

# Rider's Manual (US Model)

K 1200 GT



BMW Motorrad



The Ultimate Riding  
Machine

## Motorcycle/Retailer Data

### Motorcycle data

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Model

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Vehicle Identification Number

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Color number

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First registration

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Registration number

### Retailer Data

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Contact in Service

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Ms./Mr.

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Phone number

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Retailer's address/phone number  
(company stamp)

## Welcome to BMW

We congratulate you on your choice of a motorcycle from BMW and welcome you to the community of BMW riders.

Familiarize yourself with your new motorcycle so that you can ride it safely and confidently in all traffic situations. Please read this Rider's Manual carefully before starting to use your new BMW motorcycle. It contains important information on how to operate the controls and how to make the best possible use of all your BMW's technical features.

In addition, it contains information on maintenance and care to help you maintain your motorcycle's reliability and safety, as well as its value.

If you have questions concerning your motorcycle, your

authorized BMW Motorrad retailer will gladly provide advice and assistance.

We wish you many miles of safe and enjoyable riding

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## Overview

Chapter 2 of this Rider's Manual will provide you with an initial overview of your motorcycle. All maintenance and repair work carried out on your motorcycle will be documented in Chapter 10. Proof of the maintenance work performed is a prerequisite for generous treatment of claims. Should you want to sell your BMW one day, please also remember to turn over the Rider's Manual to the new owner; it is an important part of your motorcycle.

## Abbreviations and symbols



Indicates warnings you should always observe to ensure your own safety, the safety of others and to

protect your motorcycle from damage.



Special information on operating and inspecting your motorcycle as well as maintenance and adjustment procedures.



Indicates the end of a note.



Instruction to take action.



Results of an action.



Reference to a page with additional information.



Indicates the end of accessory or equipment-dependent information.



Tightening torque.



Technical data.



Optional equipment BMW equipment available only as a factory installed option.



Optional accessories BMW optional accessories can be purchased and installed at your authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.



Electronic immobilizer.



Electronic Suspension Adjustment Electronic suspension adjustment.



Anti-theft alarm.



ABS Anti-Lock Brake System.

TPC Tire Pressure Control.

ASC Automatic Stability Control.

## Equipment

When you ordered your BMW motorcycle, you chose various items of custom equipment. This Rider's Manual describes optional equipment (OE) offered by BMW and selected optional accessories (OA). This explains why the manual may also contain descriptions of equipment which you have not ordered. Please note, too, that your motorcycle might not be exactly as illustrated in this manual on account of country-specific differences.

If your BMW is equipped with options or accessories not described in this Rider's Manual, then this equipment is described in a separate operating manual.

## Technical data

All dimensions, weights and performance specifications in the Rider's Manual refer to the standards of the Deutsche Institut für Normung e.V. (DIN) and comply with its tolerance specifications. Versions for individual countries may differ.

## Currentness of this manual

The high safety and quality standards of BMW motorcycles are maintained by constant development work on designs, equipment and accessories. Because of this,

your motorcycle may differ from the information supplied in the Rider's Manual. Nor can errors and omissions be entirely ruled out. We hope you will appreciate that no claims can be entertained on the basis of the data, illustrations or descriptions in this manual.



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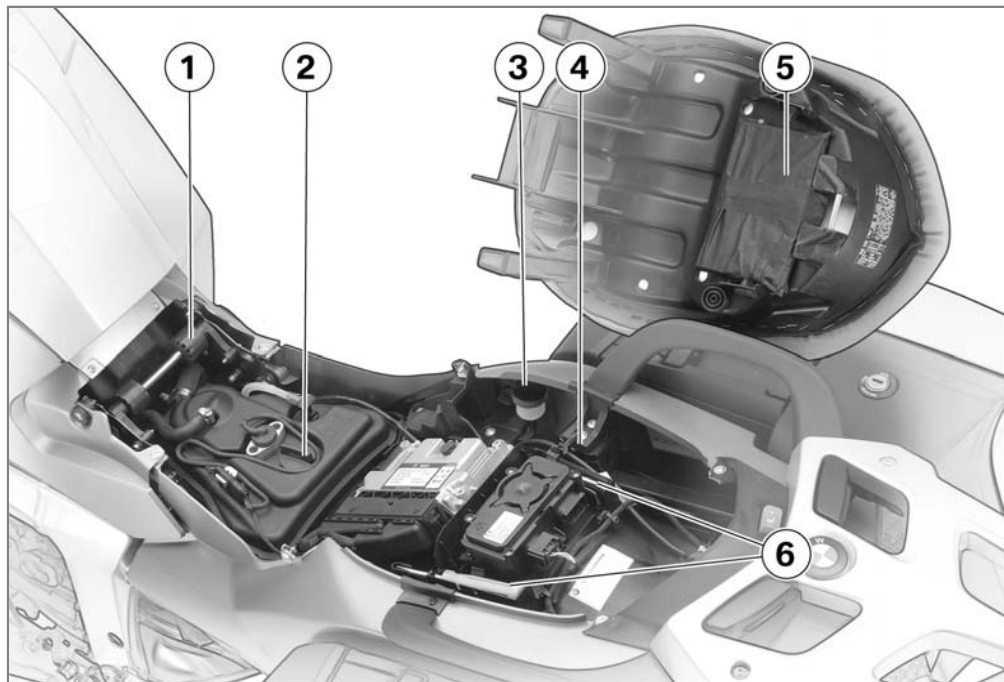
## General view, left side

- 1 Electrically adjustable windshield (➡ 68)
- 2 Battery compartment (➡ 128)
- 3 Seat lock (➡ 64)
- 4 Adjuster, spring preload, rear (➡ 69)
- 5 Adjusting rear damping (➡ 70)
- 6 Onboard socket (➡ 92)



## General view, right side

- 1 Fill location for fuel  
(➡ 83)
- 2 Adjustable handlebars  
(➡ 59)
- 3 Brake-fluid reservoir, front (➡ 105)
- 4 Headlight adjustment (vertical), beneath instrument panel (➡ 61)
- 5 Storage compartment  
(➡ 63)
- 6 Vehicle Identification Number





## Underneath seat

- 1 Seat heater adjustment (➡ 65)
- 2 Engine-oil fill location and oil dipstick (➡ 101)  
(➡ 103)
- 3 Brake-fluid reservoir, rear (➡ 106)
- 4 Helmet holder (➡ 67)
- 5 Rider's Manual (US Model)
- 6 Toolkit (➡ 100)

## Left handlebar fitting

- 1 Switch for cruise-control system<sup>OE</sup> (➔ 52)
- 2 ESA button<sup>OE</sup> (➔ 71)
- 3 ASC button<sup>OE</sup> (➔ 63)
- 4 Windshield button (➔ 68)
- 5 Pushbutton, horn
- 6 Left turn indicator button (➔ 61), Hazard warning flashers button (➔ 45)
- 7 Switch, high-beam headlight and headlight flasher (➔ 60)





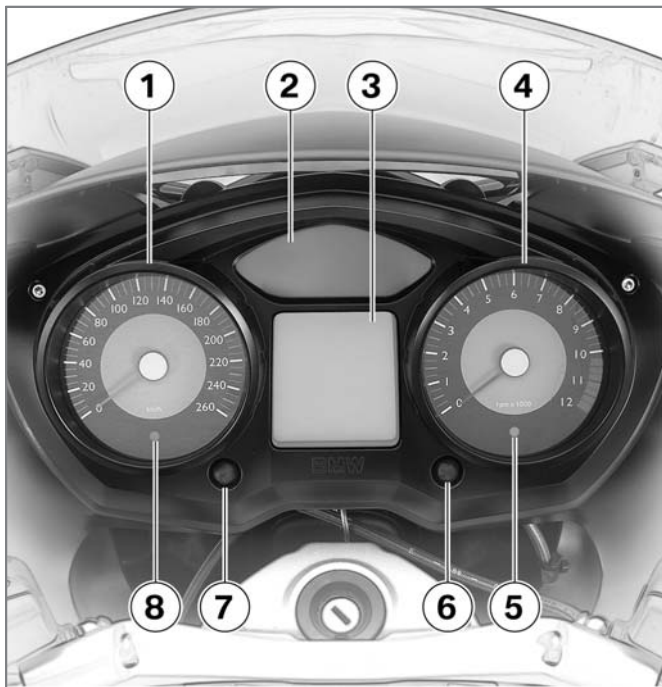
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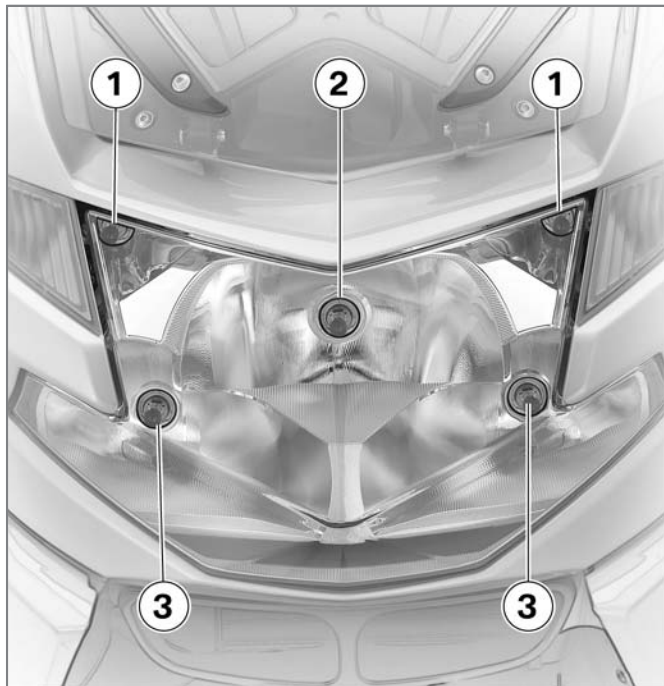
- 1 Onboard computer button<sup>OE</sup> (➡ 49)
- 2 Emergency ON/OFF switch (➡ 55)
- 3 Pushbutton, starter (➡ 78)
- 4 Heated hand grips switch<sup>OE</sup> (➡ 56)
- 5 Right turn indicator button (➡ 62), Hazard warning flashers button (➡ 45)
- 6 Turn indicators off button (➡ 62), Hazard warning flashers off button (➡ 46)
- 7 Switch for driver's seat heating<sup>OE</sup> (➡ 56)

## Instrument cluster

- 1 Speedometer
- 2 Warning and indicator lights (➔ 23)
- 3 Multifunction display
- 4 Tachometer
- 5 Anti-theft alarm indicator light (OE)
- 6 Adjustment of clock (➔ 47), Display dimming (➔ 47)
- 7 Control, odometer (➔ 46)
- 8 Sensor for lighting of instrument panel

▶ The instrument-cluster lighting has automatic day and night switchover. ◀





## Headlight

- 1 Side lights
- 2 Low-beam headlight
- 3 High-beam headlight

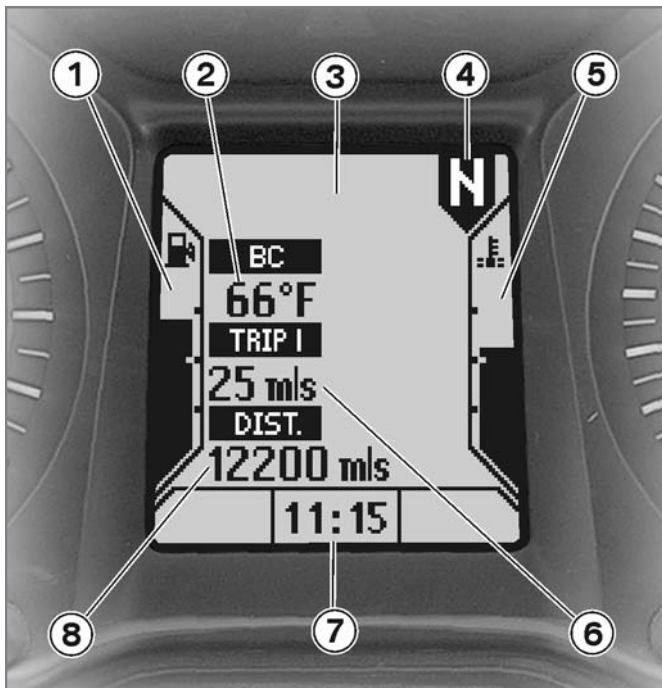


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## Multifunction display

- 1 Fuel gauge (⇒ 23)
- 2 Onboard computer display<sup>OE</sup> (⇒ 49), TPC display<sup>OE</sup> (⇒ 48)
- 3 Area for warning symbols (⇒ 24)
- 4 Gear indicator (⇒ 23)
- 5 Coolant temperature display (⇒ 23)
- 6 Trip meter (⇒ 46), TPC display (motorcycles without onboard computer)<sup>OE</sup> (⇒ 48)
- 7 Clock (⇒ 47), Display area for seat heater<sup>OE</sup> (⇒ 56), Display area for display dimming (⇒ 47), Display area for ESA<sup>OE</sup> (⇒ 71)
- 8 Odometer and tripmeters (⇒ 46)





## Warning and indicator lights



- 1 Indicator light, left turn indicator
- 2 Indicator light, high-beam headlight
- 3 Indicator light, neutral
- 4 ABS warning light
- 5 Indicator light, right turn indicator
- 6 ASC warning and indicator light (OE)
- 7 Warning light, general
- 8 Brake-pad wear indicator

## ABS warning light

In some countries a different display of the ABS warning light is possible.



