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♣ Gravel Seeker Thomas



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'01 F650 Dakar - modified as best I can

2005: Australia - 8 months/ 26.000 km (anti clockwise circle) 2009: Norway - 2 weeks/ 6000 km (Lindesnes to North cape)

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JDLuke Ravening for delight



Joined: May 2007 Location: New Jersey Oddometer: 7,300 Quote:

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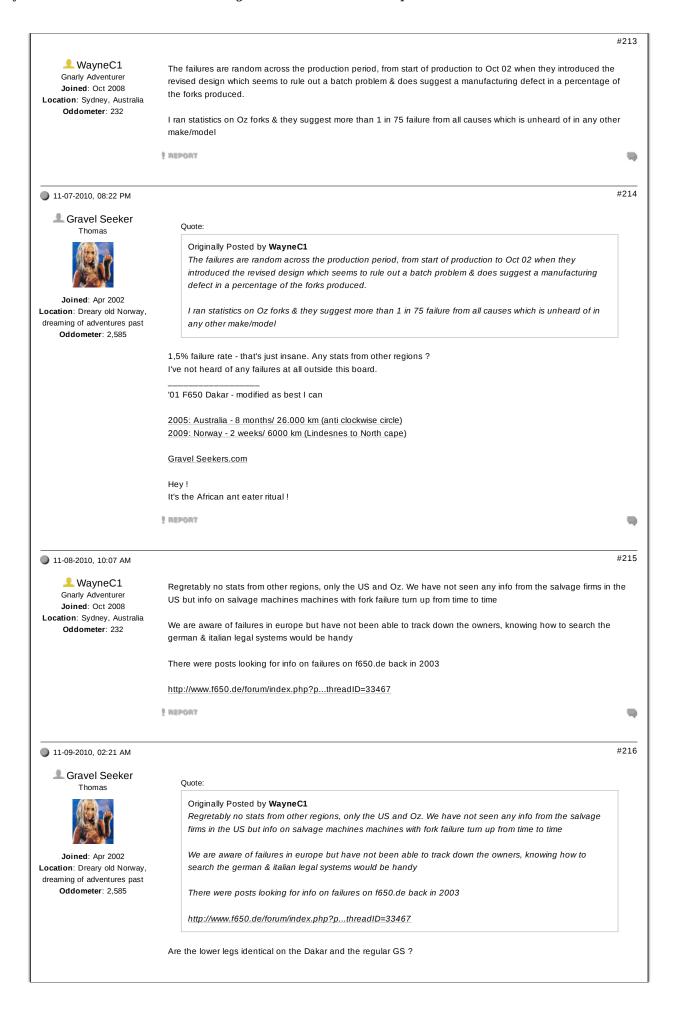
The orange reflective bits are not molded in to the forks, they're just stick-ons. I think that as long as you didn't get fork lowers cast on a Monday morning (that's a bit tongue-in-cheek, but I think there may well have been a manufacturing process issue) there's an excellent chance that you don't have this problem.

