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Service Information Bulletin

Subject: Recall 05V-172: Retrofitting cover for throttle-cable pulley.

Models: R 1200 GS (K25), R 1200 RT (K26), R 1200 ST (K28).

NHTSA Statement: Under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, as amended, if there has been a recall campaign, dealers must assure that all new vehicles and new items of replacement equipment are free of safety defects and comply with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards at the time of delivery to the consumer. This means that dealers may not deliver new motor vehicles or new items of replacement equipment to consumers unless the safety defect or noncompliance has been remedied before delivery.

Details: There exists a possibility of foreign objects falling into and becoming lodged between the throttle body and the engine block. The movement of the throttle cable pulley may be restricted if a foreign object were to become lodged in this location. If the throttle cable pulley were to become restricted, the rider may experience difficult and/or imprecise throttle control.

Production Solution: Covers for the throttle cable pulley have been installed in production starting with:

R 1200 GS (K25) VIN ZL 75530
R 1200 RT (K26) VIN ZM 15726
R 1200 ST (K28) VIN ZM 30269

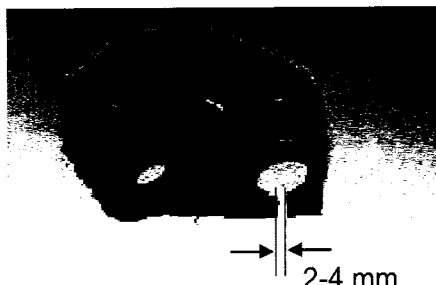
VIN Information: Covers for the throttle-cable pulleys must be retrofitted to affected models with VINs prior to VINs listed above.

Aftersales Solution: Check the vehicle history of each R 1200 RT, R 1200 ST and R 1200 GS that is in your new vehicle inventory or that subsequently arrives at your dealership and install the covers as required before the motorcycle is delivered to the retail customer.

If a motorcycle brought in by a customer is determined to be affected by this recall, please advise the customer, making an appointment as soon as possible for the installation of the throttle body covers and the satisfaction of this recall.

Customer Notification: The current owner of each retailed motorcycle affected by this recall will be notified by a first class letter describing the details of the recall. In this letter, each customer will be asked to contact the BMW motorcycle dealer of his choice, making a service appointment for the installation of the protective covers described in this bulletin.

Cover Installation: Installation of the covers will be easier if the covers are slit as shown in the photo on the left. The photo on the right shows one of the covers installed.



Installation hints:

- 1) Remove body panels as required to gain access to the throttle bodies.
- 2) Unplug and remove the idle stepper motor and fuel injector from the throttle body (right side throttle body only). Place the disconnect wires in a safe location. Removing these components will allow the throttle body to be rotated far enough to install the throttle body cover, without binding the fuel line.
- 3) Using special tool pliers 13 1 512, release the air tube clamps that secure the throttle body in place and rotate the throttle body so that the top of the throttle body is pointing away from the motorcycle. Rotating the throttle body in this fashion will provide the clearance required to install the throttle body covers.
- 4) Cut the top of the cover as indicated in the photo, top left of page #2. Slip the throttle cable through the cut out and push the cover in position on top of the throttle body.
- 5) Return the throttle bodies to their original position and tighten the air tube clamps using special tool pliers 13 1 512. Reinstall body panels.

Important Note:

It is very important that the following three points are double checked and corrected as required:

- 1) That the throttle cables are not pulled out of position at the throttle cable divider.
- 2) That the throttle cables are not disengaged from the throttle bodies.
- 3) That the throttle valves close correctly after the installation of the covers.

Warranty: Covered regardless of time or mileage limitations.

Prepare and submit a **campaign claim** choosing **Work Package #1** in each case. **Work Package #1**, in combination for the motorcycle's VIN, will reimburse the correct FRU amount for the motorcycle in question. The FRU count for each model, together with the other claim keys are noted below.

Work Package #1:

Defect Code: 00 00 13 10 00

Description: Retrofitting cover for throttle cable pulley.

Flat Rate Code: 00 60 132

Description: Modify and retrofit throttle cable pulley cover.