Possible country-dependent versions.

## Indicator light, cruise-control system<sup>OE</sup>



- 1 Indicator light, cruise-control system

## Function indicators

### Fuel capacity



The vertical bar under the gas pump symbol indicates the remaining fuel quantity.

### Gear



Engaged gear is indicated.

If no gear is engaged, the gear indicator displays N and the 'neutral' indicator light lights up.

### Coolant temperature



The vertical bar under the temperature symbol shows the coolant temperature level.

### ASC intervention (OE)



ASC warning light flashes rapidly.

The ASC has detected insta-

bility at the rear wheel and has reduced the torque. The warning light flashes one second longer than the ASC intervention lasts. As a result, the driver is provided with optical feedback on the regulation carried out even after the critical driving situation.

## **General warning indicators**

















### **Display**

General warnings are displayed by means of warning lights or texts and symbols in the multifunction display. In some cases, an additional general warning light lights up in red or yellow. If several warnings are active, all corresponding warning lights and symbols are displayed.







## Overview of warning indicators

### Display


### Meaning

	Lights up in yellow	EWS! warning appears	Electronic immobilizer is active (➡ 27)
	Lights up in yellow	 Flashes	Fuel down to reserve (➡ 27)
	Lights up in red	 Temperature display flashes	Coolant temperature too high (➡ 27)
	Lights up in yellow	 Appears	Engine electronics (➡ 28)
	Flashes in red	 Appears	Engine oil pressure insufficient (➡ 28)
		 Displayed with Oil warning	Engine oil level too low (➡ 29)
	Lights up in red	 Appears	Battery charge current insufficient (➡ 29)
	Lights up		Brake-pad wear limit reached (➡ 30)
	Lights up in yellow	 Appears	Rear bulb defective (➡ 30)
		 Appears	Front bulb defective (➡ 30)

**Display****Meaning**

	Lights up in yellow		Appears	Bulbs defective (⇒ 30)
			Flashes with temperature display	Ice warning (⇒ 31)
			Is displayed with note DWA	Anti-theft alarm battery (OE) weak (⇒ 31)
	Lights up in yellow		Is displayed with note DWA	Anti-theft alarm battery (OE) dead (⇒ 31)


## Electronic immobilizer is active


 General warning light lights up in yellow.


**EWS !** warning appears. The key being used is not authorized for starting, or communication between the key and engine electronics is disrupted.

- Remove other ignition keys located on the ignition key.
- Use the reserve key.
- Have the defective key replaced, preferably by an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.


## Fuel down to reserve

 General warning light lights up in yellow.

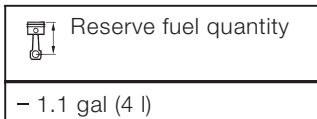
 Fuel reserve symbol flashes.

 A fuel shortage can lead to misfiring and to the engine dying unexpectedly. Misfiring can damage the catalytic converter, and the engine dying unexpectedly can lead to accidents.

Do not drive until the fuel tank is completely empty. ◀


 The probable operating range is indicated. ◀


At the most, the fuel tank still contains the reserve fuel quantity.




- Refueling (➡ 83)

## Coolant temperature too high

 General warning light lights up in red.

 Temperature display flashes.


 Continued driving with an overheated engine can result in engine damage. Be sure to observe the measures listed below. ◀


The coolant temperature is too high.


- If possible, continue driving in the part-load range to cool down the engine.
- In traffic jams, switch off the engine, but keep the ignition switched on so that the radiator fan continues to operate.
- Should the coolant temperature frequently be too high, have the fault recti-

fied as quickly as possible by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

### Engine electronics

 General warning light lights up in yellow.

 Engine electronics symbol is displayed.

 The engine is in the emergency operating mode. Only reduced engine performance may be available, which can lead to danger driving situations, especially during passing maneuvers.


Adapt your driving style to the possibly reduced engine performance. ◀

The engine-electronics control unit has diagnosed a fault. In exceptional cases, the engine stops and can no longer

be started. Otherwise, the engine runs in the emergency operating mode.


- Continued driving is possible, however the accustomed engine performance may not be available.
- Have the malfunction corrected as soon as possible by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

### Engine oil pressure insufficient

 General warning light flashes in red.

 Engine oil pressure symbol is displayed.

The oil pressure in the lubricating oil circuit is too low. If the warning light lights up, stop immediately and switch off the engine.

 The warning on insufficient engine oil pressure is no substitute for the function of an oil-level indicator. The correct engine oil level can only be checked on the oil level indicator. ◀


The cause of the warning on insufficient engine oil pressure can be an insufficient engine oil level.

- Checking engine oil level (➡ 101)

If oil level is too low:

- Topping up engine oil (➡ 103)

If the warning on insufficient engine oil pressure appears despite a correct engine oil level:

 In addition to an insufficient engine oil level, other problems in the engine can lead to the warning on insufficient engine oil pressure.

Continuing to ride in these cases can cause engine damage.

If this warning appears, do not continue to ride even though the engine oil level might be correct.◀

- Do not continue driving.
- Have the malfunction corrected as soon as possible by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

### Engine oil level too low



Displayed with Oil warning.

The electronic oil level sensor has detected a low engine oil level.

The exact engine oil level can only be determined by conducting a check with the oil dipstick. During the next refueling stop:

- Checking engine oil level (➡ 101)

If oil level is too low:

- Topping up engine oil (➡ 103)

If "Check oil level" appears in the display, although a correct oil level has been measured with the oil dipstick, the oil level sensor may be defective.

- Contact a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

### Battery charge current insufficient



General warning light lights up in red.



Battery charge current symbol is displayed.



A discharged battery can result in the engine cutting out unexpectedly, causing a hazardous situation. Have faults eliminated as soon as possible.◀



If the battery is no longer charged, continued driving can lead to deep discharging, and therefore to the destruction of the battery. If possible, do not continue driving.◀

The battery is not being charged.

- Continued driving is possible until the battery is discharged. However, the engine can die suddenly and the battery can be exhaustively discharged and therefore destroyed.
- Have the malfunction corrected as soon as possible by a specialized workshop,

preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

### Brake-pad wear limit reached



Warning light for brake pad wear lights up

The electrical brake-pad wear detector has detected worn brake pads on the front or rear brake.

- Checking front brake pad thickness (➡ 103)
- Checking brake pad thickness at rear (➡ 104)
- Have the worn brake pads replaced by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

### Rear bulb defective



General warning light lights up in yellow.



Defective bulb symbol with arrow pointing to the rear is displayed.



A defective bulb places your safety at risk because it is easier for other users to oversee you and your motorcycle.

Replace defective bulbs as soon as possible; always carry a complete set of spare bulbs if possible. ◀

Rear light or brake light bulb defective.

- Replacing brake light, tail light and rear turn indicator bulbs (➡ 121)

### Front bulb defective



Defective bulb symbol with arrow pointing to the front is displayed.



A defective bulb places your safety at risk because it is easier for other

users to oversee you and your motorcycle.

Replace defective bulbs as soon as possible; always carry a complete set of spare bulbs if possible. ◀

Low-beam headlight, high-beam headlight, parking light or turn signal bulb defective.

- Replacing low-beam and high-beam bulb (➡ 117)
- Replacing parking-light bulbs (➡ 120)
- Replacing front turn indicator bulbs (➡ 123)

### Bulbs defective



General warning light lights up in yellow.



Defective bulb symbol with two arrows is displayed.



A defective bulb places your safety at risk because it is easier for other



users to oversee you and your motorcycle.

Replace defective bulbs as soon as possible; always carry a complete set of spare bulbs if possible.◀

A combination of several bulb defects is present.

- See the fault descriptions above.

### Ice warning



The ice warning symbol flashes with the temperature display.

The air temperature measured at the motorcycle is lower than 37 °F (3 °C).



The ice warning does not mean that there is no risk of black ice forming at measured temperatures above 3 °C.

Always take extra care and think well ahead when tem-

peratures are low; remember that the danger of black ice is particularly high on bridges and where the road is in the shade.◀

- Think well ahead when driving.

### Anti-theft alarm battery (OE) weak



Battery symbol with note DWA is displayed.



This error message is only displayed for a short time following the pre-ride check.◀

The anti-theft alarm battery no longer has its full capacity. The operation of the anti-theft alarm is only ensured for a limited time with the motorcycle battery disconnected.

- Contact a specialized workshop, preferably an autho-

alized BMW Motorrad retailer.

### Anti-theft alarm battery (OE) dead



General warning light lights up in yellow.



Battery symbol with note DWA is displayed.

The anti-theft alarm battery has no capacity. The operation of the anti-theft alarm is no longer ensured with the motorcycle battery disconnected.

- Contact a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

## Warning indicators of Tire Pressure Control TPC<sup>OE</sup>

### Display of TPC warning indicators



In the upper display line, the air pressure of the front wheel **3** and the air pressure of the rear wheel **2** are shown with the warning symbol **1**.

The critical air pressure flashes.

If the critical value is at the limit of the permissible tolerance, the general warning light also lights up in yellow. If









the determined tire pressure is outside the permissible tolerance, the general warning light flashes in red.

▶ On motorcycles without an onboard computer, this display appears in the area of the odometer. ◀


## Overview of warning indicators

### Display

### Meaning

	Lights up in yellow		The critical air pressure flashes	Tire pressure in limit area of permissible tolerance (➡ 34)
	Flashes in red		The critical air pressure flashes	Tire pressure outside permissible tolerance (➡ 34)
			-- or -- --	Transmission error (➡ 34)
	Lights up in yellow		Is displayed with -- or -- --	Sensor defective or system fault (➡ 35)
	Lights up in yellow		Is displayed with TPC note	Battery of tire pressure sensor weak (➡ 35)


### Tire pressure in limit area of permissible tolerance

 General warning light lights up in yellow.

 The critical air pressure flashes.

The measured tire pressure is in the limit area of the permissible tolerance.


- Correct tire pressure in accordance with instructions on back of cover of Rider's Manual.


 The pressure values on the back of the cover refer to a tire air temperature of 68 °F (20 °C). To also adapt the air pressure at other tire temperatures, proceed as follows:

Calculate the difference between the nominal value according to the Rider's Manual and the value determined by the TPC system. Change the

air pressure in the tire by this difference using an air pressure tester at a filling station. ◀

### Tire pressure outside permissible tolerance


 General warning light flashes in red.

 The critical air pressure flashes.

The measured tire pressure is outside the permissible tolerance.

- Check tire for damage and drivability.

Is it still possible to drive with tire:

 Incorrect tire pressure result in poorer handling of the motorcycle.

Always adapt your driving style to the incorrect tire pressure. ◀

- Correct tire pressure at next opportunity.
- Have the tire checked for damage by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

If you are unsure about the drivability of the tire:

- Do not continue driving.
- Inform roadside service.
- Have the tire checked for damage by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

### Transmission error

-- or -- -- .

The motorcycle's speed has not exceeded the threshold of approx. 20 mph (30 km/h). The TPC sensors do not transmit their signal until a speed above this threshold is reached (► 84).

- Watch TPC display at higher speed. A permanent fault has not occurred until the general warning light also lights up. In this case:
- Have the fault eliminated by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

There is a fault in the radio connection to the TPC sensors. Possible causes are radio systems in the surrounding area, which interfere with the connection between the TPC control unit and the sensors.

- Watch the TPC display in another environment. A permanent fault has not occurred until the general warning light also lights up. In this case:
- Have the fault eliminated by a specialized workshop,

preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

### Sensor defective or system fault



General warning light lights up in yellow.



Is displayed with -- or ---.

Tires without installed TPC sensors are mounted.

- Retrofit wheel set with TPC sensors.

One or two TPC sensors have failed.

- Have the fault eliminated by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

A system fault has occurred.

- Have the fault eliminated by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

### Battery of tire pressure sensor weak



General warning light lights up in yellow.



Is displayed with TPC note.




This error message is only displayed for a short time following the pre-ride check. ◀

The battery of the tire pressure sensor no longer has its full capacity. The operation of the tire pressure control is only ensured for a limited time.