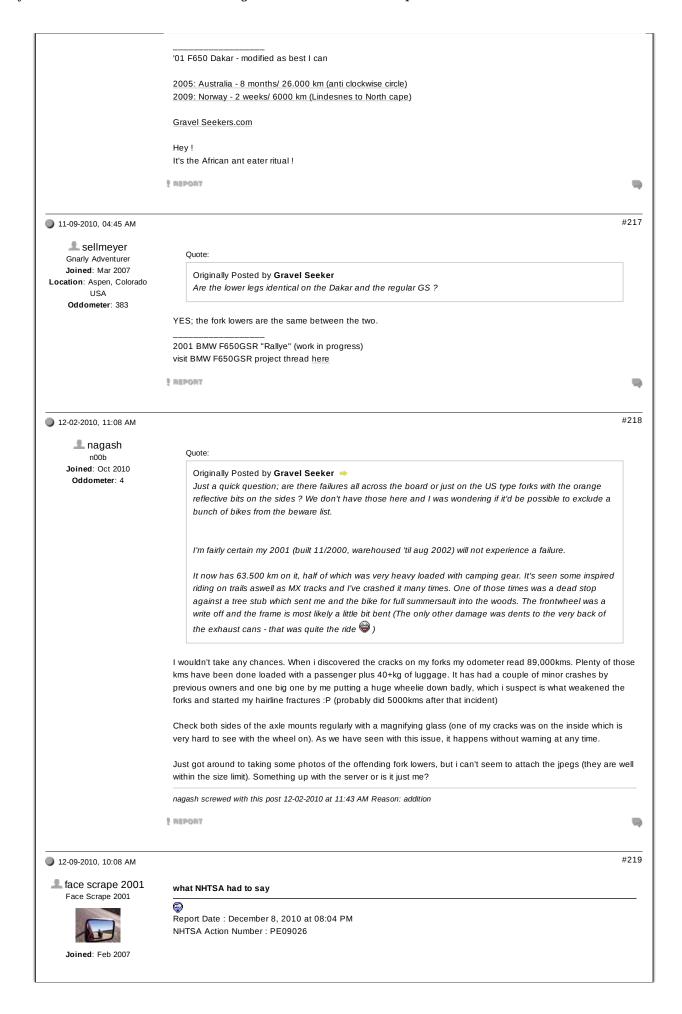
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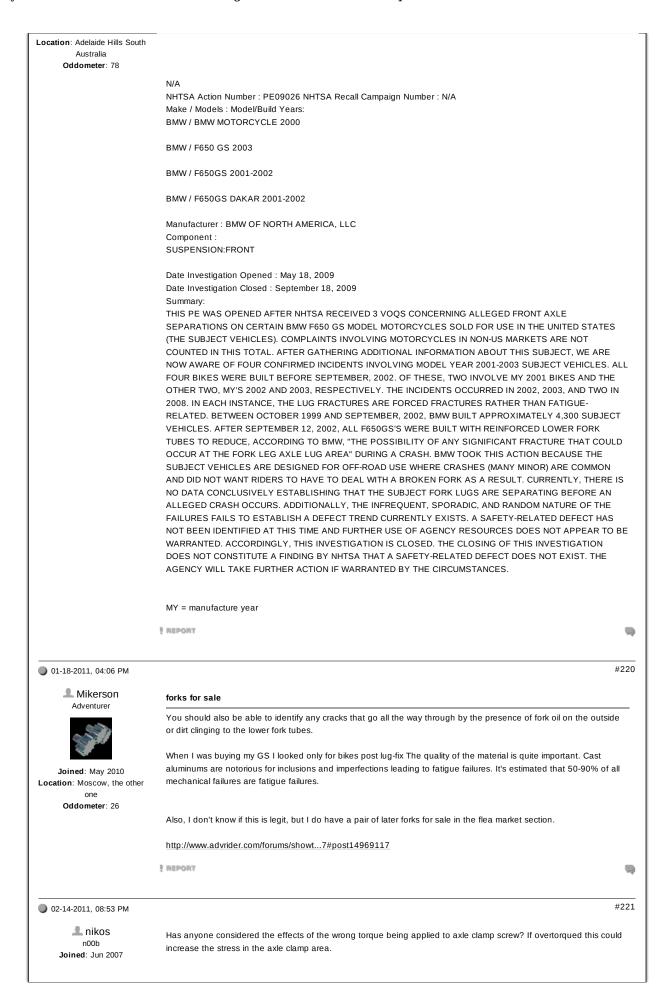
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