FRU: R 1200 GS = 7, R 1200 RT = 12, R 1200 ST = 11

Part Description: Cover left

Part Number: 13 54 7 688 633

Qty: 1

Part Description: Cover right

Part Number: 13 54 7 688 634

Qty: 1

Contact: Respective Aftersales Business Consultant

**Customer
Notification
Letter:** April 2005

Recall Campaign No. 05V -172, R1200 GS, R1200 RT, R1200 ST – Throttle Housing

Dear BMW Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

BMW AG has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2005 BMW R1200 GS, R1200 RT, and R1200 ST motorcycles. Our records indicate that you are the owner of a potentially affected motorcycle.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT

The defect involves the exposure of the throttle housing to road debris. Foreign objects such as small stones could fall into, and become caught between, the throttle body and the engine block. This could restrict movement of the throttle -cable pulley that in turn, could affect throttle operation.

You may continue to ride your motorcycle; however, you must have the problem corrected promptly. Failure to observe the following precautions could increase the risk of a crash.

PRECAUTIONS

1. CONTACT YOUR AUTHORIZED BMW RETAILER IMMEDIATELY TO HAVE THE NECESSARY REPAIR PERFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
2. If you are in any way concerned with your ability to safely operate the motorcycle, please contact your authorized BMW retailer to arrange for pickup and repair of the motorcycle.
3. If you experience difficult or imprecise throttle response while riding your motorcycle, you may be experiencing this problem. In this case you should operate the clutch and pull over carefully to a safe location away from traffic and immediately contact BMW Roadside Assistance at 1 -800-332-4269 to have the motorcycle brought to the nearest Authorized BMW retailer.
4. If you are not the only rider of this motorcycle, please advise all other riders of this important information.

DESCRIPTION OF REPAIR

The repair will consist of installing a cover over the throttle -cable pulley on all affected motorcycles.

The actual repair may take up to one hour; however, additional time may be required depending upon the BMW retailer's scheduling and processing. This work will be performed free of charge by your Authorized BMW retailer.

OTHER INFORMATION

If you are no longer the owner of this motorcycle, we would appreciate you furnishing us with the name and address of the new owner using the enclosed postage -paid card.

If you are a lessor of this motorcycle, Federal Regulations require you to forward this notice to your lessee.

If you have already had this repair performed at your own expense, please see the attachment regarding possible eligibility for reimbursement.

Again, we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Should you have any questions about this campaign, please contact your Authorized BMW retailer.

We appreciate your confidence in our product, and we wish to do everything we can to retain your confidence. Should you need additional assistance, you may contact BMW Customer Relations and Services at 1 -800-831-1117.

If the BMW retailer is unable to remedy the defect without charge or within a reasonable period of time, you may notify the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1 -888-327-4236.

BMW OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC

**TREAD ACT
Letter:**

**TREAD ACT CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT PLAN
(BMW of North America, LLC)**

If you have paid for the repair described in the attached letter, and you would like to be considered for reimbursement, please contact your authorized BMW retailer. Expenses from repair facilities outside of the BMW retailer network will be considered; however, the procedure must meet BMW standards and use BMW Genuine Parts.

Your authorized BMW retailer will request a copy of your owner notification letter, as well as, a copy of your previously paid invoice, and then inspect the vehicle (if it is still in your possession) prior to submitting a claim on your behalf to BMW of North America, LLC for reimbursement.

Please note the following:

Only a repair that is the subject of this safety recall is reimbursable. Consequential expenses such as towing, rental, accommodations, damage repairs, etc will not be reimbursed.

When BMW Genuine Parts are used, the Manufacturers Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) will be considered as the guideline for reasonable charges.

Expenses for repairs performed more than 10 days after the date of the last owner notification letter sent by BMW are not eligible for reimbursement.

Taxes and hazardous waste disposal, where previously paid, are eligible for reimbursement.

BMW will not reimburse for prior repairs that did not utilize BMW Genuine Parts.

We anticipate that your authorized BMW retailer will be able to answer any questions that you may have regarding your qualifications for reimbursement of a previous repair. If you qualify for such a reimbursement, they will also be able to advise you of the manner in which you could receive reimbursement.

We recommend that your authorized BMW retailer be your primary contact on this issue; however, our Customer Relations and Services Department may be contacted at 1-800-831-1117 for any special assistance that you may require.

Alternatively, you may submit your request for reimbursement to the following address:

Customer Relations and Services Department
BMW of North America, LLC
P.O. Box 1227
Westwood, NJ 07675-1227