- Contact a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

## ABS warning indicators

### Display





 ABS warnings are indicated by the ABS warning light. The warning light can light up continuously or flash.

In some countries an alternative display of the ABS warning light is possible.

 Possible country-dependent versions.

## Overview of warning indicators

### Display

	Meaning
 Flashes	Self-diagnosis not completed (  38)
 Lights up	ABS error (  38)

### Self-diagnosis not completed



ABS warning light flashes.

The ABS function is not available, because the self-diagnosis has not been completed. To check the wheel sensors, the motorcycle must be driven a few yards.

- Ride off slowly. It must be noted that the ABS function is not available until the self-diagnosis has been completed.

### ABS error



ABS warning light lights up.

The ABS control unit has detected an error. The ABS function is not available.

- Continue driving is possible. It must be noted that the

ABS function is not available. Observe additional information on situations which can lead to an ABS error (➔ 88).

- Have the malfunction corrected as soon as possible by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

## ASC warning indicators<sup>OE</sup>

### Display






ASC warnings are indicated by the ASC warning light. The ASC warning light can light up continuously or flash.



## Overview of warning indicators

### Display

	Meaning
 Flashes slowly	Self-diagnosis not completed (➡ 40)
 Lights up	ASC error (➡ 40)
 Lights up	ASC deactivated (➡ 40)

### Self-diagnosis not completed



ASC warning light flashes slowly.

The ASC function is not available, because the self-diagnosis has not been completed. So that the ASC self-diagnosis can be completed, the engine must be running and the motorcycle must be moved at a speed of at least 30 mph (50 km/h).

- Ride off slowly. It must be noted that the ASC function is not available until the self-diagnosis has been completed.

### ASC error



ASC warning light lights up.

The ASC control unit has detected an error. The ASC function is not available.

- Continue driving is possible. It must be noted that the ASC function is not available. Observe additional information on situations which can lead to an ASC error (➡ 90).
- Have the malfunction corrected as soon as possible by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

### ASC deactivated



ASC warning lamp continues to light up.

The ASC system has been deactivated by the driver. with OE ASC:

- Activating ASC function (➡ 64)

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## Ignition switch and steering lock

### Keys

You receive one master key and one spare key. If a key is lost, please note the information on the electronic immobilizer (EWS) (➡ 44).

▶ Ignition switch and steering lock, tank filler cap lock and the seat and case locks are all operated with the same key. On request, the Topcase available as an optional accessory can also be actuated with the same key. ◀

### Switching on ignition



- Turn key to position **1**.
  - » Parking lights and all function circuits switched on.
  - » Engine can be started.
  - » Pre-ride check is performed. (➡ 79)
  - » ABS self-diagnosis is performed. (➡ 80)

with OE ASC:

- Turn key to position **1**.
  - » In addition to the points named above, the ASC self-diagnosis is also carried out. (➡ 80)◀

### Switching off ignition



- Turn key to position **2**.
  - » Light switched off.
  - » Handlebars not locked.
  - » Key can be removed.
  - » Electrically powered accessories remain operational for a limited period of time.
  - » Battery can be recharged via the onboard socket.

## Locking handlebars



**!** When you prop the motorcycle on the side stand, the surface of the ground will determine whether it is better to turn the handlebars to the left or right. However, the motorcycle is more stable on a level surface with the handlebars turned to the left than with the handlebars turned to the right. On level ground, always turn the handlebars to the left to set the steering lock. ◀

- Turn handlebars to full left or right lock position.
- Turn key to position **3** while moving handlebars slightly.
  - » Ignition, lights and all function circuits switched off.
  - » Handlebars locked.
  - » Key can be removed.


## Electronic immobilizer Theft protection

The electronic immobilizer helps protect your BMW motorcycle from theft, and this enhanced security is at your disposal without any need for you to set parameters or activate additional systems. The engine of a motorcycle fitted with this electronic immobilizer can be started only with the keys that belong to the motorcycle. You can also have your authorized BMW Motorrad retailer disable par-

ticular keys, for example in the event that you lose your keys. The engine cannot be started with a key that has been barred.

## Electronics in key

An electronic component is integrated into each of your keys. The motorcycle's electronics exchange certain continuously changing signals with the electronics in the key; these signals are specific to your motorcycle and they are transmitted via the ring antenna in the ignition lock. The ignition is not enabled for starting until the key has been recognized as "authorized" for your motorcycle.

 A spare key attached to the same ring as the ignition key used to start the engine could "irritate" the electronics, in which case the

enabling signal for starting is not issued. The warning EWS is shown in the multifunction display.

Always store the spare key separately from the ignition key. ◀

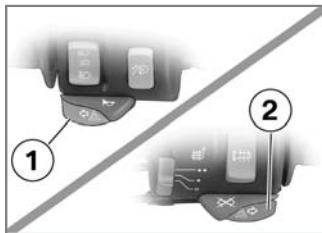
## Replacement and extra keys

Replacement and spare keys are only available through an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer. The keys are part of an integrated security system, so the retailer is under an obligation to check the legitimacy of all applications for replacement/extra keys. If you want to have a lost key barred, you must bring along all other keys that belong to the motorcycle. A key that has been barred can subsequently be cleared and reactivated for use.

## Hazard warning flashers

### Switching on hazard warning flashers

- Switch on ignition.



- Press button for left turn indicator **1** and right turn indicator **2** simultaneously.

▶ The hazard warning flashers place a strain on the battery. Do not use the hazard warning flashers for longer than absolutely necessary. ◀

▶ If a turn indicator button is pressed with the ignition switched on, the flashing function replaces the emergency flashing function as long as the button is pressed. If the turn indicator button is released, the emergency flasher function becomes active again. ◀

- » Hazard warning flashers in operation.
- » Left/right turn indicator lights flash.
- Switch off ignition.
- » Hazard warning flashers continue to operate.
- » Left/right turn indicator lights off.

## Switching off hazard warning flashers



- Press turn-indicator cancel button **1**.
- » Hazard warning flashers are switched off.

## Odometer and tripmeters

### Odometer



The odometer reading appears in display field **1**.

### Selecting tripmeter

- Switch on ignition.

▶ When you switch on the ignition, the information shown by the tripmeter when the ignition was switched off always reappears on the multifunction display. ◀



- Press tripmeter button **1** once briefly each time.



The following is displayed alternately in the display field of the tripmeter:

- Tripmeter 1 (Trip I)



- Tripmeter 2 (Trip II)
- Tire pressures (OE) on motorcycles without onboard computer

## Resetting tripmeter

- Switch on ignition.
- Select desired tripmeter.



- Press and hold trip meter button **1** until display changes.
  - » The tripmeter is reset to zero.

## Multifunction display

### Adjusting dimming



- ⚠ Adjusting the dimming while driving can lead to accidents.

Only adjust the dimming when the motorcycle is stationary. ◀

- Press button **1**.
  - » The level of dimming appears in display field **2**.
- Press button **1** again.
  - » The display lighting becomes brighter by one level each time the button is pressed. Each time the

button is pressed after maximum brightness is reached, brightness is reduced by one level.

## Clock

### Setting clock

- ⚠ Attempting to set the clock while riding the motorcycle can lead to accidents.

Adjust the clock only when the motorcycle is stationary. ◀

- Switch on ignition.



- Press and hold button **1** until display changes.
- » Hours reading **2** starts to flash.
- Press button **1**.
- » The hour increments by one each time you press the button.
- Press and hold button **1** until display changes.
- » Minutes reading **3** starts to flash.
- Press button **1**.
- » The minute increments by one each time you press the button.

- Press and hold button **1** until display changes.
- » The display stops flashing.
- » Clock setting ended.

## Tire Pressure Control TPCOE

### Displaying tire pressures

- Switch on ignition.



- Repeatedly press BC button **1** until the tire pressures appear in the display.



The tire pressures are displayed as an additional value of the onboard computer. The left-hand value indicates the air pressure of the front wheel, and the right-hand value the air pressure of the rear wheel. On motorcycles without an onboard computer, the tire pressures are displayed alternately with the trip meters.

## Residual range



The operating range **1** indicates what distance can still be driven with the remaining fuel. It is only displayed on motorcycles without an onboard computer after the fuel reserve is reached. The calculation is carried out based on the average consumption and the fuel level.

When refueling, fuel is not registered until the quantity added is approx. one gallon (several liters).

▶ The determined residual range is an approximate reading. BMW Motorrad therefore recommends that you do not try to use the full remaining range before refueling. ◀

## Onboard computer<sup>OE</sup>

### Selecting readings

- Switch on ignition.
- 
- A close-up of the control buttons on the handlebar. A white circle with the number '1' has an arrow pointing to the 'BC' button. Other buttons include a power button, a menu button, and a button with a fuel gauge icon.
- Press BC button **1** once in each case.




The onboard-computer display field indicates the values below in the following order beginning with the current value:

- Ambient temperature
- Range
- Average speed
- Average consumption
- Oil level
- Tire pressures (OE)

## Ambient temperature



The display of the ambient temperature **1** is only active when the engine is running. Otherwise -- is shown.


 An ice warning appears if the ambient-temperature reading drops below 37 °F (3 °C). The display automatically switches from any other mode to the temperature reading when the temperature drops below this threshold for the first time. The reading flashes until you

select some other display mode.

## Range



The operating description of the operating range (→ 49) also applies to the range display. However, the range **1** can also be displayed before the fuel reserve is reached. To calculate the range, a special average consumption is used, which does not always match the value that can be shown on the display.

 The determined range is an approximate reading. BMW Motorrad therefore recommends that you do not try to use the full range before refueling. ◀

## Calculation of average speed



The average speed **1** is calculated based on the elapsed time since the last "RESET". Times during which the engine was stopped are excluded from the calculation.

## Resetting average speed



- Repeatedly press BC button **1** until average speed appears in display.
- Press and hold BC button until display changes ("RESET").
- » Display shows "--- mph".

## Calculation of average consumption



The average consumption **1** is calculated by dividing the distance covered since the last "RESET" by the corresponding amount of fuel used.

## Resetting average consumption



- Repeatedly press BC button **1** until average consumption appears in display.
- Press and hold BC button until display changes ("RESET").
- » Display shows "--. mpg".

## Oil level



The "Oil" display gives you an indication of the engine oil level. It can only be displayed when the motorcycle is stopped.

The following conditions must be met for automatic oil level detection:

- Engine idling for at least 30 seconds.
- Engine at operating temperature.
- Motorcycle is vertical.

The readings mean:



Oil level is correct



Check oil level at next refueling stop. If other information of the onboard computer is displayed, this symbol is displayed next to the BC line.



Oil level cannot be measured (conditions as stated above not satisfied).

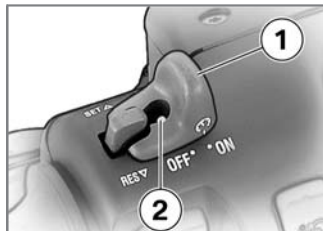
The most recently measured level is displayed for 5 seconds when you next switch on the ignition.



If "Check oil level" appears continuously in the display, although a correct oil level has been measured with the oil dipstick, the oil level sensor may be defective. In this case, please contact your authorized BMW Motorrad retailer. ◀

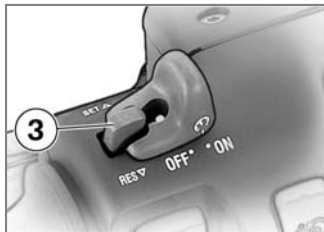
## Cruise control<sup>OE</sup>

### Switching on cruise control



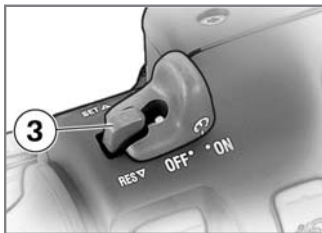
- Move switch **1** to ON.
- » Indicator light **2** in switch lights up in red.

## Setting road speed



- Briefly push button **3** in SET direction
- SET** Cruise-control indicator light lights up.
- » The motorcycle maintains your current cruising speed and the setting is saved.

## Step-by-step acceleration



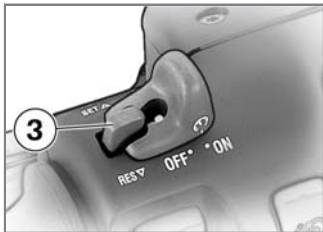
- Briefly push button **3** in SET direction
- » Speed is increased by 1 mph (2 km/h) each time button is pressed, and new setting is saved.

## Stepless acceleration



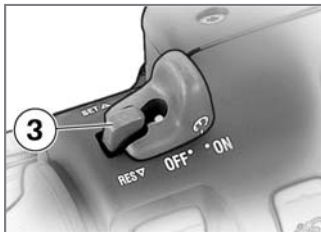
- Briefly press button **3** in SET direction and hold.
- » The motorcycle accelerates steplessly.
- Release button **3**.
- » The motorcycle maintains your current cruising speed and the setting is saved.

