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#61

kwh

Fat Hairy Git



Joined: Jan 2005

Location: SA31, United Kingdom

Odometer: 98



Quote:

Originally Posted by **TorqueWrench**

I know of a case where fellow BMW rider experienced a failure of the critical lower ball joint in the front telelever suspension on a brand new R1100S. He was running about 60mph down a smooth paved road when it sheared in half. Needless to say, both he and the bike took a serious tumble and it was a miracle that he survived. It's my understanding that BMW covered his expenses and promptly delivered a shiney new replacement bike to his house.

I would not be bashful about contacting BMW about this issue. It might save someone's life and it might set things right for you. 🗨️

Just a cautionary tale about taking that approach...

Back in the 1980's, BMW had a problem with the cast (I think) front wheels on some of its R-series bikes from 1979 through 1982, with a few just collapsing suddenly and pitching riders down the road. I've no idea what the problem was, it was before I was into bikes at all, but whatever it was, it wasn't a widespread problem, though if it happened to you then it was about as serious as these things get. In fact exactly as serious as what happened to Red-Baroness. BMW didn't get around to issuing an official recall in the US or around the world until 1984, and indeed I discover from Gogging...

<http://www.motorcyclistonline.com/mo...r80/65635.html>

Anyway, one morning a colleague of mine didn't make it in to the office, having been spat down the road by the collapsing front wheel of his new to him R80RS (I think), and he was carted off to hospital unconscious and with a severe concussion, while the trashed bike and the conspicuously broken front wheel were hauled off to a nearby garage.

Anyway, once my colleague had remembered his own name and worked out what had happened, he contacted BMW UK to ask them what they were going to do about it. "Where's the bike, we'd like to inspect it" they said. My colleague didn't foresee a problem at this

stage, so he cheerfully told them and then it all went very quiet.


After a while he chased them and they eventually said that he had obviously crashed the bike into something and broken the front wheel on impact, so they were denying all liability and it was entirely his problem. Aghast, he pointed out that his girlfriend (who had been his pillion at the time and was the only witness) confirmed that he hadn't hit anything at all, and that the wheel had just collapsed. 'Case closed', they said. 'Right', he said, 'I'm going to get the wheel independantly analysed and come after you to get what I'm due!' he said. 'Feel free!' they said. So he went down to the garage where his bike had been towed some months earlier to retrieve the wheel to discover that it, along with the hub that had still been attached to the bike, had miraculously vanished, and that all he had left was a smashed up bike and to add insult to injury, a bill for storage.

The point of this tale of woe is that while asking BMW NA to stand behind their product and compensate Red-Baroness for her smashed bike, pain and medical expenses is a great idea, it's probably also sensible to ensure that the wreckage is secured and that an appropriate independant inspection necessary has been carried out first. That way, nothing can mysteriously dissappear and leave Red-Baroness holding the bag, as it were...

Ken Haylock
BMW K1200GT SE & Triumph TT600
<http://www.cix.co.uk/~kwh>

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 08-12-2008, 02:51 AM

62

bill pierce

I don't wana pickle



Joined: Mar 2007
Location: Rockford, Wa
Odometer: 529

Quote:


Originally Posted by **redbaroness**
I'm not sure if I can afford a lengthy lawsuit with a big corporation. :|


I'm not one to sue but, in this case you need to.....

Get a lawer NOW. Keep good documentation. Any good lawer will take his fee out of you earnings.

bikes
BMW R1100s, Ohlins, Remus exhaust, Sargent seat.
Yamaha FZR 1000 (sold)
Honda Cr 500
Honda XL500

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 quote

 08-12-2008, 05:14 AM

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Exevious

Goatrider A.F.& A.M.



I hate BS lawsuits also... But if for no other reason, this thing needs to be fully investigated.

this is an outrage....
a quick google search shows more instances of similar situations.

Imagine all those not plug into the information age, that have

Joined: Jul 2008
Location: North Texas
Odometer: 492

encounter the issue and not reported...

Or all the others that have cracked thier skull, and no one ever knew the truth.

My opinion of BMW is quickly going to the toilet.


I hope you get well soon!!

03 DRZ400S
00 XV1600AL
05 FJR 1300
09 Yaris (foul weather cage)

US Navy Aircrew Electronic Reconnaissance
Submarine Warfare Center Silverdale, WA 93-95
VQ-1 'World Watchers' NAS Whidbey Is 95-98

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 quote

 08-12-2008, 05:15 AM

#64

kwh

Fat Hairy Git



Quote:

Originally Posted by **redbaroness**
None at all. It was a well paved road. The bike did act like it went into a massive tankslapper though.

