

Service Bulletin

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BMW Motorcycles

Subject: Fitting front fork gaiters - F 650 GS, F 650 GS Dakar models.

Details: It is not permissible to retrofit gaiters, as available from aftermarket accessory suppliers, to the front forks of the F 650 GS and GS Dakar models.

Installing front fork gaiters reduces the engine's ability to cope with outdoor temperatures by more than 20%. In practice, this means that when outdoor temperatures are high the F 650 engine might not be adequately cooled. This could cause the engine to overheat and potentially suffer damage.

Important Note: Please notify customers who have installed front fork gaiters that engine damage due to overheating will not be covered under the terms of BMW's New Motorcycle Limited Warranty.

F 650 GS models only: Customers who want to protect the fixed tubes of the telescopic forks against dirt should be advised to install the low mounted front mudguard as available for the F 650 GS model only. The installation of the low mounted front mudguard requires the following parts:

Front mudguard, low mounted: 71 60 7 670 480

only together with

Fork stabilizer

31 42 7 667 279

The 31 42 7 667 279 fork stabilizer has been installed as standard equipment on F 650 GS models, replacing part number 31 42 2 345 801. The change over VIN has not been identified defined. Please check each individual example to ensure that the correct fork stabilizer for this accessory has been installed.

Important Note: See also Service Bulletin # 17 001 03 (012), dated March 2003.



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