## Step-by-step deceleration



- Briefly push button **3** in RES direction.
- » The speed is decreased by approx. 2 km/h each time you push the button, and the new setting is saved.

## Stepless deceleration



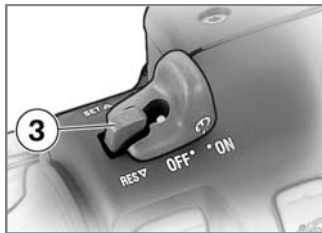
- Briefly press button **3** in RES direction and hold.
  - » The motorcycle decelerates steplessly.
- Release button **3**.
  - » The motorcycle maintains your current cruising speed and the setting is saved.

## Deactivating cruise control

- Operate brakes or clutch or throttle twistgrip (reduce throttle beyond basic position).

- » Cruise control is deactivated.
- » Cruise-control indicator light goes out.
- » Indicator light in switch remains on.

## Resuming former cruising speed



- Push button **3** in RES direction.

▶ Opening the throttle does not deactivate the cruise-control system. If you release the twistgrip the motorcycle will decelerate

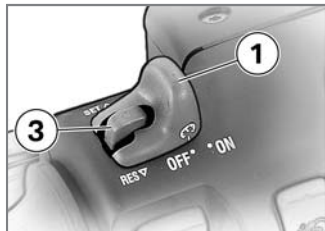


only to the cruising speed saved in memory, even though you might have intended slowing to a lower speed. ◀

**SET** Cruise-control indicator light lights up.

» Stored speed is resumed.

## Switching off cruise control



- Move switch **1** to OFF.
- » The system is deactivated.
- » Button **3** is locked.

## Emergency ON/OFF switch

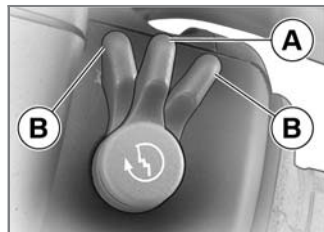


- 1** Emergency ON/OFF switch.

**!** Actuating the emergency ON/OFF switch while driving can cause the rear wheel to lock up, resulting in a fall.

Do not operate the emergency ON/OFF switch while riding. ◀

The engine can be easily and quickly switched off using the emergency ON/OFF switch.



- A** Operating position  
**B** Engine switched off.

**|▶** The engine can only be started in the operating position. ◀

## Heated hand grips<sup>OE</sup>

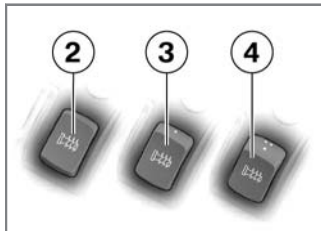


1 Heated hand grips switch

The handlebar grips can be heated at two different levels. The heated hand grips option can only be activated when the engine is running. With the OE onboard computer, the heating output of the first level is adapted to the outside temperature measured by the temperature sensor.

▶ The increase in power consumption caused by the heated hand grips can

drain the battery if you are riding at low engine speeds. If the battery is inadequately charged, the heated hand grips are switched off to ensure starting capability. ◀



- 2 Heating function off.
- 3 50 % heating output, controlled in dependence on temperature with OE onboard computer (one dot visible).
- 4 100 % heat output (three dots visible).

## Seat heating<sup>OE</sup>

### Dependency on battery charging level

Seat heating can be activated only when the engine is running. If the battery charge level is low, the heating is switched off to ensure the battery's starting capability.

### Seat heating, front seat

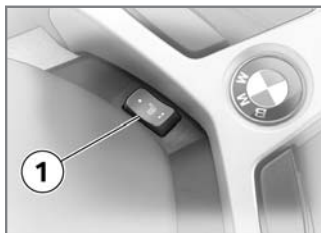


1 Switch for seat heating, front seat

The driver's seat can be heated at two levels.



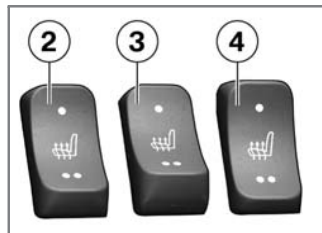
## Seat heating of passenger seat



- 1 Switch for seat heating, rear seat

The passenger seat can be heated at two levels.

- 2 Heating function off.  
3 50 % heating output  
4 100 % heating output







- 2 Switch in middle position: Heating off.  
3 Switch pressed toward right: 50 % heating capacity.  
4 Switch pressed toward left: 100 % heating capacity.

## Shown in multifunction display

- Switch on driver's or passenger heating.




The following symbols are shown in dependence on the selected heating level:


-  Driver's seat 50 % heating capacity
-  Driver's seat 100 % heating capacity
-  Passenger seat 50 % heating capacity
-  Passenger seat 100 % heating capacity

## Clutch

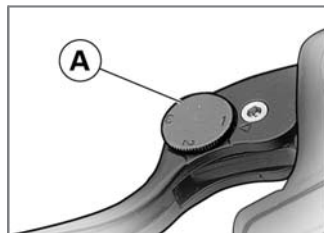
### Adjusting clutch lever

 If the position of the clutch fluid reservoir is changed, air can enter the clutch system.

Do not reposition the handlebar controls on the handlebars or the handlebars in their mounts. ◀

 Adjusting the clutch lever while driving can lead to accidents.


Only adjust the clutch lever when the motorcycle is stationary. ◀



- Turn adjusting wheel **A** to position **1**:
  - » Minimum span
- Turn adjusting wheel **A** to position **3**:
  - » Maximum span


## Brakes

### Adjusting handbrake lever

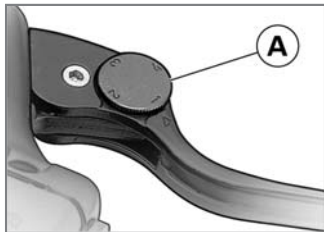
 Changing the position of the brake-fluid reservoir can allow air to penetrate the brake system.

Do not reposition the handlebar controls on the handle-

bars or the handlebars in their mounts. ◀

 Adjusting the brake lever while driving can lead to accidents.

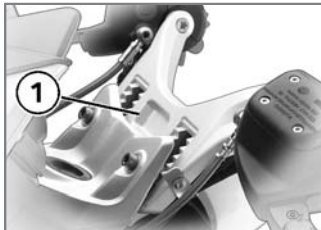
Only adjust the brake lever when the motorcycle is stationary. ◀



- Turn adjusting wheel **A** to position **1**:
  - » Minimum span
- Turn adjusting wheel **A** to position **4**:
  - » Maximum span

## Handlebars

### Adjusting handlebars




The handlebars **1** are height-adjustable. Consult a certified workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer, for adjustment of the handlebars.

## Lights


### Switching on side lights

The side lights switch on automatically when the ignition is switched on.

 The side lights are a strain on the battery. Do not leave the ignition switched on longer than absolutely necessary. ◀

### Switching on low-beam headlight

The low-beam headlight switches on automatically when you start the engine.

 With the engine switched off, you can switch on the lights by switching on the high-beam headlight with the ignition switched on or by operating the headlight flasher. ◀

## Switching on high-beam headlight



- Press top part of switch **1** for high-beam headlight.
- » High-beam headlight is switched on.
- Move switch **1** for high-beam headlight to center position.
- » High-beam headlight is switched off.
- Press bottom part of switch **1** for high-beam headlight.
- » High-beam headlight is switched on as long as

switch is pressed (headlight flasher).

## Switching on parking light

- Switch off ignition.

▶ You can switch on the parking lights only immediately after switching off the ignition. ◀




- Press and hold left turn indicator switch **1** until parking light is switched on.

## Switching off parking light

- Switch ignition on and then off again.
- » Parking light switched off.

## Headlight

### Adjusting headlight for RHD/LHD traffic

 Ordinary adhesive tape damages the plastic lens.

To prevent damage to the plastic lens, consult a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer. ◀

When riding in countries where traffic drives on the opposite side of the road to that in which the motorcycle was registered, the asymmetrical low headlight beam will dazzle oncoming traffic.

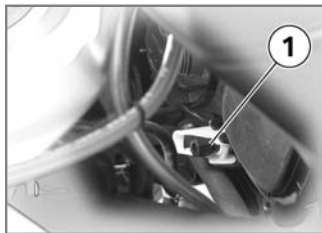
Have the headlight adjusted to the relevant conditions by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

## Headlight range and spring preload

The headlight range generally remains constant due to the adjustment of the spring preload to the loading state. Spring preload adjustment may only be insufficient when the motorcycle is very heavily loaded. In this case, the headlight range must be adjusted to the weight.

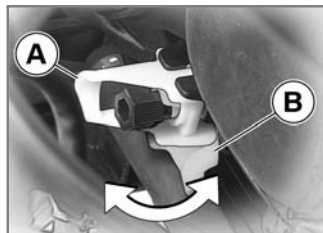
▶ If you are unsure whether the basic headlight setting is correct, consult a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer. ◀

## Headlight range adjustment



- 1** Headlight range adjustment, below instrument cluster

In the case of very high payloads, the available spring preload adjustment might not be adequate. To avoid dazzling oncoming traffic, the headlight adjustment can be corrected by adjusting the swivel lever.



- A** Neutral position  
**B** Position with heavy payload

## Turn indicators

### Switching on left-hand turn indicator

- Switch on ignition.



- Press left-hand turn indicator button **1**.

▶ After driving for approx. ten seconds or after covering a distance of approx. 650 ft (200 m), the turn indicators are automatically switched off. ◀

- » Left-hand turn indicator is switched on.
- » Indicator light for left-hand turn indicator flashes.

### Switching on right-hand turn indicator

- Switch on ignition.



- Press right-hand turn indicator button **2**.

▶ After driving for approx. ten seconds or after covering a distance of approx. 650 ft (200 m), the turn indicators are automatically switched off. ◀

- » Right-hand turn indicator is switched on.
- » Indicator light for right-hand turn indicator flashes.

### Switching off turn indicator

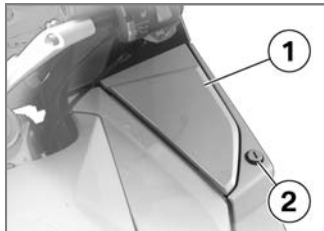


- Press turn-indicator cancel button **1**.
- » Turn indicator is switched off.
- » Turn indicator lights in indicator light panel are off.



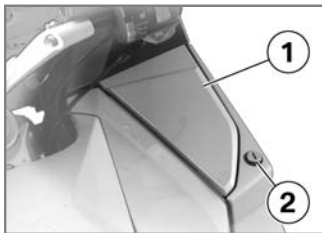
## Storage compartment

### Opening storage compartment



- Turn lock barrel **2** perpendicular to driving direction with ignition key.
  - » Lock of storage compartment is unlocked.
- Push in lock barrel.
  - » Lid **1** pops up.

### Closing storage compartment




- Close lid **1** and press down.
  - » Lock engages with an audible click.
- Turn lock barrel **2** longitudinally to driving direction with ignition key.
  - » Lock of storage compartment is locked.


## Automatic Stability Control ASC<sup>OE</sup>

### Deactivating ASC function

- Switch on ignition.


 The ASC function can also be deactivated while driving. ◀



- Hold down ASC button **1**.  
 ASC warning light lights up; if self-diagnosis is not completed, the ASC warning light changes from

flashing to being continuously lit.


- Release ASC button within five seconds after ASC warning light lights up.
- » ASC function is deactivated.

 ASC warning lamp continues to light up.

### Activating ASC function




- Hold down ASC button **1**.

 ASC warning light goes out; if self-diagnosis is not completed, the ASC warning light changes from

being continuously lit to flashing.

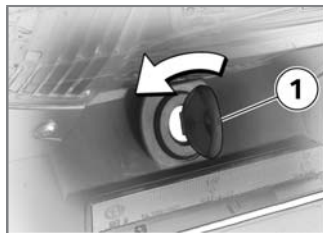
- Release ASC button within five seconds after ASC warning light goes out.
- » ASC warning light remains off.
- » If the ASC self-diagnosis is not completed, ASC warning light continues to flash.
- » ASC function is activated.
- As an alternative to pressing the ASC button, the ignition can also be switched off and then on again.

 If the ASC warning light lights up after switching the ignition off and on and then continued driving over 5 mph (10 km/h), an ASC error has occurred. ◀

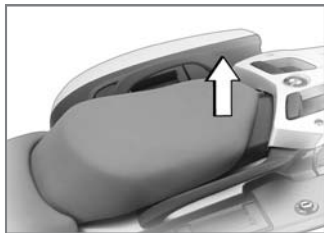
## Front and rear seats

### Removing passenger seat

- Make sure ground is level and firm and park the motorcycle.