Joined: Jan 2005
Location: SA31, United Kingdom
Odometer: 98




Does this look like a reasonably close approximation to what happened from your point of view?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUBwCX_Mv2Q

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 08-12-2008, 05:45 AM

#65

redbaroness

Gnarly Adventurer



Quote:

Originally Posted by **kwh**
Does this look like a reasonably close approximation to what happened from your point of view?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUBwCX_Mv2Q

Joined: Apr 2008
Location: Seattle, WA
Odometer: 101


FUCK.

Yes.

Yes, a lot like that.

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 08-12-2008,
07:30 AM

kwh

Fat Hairy Git



Joined: Jan 2005

Location: SA31, United Kingdom
Odometer: 98



Quote:

Originally Posted by **redbaroness**
FUCK.

Yes.

Yes, a lot like that.

So congratulations are in order, that means you have first hand experience of an abs tankslapper. Treasure the experience... oh wait, no, that's your first kiss I'm thinking Tankslappers... equally memorable, slightly less pleasant.

His name is Paul Orritt, by the way. Unlike you, his front wheel stayed attached before though. He's interviewed in this month's "Superbike" magazine in an article about how tankslapper. I'll save you the trouble of buying it, though - nothing in there about what wheel falls off...

His was caused by a combination of a tuned Fireblade, cold race tyres, a full fuel load damper and riding absolutely flat out down a bumpy road, by the way. He earned himself broken ribs, a broken and dislocated ankle and two broken shoulder blades. Like you, your head still in good shape.

I quote him from the article: "I've got loads of offroad experience and always dealt with it. But I was already to the stop, doing 150+mph and couldn't give it any more."


I think there may be a lesson for him in there somewhere... 🤔

By the way, Red Baroness, in case you were wondering, this is what you SHOULD have



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MaddBrit

 08-12-2008, 08:19 AM

#67

kwh

Fat Hairy Git



Joined: Jan 2005
Location: SA31, United Kingdom
Odometer: 98



Some useful info from out there in the internetland...

This incident is also being discussed here...

<http://forums.somethingawful.com/showthread.php?p=2926197>

...and the last post at present in that thread contains the following gem from user 'PlasticSun'...

Quote:


Edit: reading up on this more it appears that most of the failures have occurred pretty early within a bike's lifespan. Out of the 8 that I've found so far 7 have occurred within 12K. This really makes me think it's an issue with the metal or casting rather than a design flaw.

So, this guy has been able to find details of eight occurrences of this problem? I'd say that a recall was clearly indicated!

Edit: After all, if he can find eight, mainly documented by riders

who survived the ordeal, how many didn't he find, how many riders didn't make it as a result of something similar happening?

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08-12-2008,
10:58 AM

vtwin
crumpled
DL650, '07
Uly

Wow Red, that's a pretty serious crash. I hope your doing ok. I too had my accident in Alcan.



Joined: Jan
2005
Location:
NorCal
Odometer:
1,882



"What are you going to do when you leave Vienna?" Such casual questions are of equally causal, yet momentous decisions! So naturally, I answered the question by saying, "I am going to ride around the world on a motorcycle!

Robert Edison Fulton Jr. Adventurer, inventor and author of "One Man Cara

 Blame
MaddBrit



08-12-2008, 01:01 PM

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redbaroness

Gnarly Adventurer



Joined: Apr 2008
Location: Seattle, WA
Odometer: 101


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Quote:

Originally Posted by **vtwin**
Wow Red, that's a pretty serious crash. I hope your doing ok. I too had my accident in the YT, but on the Alcan.

Mine was on the AlCan too.

That looks bad. What happened?

 quote

 08-12-2008, 01:37 PM

NewEnglander

You ok?

Gnarly Adventurer



Joined: Sep 2007
Location: Greenville NH
Odometer: 144



Quote:

Originally Posted by **vtwin**
Wow Red, that's a pretty serious crash. I hope your doing ok. I too had Alcan.



Hope your ok man. That looks harsh!

If youre gonna be dumb ya gotta be tough.

2008 BMW R1200 GS Adventure


Previous bikes


2007 BMW R1200GS (wrecked)

2002 Kawasaki ZX-12R

1986 Honda Interceptor 700

1985 Honda Nighthawk 650

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 08-13-2008, 03:05 AM

#71

crazybrit

Beastly Adventurer



Joined: Mar 2006
Location: Portland, OR
Odometer: 4,438

Quote:

Originally Posted by **The Jerk**

*I would not necessarily say that a lawsuit is in order *yet* but you should at least do the right thing up front and provide the information to BMW about what happened and allow them to examine the failed parts to determine what caused the failure. I would not necessarily give them the parts as that's your evidence but on the other hand if there is some casting defect they may wish to issue a recall. You might also notify NHTSA as they can open an investigation and order a recall if necessary.*

I might also have an independent metallurgist examine the failed parts and offer their opinion as to what caused the failure, i.e. whether it was a casting defect there since new or whether the previous incidents caused the failure, or both (i.e. a casting defect that was aggravated by the previous crash).

