

02-26-2011, 08:45 AM

#226

**tmotten**  
Team Otten Team Leader



**Joined:** Jun 2006  
**Location:** Dutchy on the Goldy  
**Odometer:** 1,811

I thought the cracks develop from the inside?

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[www.youtube.com/user/tmotten](http://www.youtube.com/user/tmotten)

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02-26-2011, 12:32 PM

#227

**gsstamped**  
Study Adventurer



**Joined:** Oct 2006  
**Location:** Displaced Calgarian  
**Odometer:** 515

Quote:

Originally Posted by **WayneC1** →  
*Most possibilities have been considered, if it was that simple BMW would have issued a TSB to dealers as they did for the 00-01 models with the alloy wheel spacer which was later replaced with a steel spacer*

*The lack of stock in the UK, I assume the newer style may just be end of a batch & awaiting a new batch from manufacturing*

I just noticed my spacer ('01 f650gs) is cracked and opening up. I wasn't aware that these had been recalled. I'll need to make a call.

5 weeks in Baja

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02-28-2011, 08:40 AM

#228

**WayneC1**  
Gnarly Adventurer  
**Joined:** Oct 2008  
**Location:** Sydney, Australia  
**Odometer:** 232

The early 00 & some 01 GS/Dakars were fitted with alloy wheel spacers & BMW issued a TSB to the dealers to 1/2 the torque value on them. The TSB is over at F650.com

BMW replaced the alloy spacers with steel ones on all later production

gsstamped I would suggest you purchase the steel spacers

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02-28-2011, 03:22 PM

#229

**winemkr**  
Winemaker



**Joined:** Jul 2008  
**Location:**

**Good picture**

Now look at the bottom of the lug, do you see the outline of the where the castings are failing? It is a darker line, that makes a somewhat "U" shape following the material around the lug? I would say this might be starting to crack! I only say this because I DON'T want you hurt. I am just recovering from shoulder reconstruction surgery in January and am on a medical leave from my work, when do I return? GOOD Question! PLEASE look at them more closely and look at the other failure pics. My forks pulled apart, some tear out and yours looks like it might tear or is already to pull apart. I was only doing 10 mph on a dry pavement, you can be hurt.

Quote:

Poulsbo,  
WA  
Odometer:  
14

Originally Posted by **stuckinmud** ➔

*I have a 0402. Looks like the old style too. A little history on these forks. My bike has 7000 easy miles. Not much off road till now. I'm the new owner and plan to ride it as intended.* 🗨️



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!

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06-23-2011, 12:08 PM

#230

**See-Double-You**  
Beastly Adventurer



Joined: Sep 2003  
Location: Anchorage, AK  
Odometer: 1,582

Has anyone examined the new G-650GS forks?

Here's a just in report of a fork failure on a 2011 model with less than 100 miles on the odometer.

<http://www.advrider.com/forums/showthread.php?t=700385>

Wondering if BMW went back to the old Showa design when they out sourced production, or if the post 2002 updated designs are still in effect. Really disappointed in these fork failure reports, as well as the frame and swingarm problems experienced within the X & 800GS communities.

Next bike is sounding more and more like a Suzuki, really, just about anything other than BMW.

CW

*" Suggest you stick with failure analysis of Pork Chops " --Benesesso*

*See-Double-You screwed with this post 06-23-2011 at 11:38 PM*

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That link doesn't work for me. Keen to read it though.



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06-23-2011, 06:45 PM

#232

**Blokette**  
 Adventurer



**Joined:** Dec 2009  
**Location:** Canberra, Australia  
**Odometer:** 12

2011 bmw g 650 gs fork failure

[1978 GL1000 GoldWing \(Something Old\)](#)  
[1980 CX500 Shadow \(Something Blue\)](#)  
[2006 NT700V Deauville \(Something New\)](#)  
[2006 F650GS Dakar \(Something Different\)](#)

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06-24-2011, 03:34 AM

#233

**africadero**  
 ronny-king



**Joined:** Dec 2009  
**Location:** belgica  
**Odometer:** 21

right fork replaced

Last winter I bought a '02 F650 GS, the bike had 20 K km, and looked like new. When I cleaned it the first time I saw a difference between the two forks. I found out that the left one was used, cause the surface was a bit rough from dirt inputs

The right one looked brand new, so I asume it's replaced. I asked my dealer if he knew what happened to the bike, but he took it in from a guy who bought a new one, so he didn't knew the history of this bike and it's forks. He promised me to check it out, so after my next visit there I hope I can let you know.