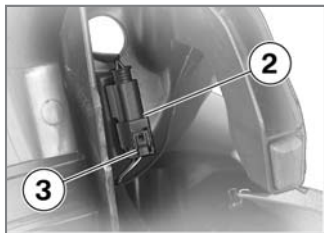


- Turn the key **1** counter-clockwise in the seat lock.



- Lift the seat at the rear and release the key.

with OE Seat heating:



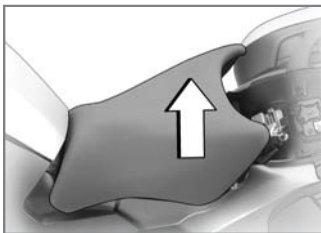
- Disconnect the connector **2** by pressing together

the locking tabs **3** at the top and bottom.<

- Pull the seat to the rear to release it from its holders.
- Lay the seat on the cover side on a clean surface.

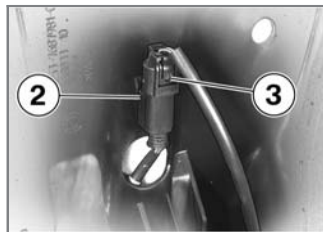
### Removing driver's seat

- Removing passenger seat (➡ 64)



- Raise front seat at rear.

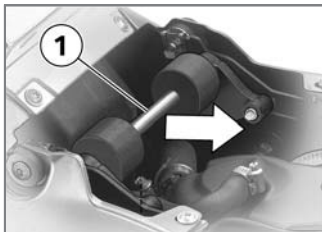
with OE Seat heating:



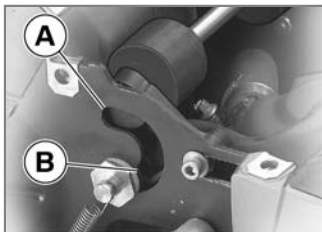
- Disconnect the connector **2** by pressing together the locking tabs **3** at the top and bottom.<
- Lift seat up to remove.
- Lay the seat on the cover side on a clean surface.

### Adjusting driver's seat

- Removing passenger seat (➡ 64)
- Removing driver's seat (➡ 65)



- Pull the seat height adjustment **1** into the end position.



- Press the seat height adjustment forward as far as

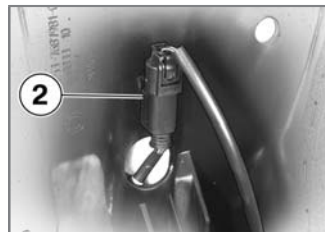
possible at the top or bottom.

- » End position **A**: high seat position.
- » End position **B**: low seat position.
- Installing driver's seat (➡ 66)
- Installing passenger seat (➡ 67)

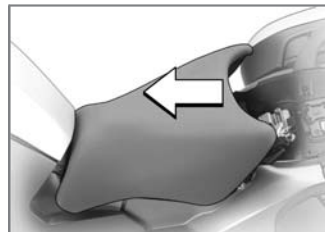
### Installing driver's seat

**!** If too much pressure is applied in the forward direction, there is a danger that the motorcycle will be pushed off its stand. Make sure that the motorcycle is steady on its stand. ◀

with OE Seat heating:




- Close connector **2**. ◀



- Slide driver's seat forward onto seat height adjustment. Check that the seat is correctly seated.

## Installing passenger seat

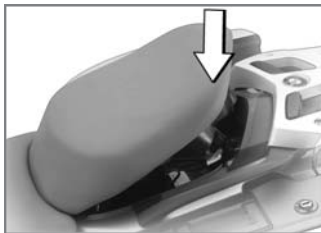
 If too much pressure is applied in the forward direction, there is a danger that the motorcycle will be pushed off its stand.

Make sure that the motorcycle is steady on its stand. ◀

with OE Seat heating:



- Close connector **2**. ◀



- Push passenger seat under driver's seat and press down firmly at rear.
  - » Seat engages with an audible click.

## Helmet holder

### Helmet holders under passenger seat



The helmet holder **1** is located under the seat.

A motorcycle helmet with chin strap can be attached to the helmet holder. If cases are mounted or if the chin strap is too short, a steel cable can be used to secure the helmet.

### Using helmet holder

- Make sure ground is level and firm and park the motorcycle.

- Removing passenger seat (➔ 64)

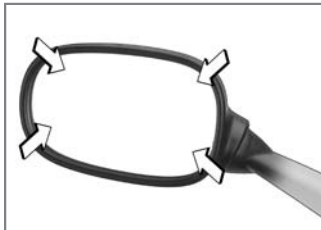


**!** The helmet catch can scratch the paneling. When hooking on the helmet, watch the position of the helmet lock. ◀

- Secure helmet on helmet holder **1** using steel cable available as an optional accessory.
- Installing passenger seat (➔ 67)

## Mirrors

### Adjusting mirrors



- Move the mirrors into the desired position by pressing lightly on one of the corners.

## Windshield

### Adjusting windshield



- Switch on ignition.
- Press button **1** at top.
  - » Windshield is raised.
- Press button **1** at bottom.
  - » Windshield is lowered.

## Spring preload

### Spring preload and weight

The spring preload must be adapted to the load of the motorcycle. Increase spring preload when the motorcycle

is heavily loaded and reduce spring preload accordingly when the motorcycle is lightly loaded.

## Adjusting spring preload for rear wheel

**!** Your motorcycle's handling will suffer if you do not match the spring-preload and damping-characteristic settings.

Adjust the damping characteristic to suit the spring preload. ◀

**!** Adjusting the spring preload while the motorcycle is being ridden can lead to accidents. Adjust the spring preload only when the motorcycle is stationary. ◀

**▷** To achieve better accessibility, the handwheel

can be pulled out and angled down. ◀

- Make sure ground is level and firm and park the motorcycle.



- To increase spring preload, turn handwheel **1** in direction of arrow HIGH.
- To decrease spring preload, turn handwheel **1** in direction of arrow LOW.

**▷** One click corresponds to a half turn of the handwheel. The range of

adjustment comprises 20 turns. ◀



Spring-preload basic setting

- Turn handwheel as far as possible in direction of arrow LOW, then turn 15 clicks in direction of arrow HIGH (Full tank of gas, with rider 187 lbs (85 kg))

## Shock absorbers Damping and spring preload

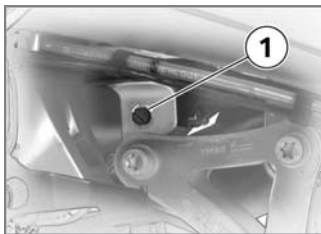
The damping must be adapted to the spring preload. An increase in spring preload requires firmer damping, a reduction in spring preload requires softer damping.

## Adjusting rear shock absorber

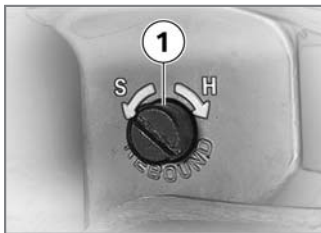
**!** Your motorcycle's handling will suffer if you do not match the spring-preload and damping-characteristic settings.

Adjust the damping characteristic to suit the spring preload. ◀

- Make sure ground is level and firm and park the motorcycle.



- Adjust rear shock absorber, using a screwdriver to turn adjusting screw **1**.



- To increase damping, turn adjusting screw **1** in arrow direction H.

- To decrease damping, turn adjusting screw **1** in arrow direction S.

The range of adjustment comprises three and a half turns of the adjusting screw. ◀



Rear-wheel damping basic setting

- Turn adjusting screw as far as possible in direction of arrow H, then turn one and one-half turn in direction of arrow S (Solo mode with one person 187 lbs (85 kg))



## Electronic suspension adjustment ESA<sup>OE</sup>

### Settings



Using the electronic suspension adjustment ESA you can conveniently adjust your motorcycle to various driving conditions. Three spring preloads can be combined with three damping settings to optimally adapt the motorcycle to the load and the road surface. The damping setting is displayed in the multifunction display

in the area **1**, and the spring preload in the area **2**.

### Calling up settings

- Switch on ignition.



- Press button **1**.
  - » Current setting is displayed.
  - » Display goes out automatically after a few seconds.

### Adjusting damping

- Switch on ignition.



- Press button **1**.


▶ The damping cannot be adjusted while the motorcycle is being ridden. ◀

- » Current setting is displayed.
- Press button **1** once briefly. Starting from the current state, the display is in the following order:
  - COMFORT comfortable damping
  - NORMAL normal damping
  - SPORT sporty damping
- » If button **1** is not pressed for a longer time, damping

is set as indicated. During setting procedure, display flashes.

## Adjusting spring preload

- Start engine.

 The spring preload cannot be adjusted while the motorcycle is being ridden. ◀



- Press button **1**.
- » Current setting is displayed.
- Press and hold button **1** until display changes each time.

Starting from the current state, the display is in the following order:



One-up



One-up with luggage



Two-up (with luggage)

- If button **1** is not pressed for a longer time, spring preload is set as indicated. During setting procedure, display flashes.

## Tires

### Checking tire pressures



Incorrect tire pressures result in poorer handling of the motorcycle and can lead to accidents. Ensure proper tire pressure. ◀



At high road speeds, tire valves have a tendency to open as a result of centrifugal force.

To avoid a sudden loss of tire pressure, use a metal valve cap with rubber sealing ring on the rear wheel and tighten it securely. ◀



Incorrect tire pressure reduces the life of the tires.

Ensure proper tire pressure. ◀

- Check correct tire pressure using following data.



Front tire pressure

- 36.3 psi (2.5 bar) (Single rider, with cold tire)
- 36.3 psi (2.5 bar) (Driver with passenger and/or load, with cold tire)



### Rear tire pressure

- 42.1 psi (2.9 bar) (Single rider, with cold tire)

- 42.1 psi (2.9 bar) (Driver with passenger and/or load, with cold tire)

In case of insufficient tire pressure:

- Correct air pressure.



## **Riding**

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## Safety instructions

### Rider's equipment

Do not ride without the correct clothing. Always wear:

- Helmet
- Rider's suit
- Gloves
- Boots

This applies even to short journeys, and to every season of the year. Your authorized BMW Motorrad retailer will be glad to advise you and has the correct clothing for every purpose.

### Speed

If you ride at high speed, always bear in mind that various boundary conditions can adversely affect the handling of your motorcycle:

- Settings of the spring-strut and shock absorber system
- Imbalanced load
- Loose clothing
- Insufficient tire pressure
- Poor tire tread
- Etc.

### Correct loading



Overloading and uneven loading can diminish the riding stability of the motorcycle.

Do not exceed the gross weight limit and observe the loading information.◀

### Alcohol and drugs



Even small amounts of alcohol or drugs will adversely affect your perception and your ability to assess situations and make decisions, and slow down your reflexes.

Medication can exacerbate these effects.

Do not ride your motorcycle after consuming alcohol, drugs and/or medication.◀

### Risk of poisoning

Exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide, which is colorless and odorless but highly toxic.



Inhaling exhaust fumes therefore represents a health hazard and can even cause loss of consciousness with fatal consequences. Do not inhale exhaust fumes. Do not run the engine in closed rooms.◀

### High voltage



Touching live parts of the ignition system with the engine running can cause electric shock.


Do not touch parts of the ignition system when the engine is running. ◀

## Catalytic converter

If misfiring causes unburned fuel to enter the catalytic converter, there is a danger of overheating and damage.

For this reason, observe the following points:


- Do not run the fuel tank dry
- Do not run the engine with the spark-plug cap removed
- Stop the engine immediately if it misfires
- Use unleaded fuel only
- Comply with all specified maintenance intervals.

 Unburned fuel will destroy the catalytic converter.


Note the points listed for protection of the catalytic converter. ◀

## Risk of fire

Temperatures on the exhaust system are high.


 Flammable materials (e.g. hay, leaves, grass, clothing and luggage, etc.) could ignite if allowed to come into contact with the hot exhaust pipe.


Make sure that no highly flammable materials can come in contact with the hot exhaust system. ◀

 Cooling would be inadequate if the engine were allowed to idle for a lengthy period with the motorcycle at a standstill: overheating would result.

In extreme cases, the motorcycle could catch fire. Do not allow the engine to idle unnecessarily. After starting, ride off immediately. ◀

## Tampering with control unit of electronic engine-management system

 Modification of the engine-electronics control unit can lead to damage to the motorcycle, and therefore to accidents. Do not modify the engine-electronics control unit. ◀

 Tampering with control unit of electronic engine-management system can result in mechanical loads that the motorcycle's components are not designed to withstand. Damage caused in this way is not covered by the warranty.

Do not tamper with the control unit of the electronic engine-management system. ◀

## Checklist

Use the following checklist to check important functions, settings and wear limits before you ride off.