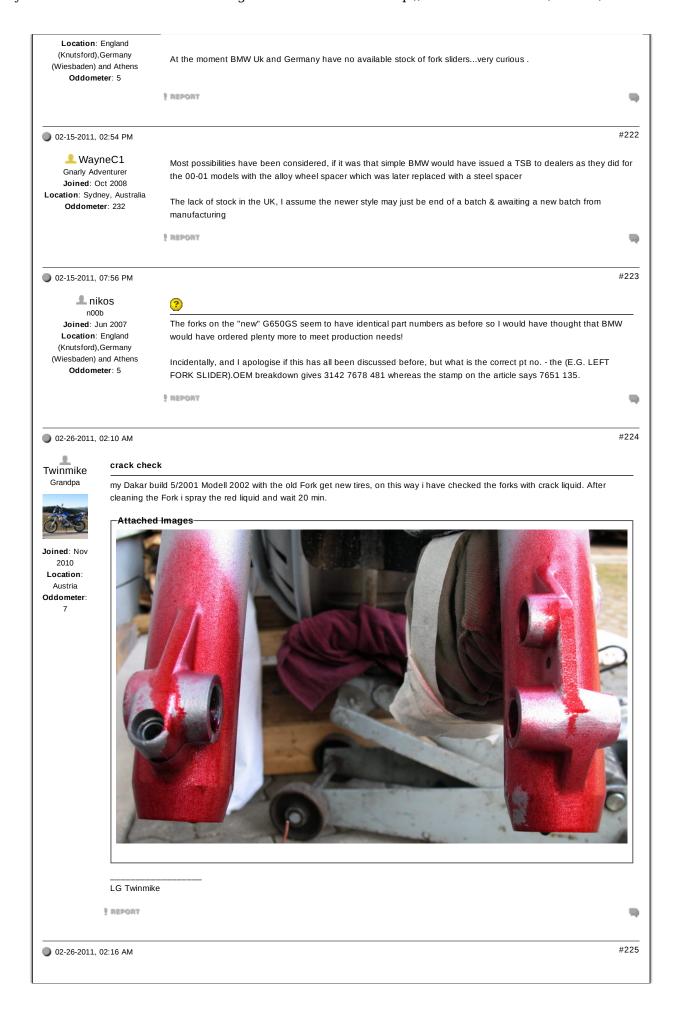
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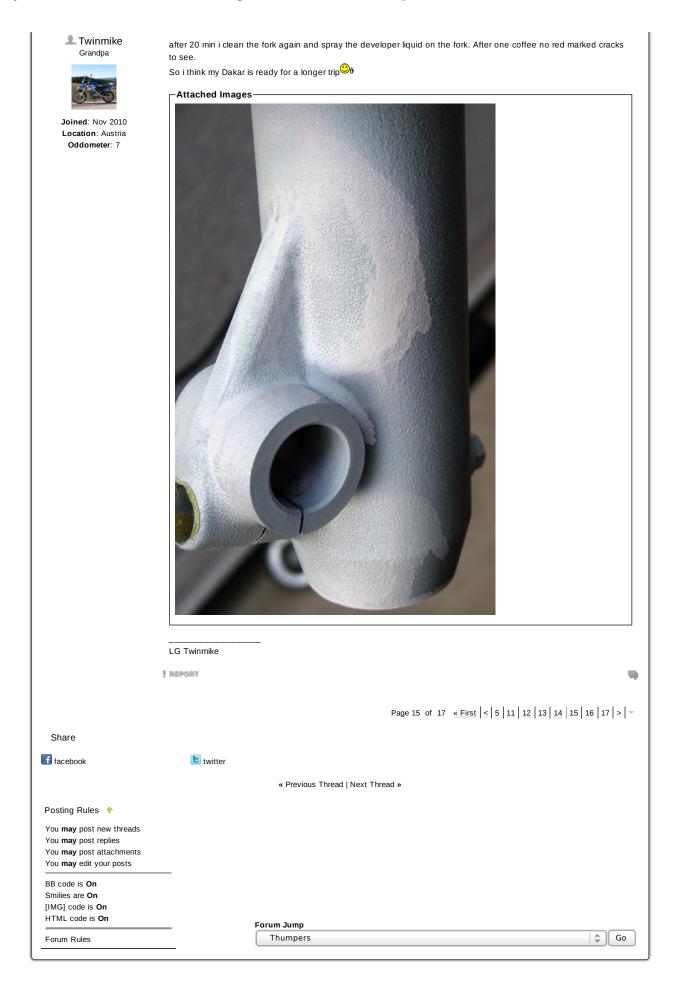
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