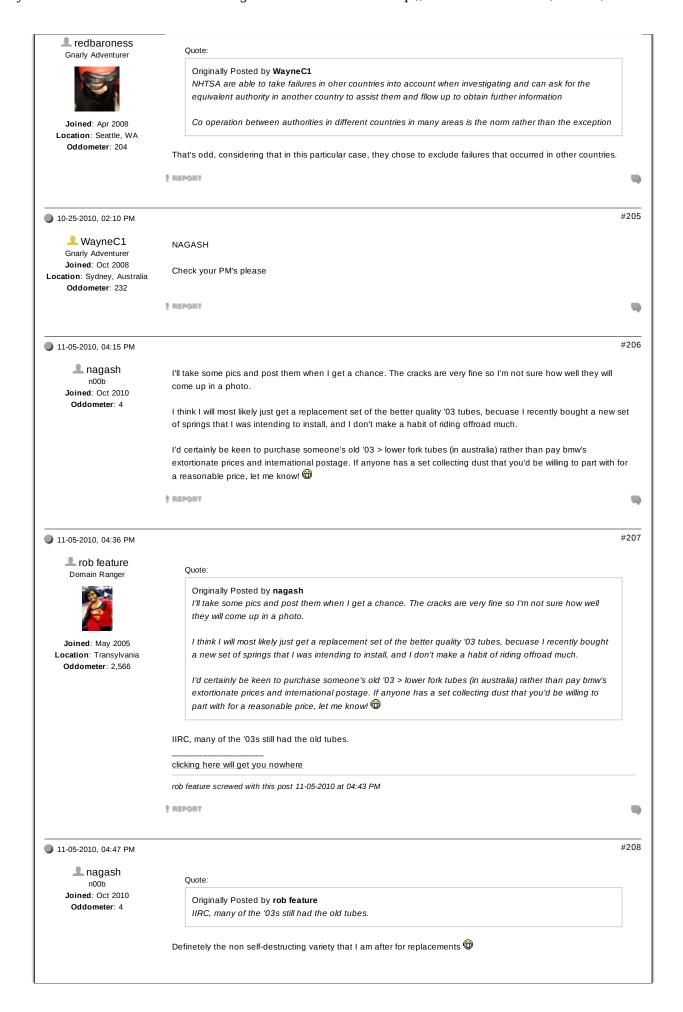
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