- Brakes
- Front and rear brake fluid levels
- Clutch
- Clutch fluid level
- Shock absorber setting and spring preload
- Tread depth and tire pressure
- Firm seating of cases and luggage

At regular intervals:

- Engine oil level (every time you refuel)

## Starting

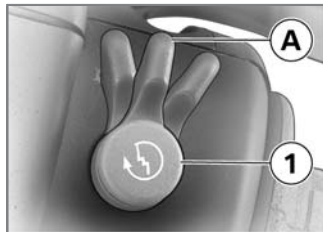
### Side stand

You cannot start the motorcycle with the side stand extended and a gear engaged. The engine will switch itself off if you start it with the transmission in neutral and then engage a gear before retracting the side stand.

### Transmission

You can start the engine when the transmission is in neutral or if you pull the clutch with a gear engaged. Do not engage the clutch until after switching on the ignition, as otherwise the engine cannot be started. When the transmission is in neutral, the green neutral indicator light is on and the gear indicator in the multifunction display shows N.

## Starting engine



- Emergency ON/OFF switch **1** in operating position **A**.
- Switch on ignition.
  - » Pre-ride check is performed. (➡ 79)
  - » ABS self-diagnosis is performed. (➡ 80)

with OE ASC:

- Switch on ignition.
  - » Pre-ride check is performed. (➡ 79)
  - » ABS self-diagnosis is performed. (➡ 80)



- » ASC self-diagnosis is performed. (➡ 80)◀



- Press starter button **1**.

▶ At extremely low temperatures it may be necessary to operate the throttle twist grip during starting. At ambient temperatures below 32 °F (0 °C), actuate the clutch after switching on the ignition.◀

▶ The start attempt is automatically interrupted if battery voltage is too low. Recharge the battery before


you start the engine, or use jump leads and a donor battery to start.◀

- » Engine starts.
- » Consult the troubleshooting chart if the engine refuses to start. (➡ 138)

### Pre-ride check


After the ignition is switched on, the instrument cluster carries out a general warning light test. In the process, the warning lamp first lights up in red and then yellow to test its function. This test, called a "Pre-Ride Check", is indicated by the lettering **CHECK!** in the display. With the OE cruise control, the **SET** light is also displayed. If the engine is started during the test, the test is canceled.

#### Phase 1

 General warning light lights up in red.

– **CHECK!** warning appears.


#### Phase 2

 General warning light lights up in yellow.

– **CHECK!** warning appears.

 Cruise-control indicator light lights up.

If the general warning light is not shown:

 If the general warning light cannot be displayed, several malfunctions cannot be indicated.

Watch the display of the general warning light in red and yellow.◀

- Have the malfunction corrected as soon as possible by a specialized workshop,

preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

## ABS self-diagnosis

The readiness for operation of the BMW Motorrad Integral ABS is checked by the self-diagnosis. Self-diagnosis is performed automatically when you switch on the ignition. To check the wheel sensors, the motorcycle must drive faster than 3 mph (5 km/h).

### Phase 1

- » Checking the diagnosable system components while stopped.



ABS warning light flashes.



Possible country-specific version of ABS warning light.

### Phase 2

- » Checking the wheel sensors while starting off.



ABS warning light flashes.



Possible country-specific version of ABS warning light.

## ABS self-diagnosis completed

- » The ABS warning light goes out.

If an ABS fault is indicated after the ABS self-diagnosis is completed:

- Continue driving is possible. It must be noted that neither the ABS nor the integral function is available.
- Have the malfunction corrected as soon as possible by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

## ASC self-diagnosis<sup>OE</sup>

The readiness for operation of the BMW Motorrad ASC is checked by the self-diagnosis. Self-diagnosis is performed automatically when you switch on the ignition. So that the ASC self-diagnosis can be completed, the engine must be running and the motorcycle must drive at a speed of at least 3 mph (5 km/h).

### Phase 1

- » Checking the diagnosable system components while stopped.



ASC warning light flashes slowly.

### Phase 2

- » Checking the diagnosable system components while driving.



ASC warning light flashes slowly.

### ASC self-diagnosis completed

» The ASC warning light goes out.

If an ASC fault is indicated after the ASC self-diagnosis is completed:

- Continue driving is possible. It must be noted that the ASC function is not available.
- Have the malfunction corrected as soon as possible by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

### Running in

#### The first 600 miles (1,000 km)

- While running in the motorcycle, vary the throttle

opening and engine-speed range frequently.

- Try to do most of your riding during this initial period on twisting, fairly hilly roads, avoiding high-speed main roads and highways if possible.



Exceeding the specified engine speeds while running in will lead to increased engine wear.

Adhere to the specified engine run-in speeds. ◀

- Do not exceed the engine run-in speeds.



Engine run-in speed

– <7000 min<sup>-1</sup>

- Do not accelerate at full throttle.
- Avoid low engine speeds at full load.

- After 300 - 750 miles (500 - 1,200 km), have the first inspection performed.

### Brake pads

New brake pads must "bed down" and therefore do not achieve their optimum friction levels during the first 300 miles (500 km). This initial reduction in braking efficiency can be compensated for by exerting greater pressure on the levers.



New brake pads can extend stopping distance by a significant margin. Brake early. ◀

### Tires


New tires have a smooth surface. This must be roughened by riding in a restrained manner at various heel angles until the tires are run in. This running in procedure is

essential if the tires are to achieve maximum grip.

 New tires have not achieved their full adhesion yet. There is a danger of accidents when driving at extreme angles. Avoid extreme angles. ◀


## Parking your motorcycle

### Placing on side stand


 If the ground is soft or uneven, there is no guarantee that the motorcycle will rest firmly on the stand. Always check that the ground under the stand is level and firm. ◀

- Switch off engine.
- Pull handbrake lever.
- Hold motorcycle upright and balanced.

- Use your left foot to extend side stand fully.

 The side stand is designed to support only the weight of the motorcycle. Do not lean or sit on the motorcycle with the side stand extended. ◀


- Slowly lean the motorcycle to the side until its weight is taken by the stand and dismount to the left.

 When you prop the motorcycle on the side stand, the surface of the ground will determine whether it is better to turn the handlebars to the left or right. However, the motorcycle is more stable on a level surface with the handlebars turned to the left than with the handlebars turned to the right.

On level ground, always turn

the handlebars to the left to set the steering lock. ◀

- Turn handlebars to full left or right lock position.
- Check that motorcycle is standing firmly.

 On a grade, the motorcycle should always face uphill; select 1st gear. ◀

- Lock steering lock.

### Remove from side stand

- Unlock steering lock.
- Grip handlebars with both hands from left.
- Pull handbrake lever.
- Swing your right leg over the seat and lift the motorcycle to the upright position.
- Hold motorcycle upright and balanced.


 An extended side stand can catch on the ground

when the motorcycle is moving and lead to a fall.

Retract the side stand before moving the vehicle.◀

- Sit on the motorcycle and use your left foot to retract the side stand.

## Placing on center stand


 If the ground is soft or uneven, there is no guarantee that the motorcycle will rest firmly on the stand.

Always check that the ground under the stand is level and firm.◀

- Switch off engine.
- Dismount and keep left hand on left handlebar grip.
- With your right hand, grip rear grab handle or rear frame.
- Place right foot on extended arm of center stand, and

press stand down until its curved feet touch ground.

- Place full weight of body on center stand while pulling motorcycle toward rear.

 Excessive movements could result in the center stand retracting, and the motorcycle would topple as a result.

Do not sit on the motorcycle while it is resting on the center stand.◀


- Check that motorcycle is standing firmly.
- Lock steering lock.


## Pushing off center stand


- Unlock steering lock.
- Place left hand on left handlebar grip.
- With your right hand, grip rear grab handle or rear frame.

- Push motorcycle forward off center stand.
- Make sure that center stand is fully retracted.

## Refueling

 Fuel is highly flammable. Fire at the fuel tank can result in fire and explosion. Do not smoke. Never bring a naked flame near the fuel tank.◀

 Fuel expands when exposed to heat. When the tank is overfilled, fuel can escape and get onto the rear wheel. This results in a danger of falling. Do not fill the tank past the bottom edge of the filler neck.◀

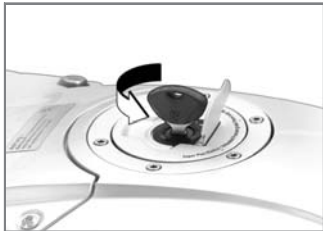
 Fuel attacks plastic surfaces, making them cloudy or unattractive.

Wipe off any fuel that gets onto plastic parts immediately. ◀

 Leaded fuel will destroy the catalytic converter.




Use only unleaded fuel. ◀

- Make sure ground is level and firm and park the motorcycle.



- Open protective cap.
- Open fuel tank cap with ignition key by turning counterclockwise.
- Refuel with the quality listed below at most until the low-

er edge of the filler neck is reached.

	Recommended fuel type
	– 98 ROZ/RON (Super Plus unleaded)
	– 95 ROZ/RON (Super unleaded (fuel type can be used with reduced performance and consumption))
	Usable fuel quantity
	– 6.3 gal (24 l)
	Reserve fuel quantity
	– 1.1 gal (4 l)

- Close fuel tank cap with firm pressure.
- Remove key and close protective cap.

## Tire Pressure Control TPC<sup>OE</sup>

### Function

A sensor is located in each tire, which measures the air temperature and the air pressure inside the tire and sends these values to the control unit.

The sensors are equipped with a centrifugal controller, which does not enable the transmission of the measured values until a speed of approx. 20 mph (30 km/h) is reached. Before initial reception of the tire pressure, -- is shown in the display for each tire. The sensors continue to transmit the measured values for approx. 15 minutes after the motorcycle comes to a stop.

The control unit can manage four sensors, and as a result

two sets of wheels with TPC sensors can be driven. If a TPC control unit is installed, however the wheels have no sensors, then an error message is output.

## Temperature compensation

The tire pressures are shown temperature-compensated in the multifunction display; they refer to a tire air temperature of 68 °F (20 °C). As the air-pressure testers at filling stations show a temperature-dependent tire pressure, they do not match the values indicated in the multifunction display in most cases.


## Air pressure ranges

The TPC control unit distinguishes between three air pressure ranges matched to the motorcycle:


- Air pressure within the permissible tolerance.
- Air pressure at the limits of the permissible tolerance.
- Air pressure outside the permissible tolerance.

## General brake system

### Descending mountain passes


 There is a danger of the brakes fading if you use only the rear brakes when descending mountain passes. Under extreme conditions, the brakes could overheat and suffer severe damage. Use both front and rear brakes, and make use of the engine's braking effect as well. ◀

## Wet brakes


 After the motorcycle has been washed, ridden through water or ridden in the rain, the brake disks and pads might be wet and the brakes might not take effect immediately.

Brake early until the brakes are dry or braked until dry. ◀

## Salt on brakes


 The full braking effect can be delayed if the motorcycle is ridden on salt-covered roads and the brakes are not applied for some time. Brake early until the salt layer of the brake disks and brake pads has been braked off. ◀

## Oil or grease on brakes

 Oil and grease on the brake disks and pads considerably diminish braking efficiency.

Especially after repair and maintenance tasks, make sure that the brake discs and brake pads are free of oil and grease. ◀

## Dirt or mud on brakes

 When the motorcycle is ridden on loose surfaces or muddy roads, the brakes may fail to take effect immediately because of dirt or moisture on the disks or brake pads.


Brake early until the brakes are braked clean. ◀

## Brake system with BMW Motorrad Integral ABS

### Partially integral brake

Your motorcycle is equipped with a partially integral brake configuration. Both front and rear brakes are applied simultaneously when you pull the handbrake lever. The footbrake lever acts only on the rear brake.

The BMW Motorrad Integral ABS adapts the braking force distribution between the front and rear wheel brake to the loading of the motorcycle during control.

 Spinning of the rear wheel with the front brake pulled (burn out) is made considerably more difficult by the integral function. The result may be

damage to the rear wheel brake and the clutch.

Avoid burn-outs. ◀

### How does ABS work?

The maximum braking force that can be transferred to the road surface is partially dependent on the friction coefficient of the road surface. Gravel, ice, snow and wet roads offer a considerably poorer friction coefficient than a dry, clean asphalt surface. The poorer the friction coefficient of the road surface is, the longer the braking distance will be.

If the maximum transferrable braking force is exceeded when the driver increases the brake pressure, the wheels begin to block and driving stability is lost, and a fall can result. Before this situation occurs, ABS intervenes and



adjusts the brake pressure to the maximum transferrable braking force. This enables the wheels to continue to turn and maintains driving stability regardless of the road surface condition.

