

10-15-2009, 05:56 AM

#241

**Mossy\_Crk**

Gnarly Adventurer

Joined: Apr 2006

Location: Between stops

Oddometer: 414

Quote:

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.

I suppose we are supposed to ride with a camera recording the area to show the failure before the crash they cause.

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10-15-2009, 10:25 AM

#242

**Southernmost\_Paul**

Gnarly Adventurer



Joined: Aug 2007

Location: MM 21 OverSeas

Hwy Florida Keys

Oddometer: 311

And never do any of the maintenance late or yourself...

! REPORT

10-15-2009, 01:44 PM

#243

**Crew Dawg Dave**

VSRI 3563



Joined: Jan 2006

Location: Dave's Not Here

Oddometer: 101

What!?!?!?!?

Nerver rely on the government to get anything right!!! 4 bikes.... I wonder how many more there are out there.

Morons...

Time for a beer

"Many of us are irritable most of the time (unless we're in love or just bought a motorcycle)." - Jack Lynch, The Lexicographer's Dilemma

! REPORT

10-28-2009, 12:37 AM

#244

**vinracer40**

Adventurer

Joined: Dec 2008

Oddometer: 19

**Forks coming apart**

This is not the first incident I have heard of where the F650GS forks have failed. I believe there is mention of it on the Chain Gang website, a site for the 650 owners. Anyone riding one of these machines should be looking for telltale signs of cracks or oil seepage especially if the machine has been used in rough country a lot. The fact they could fail on a relatively good chipseal road scares me. Especially when we own two of these bikes.

Pappy

*vinracer40 screwed with this post 10-28-2009 at 12:46 AM*

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11-11-2009, 06:41 AM

#245

tcskibike2008  
SnowHawker



Joined: Oct 2008  
Location: Stowe VT  
Odometer: 127

After riding dirt bikes for many years and seeing how well built the forks are on smaller off road bikes(450's), I have always been surprised at how under built bigger "Road Bike" forks are compared to their size.

<http://faq.f650.com/GSFAQs/Photos/Wh...Spacereje4.jpg>

Just look at how small the effective mounting surface area is on a GS 650!! Its unnerving what keeps that fork together. Are you kidding me? That bike is almost twice the size as most off road bikes.

Scares me!

! REPORT



11-12-2009, 08:40 AM

#246

mpanther  
KotW - Just Ride!



Joined: Apr 2008  
Location: Las Wages  
Odometer: 991

I would like to thank the OP and those how helped create this informative thread for their input and specifically the Op for leaving it up.

I hope all is well with the RedBaroness in her further riding ADventures.

I now know what to look for while Milady and i shop for her ADV bike. the GS is a prominent forerunner in this.

Peace in your heart & Light on your soul.

>^..^<

adA-venA-ture n.

1. Participation in exciting or hazardous experiences.
2. An undertaking of a questionable nature.
3. An undertaking of a hazardous nature.

'83 GL650swi "My Little Grey Lady"

'86 LS650 Milady's bike

! REPORT



02-05-2010, 11:00 PM

#247

WayneC1  
Gnarly Adventurer

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

Another machine with axle mount failure

<http://www.b66ama.com/>

Scroll to the very bottom

Machine seems to have been purchased from a dealer with the damage, cause unknown

! REPORT



02-14-2010, 01:18 AM

#248

DELTATANGO  
Motorcyclist and Dog Walk



Joined: Nov 2005  
Location: Alabama  
Odometer: 11,456

Quote:

Originally Posted by tcskibike2008

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For real. Look at that spindly flange holding the front wheel on. It should be at the bottom of the fork with a lot of metal around it.

DELTATANGO screwed with this post 02-14-2010 at 04:20 AM

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02-14-2010, 03:46 AM

#249

wetrock  
McLovin



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

The more of these I see, the more glad I am that I swapped out my forks to the 03 and later model with beefier lugs.



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06-25-2011, 04:48 AM

#250

JagLite  
Gnarly Adventurer  
Joined: Jun 2010  
Location: Paradise Alaska  
Odometer: 110

Another one bites the dust

Will it ever end?  
[www.advriders.com/forums/showthread.php?t=393785](http://www.advriders.com/forums/showthread.php?t=393785)

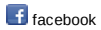
I wonder, have there been other failures that happened on the highway in traffic where the rider was killed and the bike so mangled that no one knew that a fork failure was the cause?

*Attitude ~*  
The difference between  
Ordeal and *Adventure*  
James

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