If it's determined to be a casting defect, then BMW should a) compensate you for your medical bills and b) issue a recall if it is determined that there were more faulty forks put on the road than just yours. If it is determined that it was a casting defect and BMW tells you to screw off, then I would say unleash the lawyers. At the very least, you should be made whole, assuming that there was a defect.

If the failure, through metallurgical analysis and not just internet speculation, can be traced to a previous incident or crash, then I wouldn't go after BMW as it wouldn't be their fault it failed.

If a defect was found to have caused the failure, then you could probably find a lawyer willing to take the case on contingency.

At any rate, that's a hell of a thing to have happen. Heal well.

This is all good advice. I wouldn't get a lawyer involved from the getgo.


It's going to be interesting to see how this pans out, has your insurance company appeared on the radar yet? Were you covered by your US policy at this point or did you have Canadian insurance? I mentioned filing a report with the NHTSA but the accident happened in YT, not sure how that would work.

The insurance company may be inclined to have it inspected by an adjuster in-situ and just total it out rather than paying the expense to have it shipped back to the US.

If it were me, I'd want to be in physical possession of the relevant broken pieces as soon as possible so they don't go walkies. I'd stress to them that you plan to file some kind of safety complaint and so you need access to the bike again. Curious if hear what their interest is, whether they have dreams of subrogating to recover their \$\$\$ or just want to pay and get it over with.

 Blame MaddBrit



 08-13-2008, 06:59 AM

#72

The Jerk

Bring us some fresh wine!



Joined: Mar 2006
Location: Brooklyn, NY
Odometer: 975

Yeah you definitely want to hold on to the relevant bits (forks, front wheel w/ hub, etc). I would allow BMW to examine them but I would not give them to BMW to do so. They can send someone to examine them on your terms and while the parts are under your control.

They may tell you they need to take them somewhere for further analysis and that may well be true but before you allow that to happen you should have them examined by an independent expert (metallurgist) and get his professional opinion on what the issue is. Maybe you can make arrangements for the BMW folks to examine the parts using the facilities of your own independent metallurgist so they don't have to take possession of them.


You want to act in good faith but you also don't want to take the chance of someone at BMW acting in bad faith and destroying the evidence as related in the story above. That's a really douche thing for them to do especially as the guy tried to do the right thing.

2007 Triumph Tiger 1050 ABS
2007 Triumph Scrambler - For Sale

If a British high school dropout can put it together, I can take it apart.

 Blame MaddBrit



 08-13-2008, 07:03 AM

#73

redbaroness

Gnarly Adventurer




Joined: Apr 2008
Location: Seattle, WA
Odometer: 101

Right now the jury seems to be out on whether the forks broke because of my previous crash where the bike endo-ed. I suppose I should have replaced the forks then if I had known better.

 Blame MaddBrit



 08-13-2008, 07:13 AM

#74

crazybrit

Beastly Adventurer

Quote:

Originally Posted by **redbaroness**
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 Location: Portland, OR
 Odometer: 4,438

broke because of my previous crash where the bike endo-ed. I suppose I should have replaced the forks then if I had known better.

I'm not buying the previous crash being an issue. When I heard about the fork failure and knowing what happened (watching the video) at Trollhaugen I assumed that you had a catastrophic failure at the steering stem/frame, triple clamp area of the bike. Breaking the handlebars or bar mounts would point to an upper fork area impact not one down at the fork sliders. There was no damage to the front wheel from the initial crash, right? If you'd done damage to the lower parts of the fork I'd expect the front wheel would have shown damage also.

I wouldn't pay much attention to what the online-forum "jury" has to say. Uninformed talk (including mine) is cheap and is worth just what you pay for it. If you want to know what happened, you'll have to have them **professionally** inspected.

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quote

08-13-2008, 07:18 AM

#75

redbaroness

Gnarly Adventurer



Joined: Apr 2008
 Location: Seattle, WA
 Odometer: 101

Quote:

Originally Posted by **crazybrit**
There was no damage to the front wheel from the initial crash, right?

Nope, none that we know of.

I'm working on finding out if there is any way to get my bike shipped here. I have a feeling that insurance will probably declare it a total loss and not pay for it to shipped and fixed.

Is there a snowball's chance in hell that someone on advrider lives in that area and can assist with this?

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