### **What happens when rough roads are encountered?**

Bumpy or rough roads can briefly lead to a loss of contact between the tires and the road surface, until the transferrable braking force is reduced to zero. If braking is carried out in this situation, ABS must reduce the brake pressure to ensure driving stability when restoring contact to the road. At this point in time, the BMW Motorrad Integral ABS must assume extremely low friction coefficients (gravel, ice, snow)

so that the running wheels turn in every imaginable case and the driving stability is ensured. After detecting the actual conditions, the system adjusts the optimum brake pressure.

### **How is the BMW Motorrad Integral ABS noticeable to the driver?**

If the ABS system must reduce the braking forces due to the conditions described above, then vibrations can be felt at the handbrake lever. If the handbrake lever is pulled, then braking pressure is built up at the rear wheel with the integral function. If the footbrake pedal is first actuated after this, the brake pressure already built up can be felt earlier than the counter-pressure, than when the footbrake pedal is

actuated before or together with the handbrake lever.

### **How is the shortest braking distance achieved?**

The dynamic load distribution between the front and rear wheel changes during braking. The heavier you brake, the more the front wheel is loaded. The greater the wheel load, the more braking force can be transferred.

To achieve the shortest possible braking distance, the front brake must be applied quickly and with increasing force. This optimally utilizes the dynamic load increase on the front wheel. At the same time, the clutch should also be actuated. With the "forced braking" often practiced in which the brake pressure is generated as quickly as pos-

sible and with great force, the dynamic load distribution cannot follow the increased deceleration and the braking force cannot be completely transferred to the road surface. To prevent the front wheel from locking, the ABS system must intervene and reduce the brake pressure; the braking distance increases.

### Rear wheel lift

Even during severe braking, a high level of tire grip can mean that the front wheel does not lock up until very late, if at all. Consequently, ABS does not intervene until very late, if at all. Under these circumstances the rear wheel can lift off the ground, and the outcome can be a highside situation in which the motorcycle can flip over.



Severe braking can cause the rear wheel to lift off the ground. When braking, bear in mind that the ABS control cannot be relied on in all circumstances to prevent the rear wheel from lifting off the ground. ◀

### What are the design characteristics of the BMW Motorrad Integral ABS?

The BMW Motorrad Integral ABS ensures driving stability on any surface within the limits of driving physics. The system is not optimized for special requirements resulting under extreme weather conditions offroad or on the racetrack.

### Special situations

To detect the tendency of the wheels to lock up, the speeds of the front and rear wheel are compared. If implausible values are detected over a longer period of time, the ABS function is deactivated for safety reasons and an ABS fault is indicated. The condition for a fault message is the completed self-diagnosis. In addition to problems on the BMW Motorrad Integral ABS, unusual driving conditions can also lead to a fault message.

#### Unusual driving conditions:

- Heating up on the main or auxiliary stand at idle or with gear engaged.
- Rear wheel locked-up for a longer period of time by engine brake, e.g. when riding downhill offroad.

Should a fault message result due to one of the driving conditions described above, the ABS function can be reactivated by switching the ignition off and then on again.

## How important is regular maintenance?



Any technical system is always only as good as its maintenance condition.

To ensure that the BMW Motorrad Integral ABS is in an optimally maintained condition, it is vital that the specified inspection intervals be complied with. ◀

## Reserves for safety

But remember: the potentially shorter braking distances which BMW Motorrad Integral ABS permits must not be used as an excuse for careless riding. ABS is primarily

a means of ensuring a safety margin in genuine emergencies.

Take care when cornering. When you apply the brakes on a corner, the motorcycle's weight and momentum take over and even BMW Motorrad Integral ABS is unable to counteract their effects.

## Engine management with BMW Motorrad ASC<sup>OE</sup>

### How does BMW Motorrad ASC work?

The BMW Motorrad ASC compares the wheel speeds of the front and rear wheel. From the speed difference the slip, and with it the stability reserves on the rear wheel are determined. When a slip limit is exceeded, the engine

torque is adapted by the engine management system.

## What are the design characteristics of the BMW Motorrad ASC?

The BMW Motorrad ASC is an assistance system for the driver and is designed for driving on public roads. Especially in at the limits of driving physics, the driver has a considerable influence on the control options of the ASC (shifting weight in curves, loose loads). The system is not optimized for special requirements resulting under extreme weather conditions offroad or on the racetrack. The BMW Motorrad ASC can be deactivated for these cases.

## Special situations

At an increasing angle, the acceleration performance is increasingly limited in accordance with physical laws. This can result in delayed acceleration when coming out of very tight curves.

To detect the tendency of the wheels to lock up, the speeds of the front and rear wheel are compared. If implausible values are detected over a longer period of time, the ASC function is deactivated for safety reasons and an ASC fault is indicated. The condition for a fault message is the completed self-diagnosis.

In the following unusual driving states, the BMW Motorrad ASC can be automatically deactivated.

## Unusual driving conditions:

- Driving on the rear wheel (wheely) for a longer period.
- Rear wheel spinning in place with front brake pulled (burn out).
- Heating up on the main or auxiliary stand at idle or with gear engaged.

The ASC is reactivated by switching the ignition on and off and then driving at a speed above 10 km/h.

If the front wheel loses contact to the ground during extreme acceleration, the ASC reduces the engine torque until the front wheel touches the ground again.

In this case, BMW Motorrad recommends turning back the throttle twist grip somewhat to achieve a stable driv-

ing state again as quickly as possible.

On a slippery surface, the throttle twist grip should never be suddenly turned back completely without pull the clutch at the same time. The engine braking torque can cause the rear wheel to block, resulting in an unstable driving state. This case cannot be controlled by the BMW Motorrad ASC.

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## General instructions

BMW Motorrad recommends the use of parts and accessories for your motorcycle that are approved by BMW for this purpose.

Your authorized BMW Motorrad retailer is the right place to go for genuine BMW parts and accessories, other BMW-approved products, and expert advice on their installation and use.

These parts and products have been tested by BMW for safety, function and suitability. BMW accepts product liability for these products.

Conversely, BMW is unable to accept any liability whatsoever for parts and accessories which it has not approved.



BMW Motorrad cannot examine or test each product of outside origin to

ensure that it can be used on or in connection with BMW motorcycles without constituting a safety hazard. Nor is this guarantee provided when the official approval of a specific country has been granted. Tests conducted by these instances cannot make provision for all operating conditions experienced by BMW motorcycles and, consequently, they are not sufficient in some circumstances. Use only parts and accessories approved by BMW for your motorcycle. ◀

Whenever you are planning modifications, comply with all the legal requirements. The motorcycle must not infringe on national road-vehicle construction and use regulations.

## Onboard socket

### Ratings



When the battery voltage is insufficient, and when the maximum loading capacity of the standard onboard socket **1** and the additional socket (OA) is exceeded, these sockets are automatically switched off.


## Operating electrical accessories

You can start using electrical accessories only when the ignition is switched on. The accessory remains operational if the ignition is subsequently switched off. Approx. 15 minutes after switching off the ignition and/or during the restart operation, the onboard socket is switched off to take the load off the motorcycle electrical system.


## Cable routing

The cables from the onboard socket to the auxiliary device must be routed in such a way that they:

- Do not impede the rider
- Do not restrict or obstruct the steering angle and handling characteristics
- Cannot be trapped

 Improperly routed cables can impede the rider. Route the cables as described above.◀

## Luggage Correct loading

 Overloading and uneven loading can diminish the riding stability of the motorcycle.

Do not exceed the gross weight limit and observe the loading information.◀

When driving with loaded cases, a top speed of 112 mph (180 km/h) is recommended. Never drive faster than 112 mph (180 km/h) when a Top-case (OA) is mounted.

- Adjust setting of spring preload, damping characteristic and tire pressures to suit total weight.

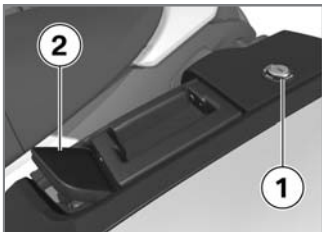
- Make sure that weight is uniformly distributed between right and left.
- Pack heavy items at bottom and toward inboard side.
- Max. load in each case (left and right): 22 lbs (10 kg).
- Max. load in tank rucksack 11 lbs (5 kg).

## Case

### Opening case

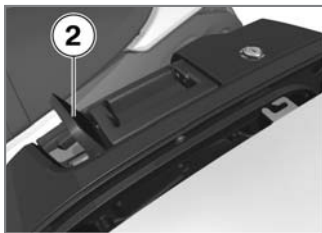


- Turn key in case lock to OPEN position.
  - » Case is unlocked.

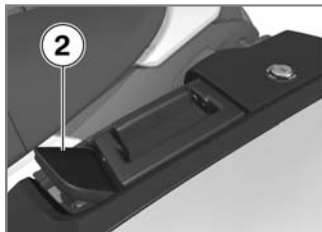


- Press lock barrel **1**.
- » Unlocking lever **2** pops up.
- Pull release lever upward.
- » Case lid opens.

## Closing case



- Pull up red release lever **2** completely.
- Close case lid and press down. Check that nothing is trapped between lid and case.



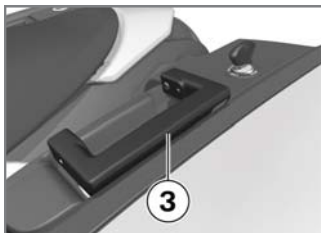
- Press release lever **2** down.
- » Release lever engages.
- Turn key in case lock to LOCK position.
- » Case is locked.



## Removing case



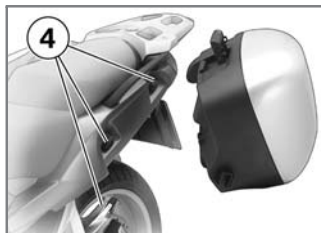
- Turn key in case lock to RELEASE position.
  - » Handle pops out.



- First pull handle **3** out, then pull upward as far as possible.
  - » Case is released and can be removed.

## Mounting case

- Pull up handle as far as possible.



- Insert case in brackets **4**.



- Press handle **3** down until it engages.
  - » Case is correctly engaged on its holders.

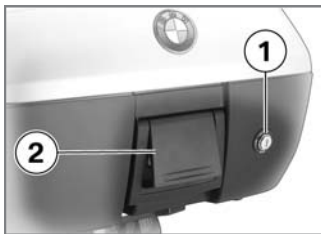
- Turn key in case lock to LOCK position.
- » Case is locked.
- Check case for firm seating.

## Topcase<sup>OA</sup>

### Opening Topcase



- Turn key in Topcase lock to OPEN position.
- » Topcase is unlocked.



- Press lock barrel **1**.
- » Unlocking lever **2** pops up.
- Pull release lever upward.
- » Topcase lid opens.

### Closing Topcase



- Pull up red release lever **2** completely.
- Close Topcase lid and press down. Check that nothing is trapped between lid and case.



- Press release lever **2** down.  
» Release lever engages.
- Turn key in Topcase lock to LOCK position.  
» Topcase is locked.

### Removing Topcase

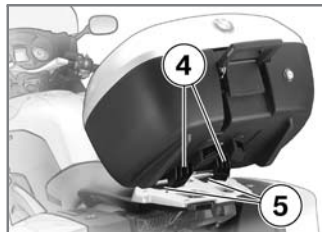
- Turn key in Topcase lock to RELEASE position.  
» Handle pops out.



- Pull up handle **3** completely.
- Lift Topcase at rear and pull off luggage rack.

### Mounting Topcase

- Pull up handle as far as possible.



- Hook Topcase into luggage rack. Make sure that hooks **4** are securely seated in corresponding mounts **5**.



- Press handle **3** down until it engages.

- » Topcase is locked.
- Turn key in Topcase lock to LOCK position.
- » Topcase is locked.
- Check Topcase for firm seating.

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## General instructions

The 'Maintenance' chapter describes work involving the replacement of wear parts that can be performed with a minimum of effort.

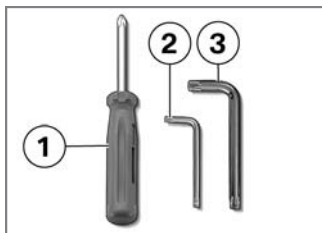
If special tightening torques are to be taken into account for assembly, these are also listed.

If you are interested in information on additional work, we recommend the Repair Manual for your motorcycle on CD-ROM. This is available from your BMW Motorrad retailer.

Special tools and a thorough knowledge of motorcycles are required to carry out some of the work described here. If you are in doubt, consult a certified workshop, preferably your authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

## Toolkit

### Standard onboard toolkit



#### 1 Screwdriver, reversible blade

- Removing and installing front turn indicator glasses.
- Disconnecting battery terminals

#### 2 Torx wrench, T25

- Removing and installing body panels
- Removing and installing battery retaining strap

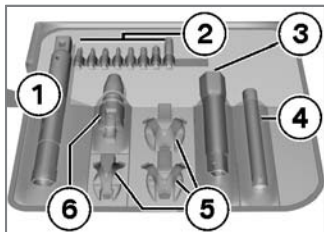
- Removing and installing brake light, tail light and turn indicator bulbs.

