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BLUE SMOKE FROM THE LEFT EXHAUST AFTER A COLD START

This Service Information Bulletin replaces Measure 65508369-02 **dated March 2021**.

MODEL

Model	Model Description	Production Date
K34	R18	August 1, 2020 – November 14, 2020

SITUATION

Considerable amount of blue smoke visible from the left-rear exhaust pipe when starting the engine, especially after a cold start.

Residual oil on the cylinder surface is sucked into the combustion chamber when stationary on the side stand.

The amount of oil that can get sucked into the combustion chamber varies depending on the position of the piston and the piston ring, but even the slightest amounts of oil in the combustion chamber could cause considerable smoking after engine-start.

Although this behavior is not a fault and will not cause excessive wear, it may lead to uncertainty among some customers.

CORRECTION

Motorcycles manufactured after November 14, 2020 have modified pistons installed from the factory.

PROCEDURE

In case of a customer complaint, replace the left piston using part and labor information below.

PARTS INFORMATION

Obtain and confirm the part numbers for your specific vehicle by entering the chassis number in ETK which takes into account specific equipment and/or options.

Additional parts like gaskets, hardware and chemicals may be required for the complete repair; Please refer to the repair instructions in AIR for more details.

Part Number

11 11 7 925 331	Piston
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WARRANTY INFORMATION

Covered under the terms of the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Motorcycles, if applicable.

Defect code

11 00 02 98 00	Engine, blue smoke not satisfactory
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Labor Operation

11 25 033	Replacing left piston	22 FRU
+11 25 675	Replacing left piston	21 FRU
46 52 510	Removing and installing the rear-wheel stand special tool (for motorcycles without center stand)	1 FRU

FRUs includes all repair procedures to complete the task with allowance for necessary ancillary tasks (e.g., visual inspection, lubrication, cleaning parts etc.) and administrative tasks.

Labor operation code 11 25 033 is a Main labor operation. If you are using a Main labor code for another repair, use the Plus code labor operation instead.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN

Technical inquiries	Contact the BMW Technical Support Group via TSARA
Warranty inquiries	Submit an IDS ticket to the Warranty Department
Parts inquiries	Submit an IDS ticket to the Motorrad Parts Department

Supporting Materials

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