'06 R1150GSA  
 '02 F650GS  
 '89 XRV650 + Hack  
 '01 JC50Q-7  
 '05 FYM110

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06-24-2011, 03:40 AM

#234

**TwilightZone**  
 Study Adventurer

**Joined:** Dec 2008  
**Location:** Behind the Redwood Curtain  
**Odometer:** 988

>" found out that the left one was used, cause the surface was a bit rough from dirt inputs The right one looked brand new"

Typically the failures in F650 forks are on the right fork... (which may be followed by the left fork on impact) I think quite a few owners replaced hte right leg. (I did myself).

The new 2011 failure is the first I've seen with the new design.... :o:

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06-24-2011, 02:20 PM

#235

**Dash2**  
 Adventurer

**Joined:** Mar 2011  
**Location:** se virginia  
**Odometer:** 35

the vin input didnt work for me, but i have a 2011 g650 and this is very concerning. ive had the bike almost 3 months now and have just over 3000 miles on it. im going to inspect this in the a.m. although it doesnt seem that theres anything to see, just random failure? i ride at 75 mph on I95 and can only imagine the camage this could cause to me and other people on the road. this is a ticking time bomb for bmw, every f-n-g gs out there should be recalled and have new redesigned forks put on (if they cant localize it by vin range). i have other issues with bmw also on another subject.

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06-29-2011, 12:39 AM

#236

**WayneC1**  
Gnarly Adventurer  
Joined: Oct 2008  
Location: Sydney, Australia  
Odometer: 232

I had one report from Sth Africa of cracks in a new style casting some time back but the report was never confirmed. The owner was going to check it closely but never got back to me

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06-30-2011, 04:22 AM #237

**brian83**  
Adventurer  
Joined: Jun 2010  
Odometer: 20

Quote:  
Originally Posted by **See-Double-You** →  
*Wondering if BMW went back to the old Showa design when they out sourced production*

outsourcing was only the engine assembly

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07-02-2011, 05:48 AM #238


**gsyogi**  
Seeker  
Joined: Dec 2010  
Location: Denver, CO  
Odometer: 13

I have one of these bikes (with the identical manufacture date as the '11 GS with the "apparent" recent failure) with 571 miles on it. I am scheduled to drive it to the dealer for the initial service tomorrow ... assuming that I make it (have to do 55 in traffic), I am interested in having the front end replaced. I would be interested in suggestions concerning this matter (and likely cost to the dealer to do the install). I really like my G 650, but this fork issue is VERY troubling. Thanks in advance.

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07-02-2011, 06:08 AM #239

**Adv Grifter**  
Beastly Adventurer  
  
Joined: Jan 2010  
Location: California  
Odometer: 2,468

It's doubtful your dealer will replace your forks. But I would have them check them and refer your dealer to links of recent reports documenting failure events. Just because your bike has the same build date does not mean your forks are bound to snap off. Very very unlikely.


But BMW NA and BMW GMBH should take this seriously and hopefully will have a qualified tech really look closely at your forks. Some sort of Magnaflux type test would be best but I doubt they have that ability. Still, a close visual inspection should be adequate. If my bike, I'd be checking closely every 1000 miles or so and especially after long, hard use on rough, wash board dirt roads. This really is not Rocket Science ... you will see cracks and deformation before any failure takes place.

Good luck, safe riding!

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07-02-2011, 07:54 AM #240

**\_vortex\_**  
snow snow snow :(  
  
Joined: Jun 2006  
Location: Twin Cities, MN  
Odometer: 873

Quote:  
Originally Posted by **Adv Grifter** →  
*you will see cracks and deformation before any failure takes place.*

Maybe.

And thats the bitch of the whole thing. Based on the failure modes that the really smart guys here are discussing... there may be no prior indication at all.

The more people that start raising a stink about it at the dealership, however, the more likely that BMW will do something about it.

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-vortex

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