#### 3 Torx wrench, T45

- Adjusting handlebars

### Onboard-toolkit service set

Your BMW Motorrad retailer offers the onboard-toolkit service set for additional work. Information on conducting this work is provided in the Repair Manual on CD-ROM, which is also available from your BMW Motorrad retailer.



### 1 Pull-out tool holder

- Holding of all tools with adapter

### 2 1/4" bits

- 5x Torx
- 2x Phillips
- 1x Straight-blade

### 3 3/8" Allen key, 22 mm

- Removing and installing front wheel

### 4 Flashlight

- LED technology

### 5 Socket wrench

- 3x Open-ended wrench, various wrench sizes

### 6 Bit adapter

- Mounting for 1/4" bits
- 9x12 mm and 3/8" jointed adapter

## Engine oil

### Checking engine oil level

**!** The engine can seize if the oil level is low, and this can lead to accidents. Always make sure that the oil level is correct. ◀

**!** After longer motorcycle immobilization periods, engine oil can collect in the oil pan; this must be pumped into the oil tank before the reading is taken. Here, the engine oil must be at operating temperature. Checking the oil level with the en-

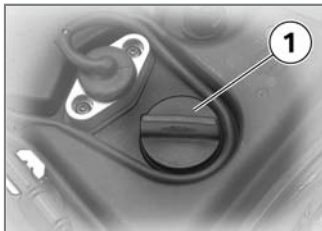
gine cold or after a short trip leads to misinterpretations and therefore to incorrect oil fill quantities.

To ensure that the display of the engine oil level is correct, only check the oil level after a longer trip. ◀

▶ The oil level varies with the temperature of the oil. The higher the temperature, the higher the oil level in the oil tank. Check the engine oil level immediately after a longer journey. ◀

- Make sure ground is level and firm and place motorcycle on its center stand.
- Let the engine run in neutral for one minute.
- Switch off ignition.
- Removing driver's seat (➡ 65)

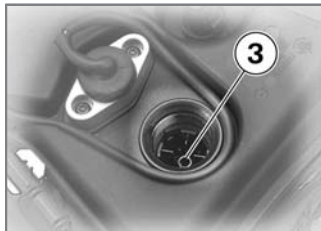
- Wipe area around oil fill location clean.



- Remove cap from oil fill location **1** by turning counter-clockwise.

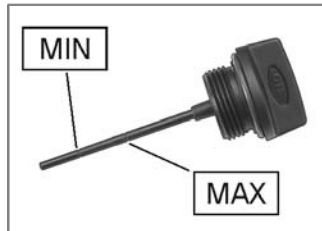


- Clean oil dipstick **2** with a dry cloth



- Place oil dipstick on oil fill location, but do not install. Make sure that dipstick is inserted into guide **3**.

- Remove oil dipstick and read off oil level.



Specified level of engine oil

– Between MIN and MAX marking

If oil level is below MIN mark:

- Top up engine oil.

If oil level is above MAX mark:

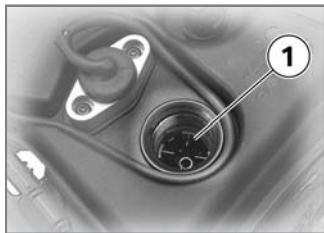
- Have oil level corrected by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.



- Installing driver's seat (➔ 66)

## Topping up engine oil

- Checking engine oil level (➔ 101)



- Top up engine oil up to specified level via fill location **1**.

## General brake system Operating safety

A properly functioning brake system is a basic requirement for the road safety of your motorcycle.

Do not ride the motorcycle if you have any doubts about the dependability of the brake system.

In this case, have the brake system checked by a specialized workshop, preferably by an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

**!** Incorrect working practices endanger the reliability of the brakes.

Have all work on the brake system performed by a specialized workshop, preferably by an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer. ◀

## Checking brake operation

- Pull handbrake lever.
  - » Pressure point must be clearly perceptible.
- Press footbrake lever.
  - » Pressure point must be clearly perceptible.

## Brake pads

### Checking front brake pad thickness

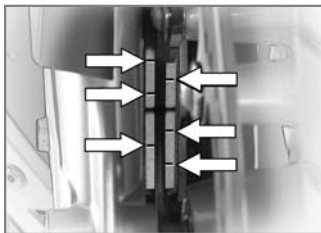
**!** Continuing to use brake pads beyond the minimum pad thickness leads to reduced braking power and under certain circumstances to brake damage.

In order to ensure the operating reliability of the brake system, make sure that the brake pads are not worn beyond their minimum thickness. ◀

- Make sure ground is level and firm and park the motorcycle.



- Visually inspect left and right brake pads to ascertain their thickness. Direction of view: between wheel and front suspension at brake caliper.



Front brake pad thickness

- The brake pads must have a clearly visible wear indicating mark.

If the wear indicating mark is no longer clearly visible:

- Have the brake pads replaced by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

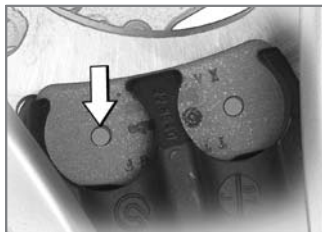
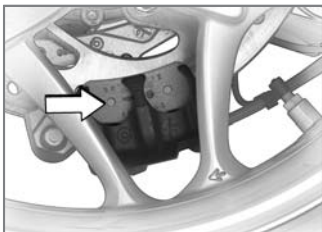
## Checking brake pad thickness at rear



Continuing to use brake pads beyond the minimum pad thickness leads to reduced braking power and under certain circumstances to brake damage.

In order to ensure the operating reliability of the brake system, make sure that the brake pads are not worn beyond their minimum thickness. ◀

- Make sure ground is level and firm and park the motorcycle.



- Perform a visual inspection of the brake pad thickness from the right.



Rear brake-pad thickness


- 0.04 in (1 mm) (Wear limit, only friction lining without carrier plate)
- Brake disk must not be visible through bore hole of inner brake pad.

If the brake disk is visible:

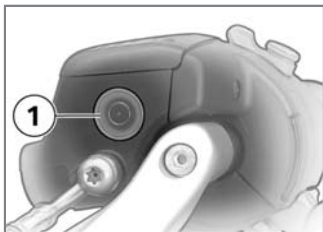
- Have the brake pads replaced by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

## Brake fluid

### Checking front brake fluid level

 A low fluid level in the brake reservoir can allow air to penetrate the brake system. This significantly reduces braking efficiency. Check brake fluid level regularly. ◀

- Make sure ground is level and firm and place motorcycle on its center stand.
- Move handlebars into straight-ahead position.



- Read off brake fluid level at brake-fluid reservoir **1**.

▶ In the event of brake pad wear, the brake fluid level in the brake-fluid reservoir falls. ◀



Front brake fluid level

- Brake fluid DOT4
- The brake fluid level must not fall below the MIN mark. (Brake-fluid reservoir horizontal)

If the brake fluid level drops below the permissible level:

- Have the defect corrected as soon as possible by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

## Checking rear brake fluid level



A low fluid level in the brake reservoir can allow air to penetrate the brake system. This significantly reduces braking efficiency. Check brake fluid level regularly. ◀

- Make sure ground is level and firm and place motorcycle on its center stand.



- Read off brake fluid level at brake-fluid reservoir **1**.

▶ In the event of brake pad wear, the brake fluid level in the brake-fluid reservoir falls. ◀



Rear brake fluid level

– Brake fluid DOT4

– The brake fluid level must not fall below the MIN mark. (Brake-fluid reservoir horizontal)

If the brake fluid level drops below the permissible level:

- Have the defect corrected as soon as possible by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

## Clutch

### Checking clutch operation

- Pull the clutch lever.
  - » Pressure point must be clearly perceptible.

If no clear pressure point can be felt:

- Have the clutch checked by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

## Tires

### Checking tire tread depth

⚠ The handling of your motorcycle can already change for the worse before the legally prescribed minimum tread depth is reached. Have tires replaced even before the minimum tread depth is reached. ◀

- Make sure ground is level and firm and park the motorcycle.
- Measure the tire tread depth in the main tread grooves with wear indicating marks.

▶ Tires have wear indicators integrated into the main tread grooves. If the tire tread has worn down to the level of the marks, the tire is completely worn. The loca-

tions of the marks are indicated on the edge of the tire, e.g. by the letters TI, TWI or by an arrow. ◀

If the minimum tread depth is reached:

- Replace tire concerned.

## Rims

### Checking rims

- Make sure ground is level and firm and park the motorcycle.
- Visually inspect rims for defects.
- Have damaged rims checked and, if necessary, replaced by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

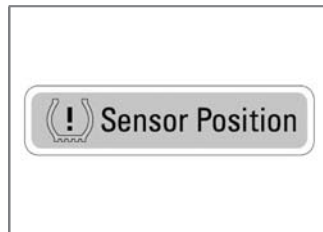
## Wheels


### Approved wheels and tires

For every size of tire, BMW Motorrad has tested certain makes and approved those it has found to be roadworthy. If you use wheels and tires that have not been approved, BMW Motorrad cannot assess their suitability or provide any guarantee as to their road safety.

Use only wheels and tires that BMW Motorrad has approved for your type of motorcycle. Extensive information is available at your authorized BMW Motorrad retailer or on the Internet at [www.bmw-motorrad.com](http://www.bmw-motorrad.com).

## TPC sticker<sup>OE</sup>



 The TPC sensors can be damaged by improper tire mounting.

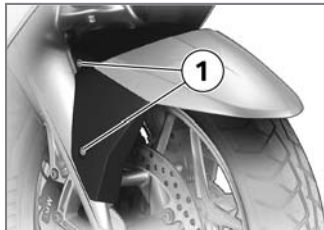
Inform the BMW Motorrad retailer or the specialized workshop that the wheel is equipped with a TPC sensor. ◀

On motorcycles equipped with TPC, a corresponding sticker is located on the wheel rim at the position of the TPC sensor. During a tire change it must be ensured that the TPC sensor is not

damaged. Inform the BMW Motorrad retailer or the specialized workshop of the TPC sensor.

## Removing front wheel

- Placing on center stand (➔ 83)

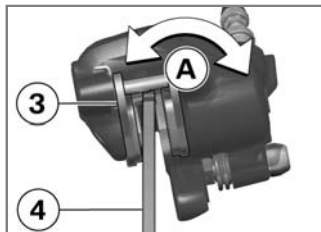


- Remove screws **1** on left and right.
- Pull out the front wheel mudguard towards the front.



**!** Once the calipers have been removed, there is a risk of the brake pads being pressed together to the extent that they cannot be slipped back over the brake disk on reassembly. Do not operate the handbrake lever when the brake calipers have been removed. ◀

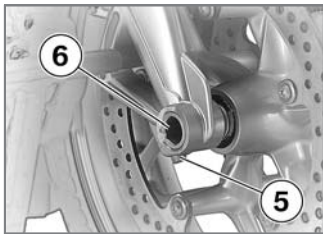
- Remove securing screws **2** of left and right brake calipers.



- Push brake pads in brake caliper **3** apart slightly by rocking back and forth **A** in relation to brake disks **4**.
- Mask off area of wheel rim that could be scratched in process of removing brake calipers.
- Carefully pull brake calipers back and out until clear of brake disks.
- When pulling off left brake caliper, make sure that ABS sensor cable is not damaged.
- When pulling off right brake caliper, make sure that sen-

sor cable of brake-pad wear detector is not changed.

- Raise front of motorcycle until front wheel can rotate freely. To lift motorcycle, BMW Motorrad recommends using BMW Motorrad front wheel stand.
- Mounting front wheel stand (➔ 116)



- Remove right-hand axle clamping screw **5**.

**!** The left axle clamping screw fixes the threaded bush in place in the front suspension. A poorly aligned

threaded bush results in incorrect spacing between the ABS sensor ring and the ABS sensor, and therefore to ABS malfunctions or destruction of the ABS sensor.

To ensure the proper alignment of the threaded bush, do not loosen or remove the left axle clamping screw. ◀

- Remove quick-release axle **6** while supporting wheel.
- Place the front wheel in the front wheel guide on the ground.

**!** The ABS sensor can be damaged when rolling out the front wheel.

Watch the ABS sensor when rolling out the front wheel. ◀

- Roll front wheel forward to remove.

## Installing front wheel

**!** ABS malfunctions due to incorrect speed signals.

There are differently segmented sensor wheels which may not be interchanged. Only install the correct sensor wheel for the corresponding construction status. ◀

**!** Threaded fasteners not tightened to the specified torque can work loose or their threads can suffer damage.

Always have the tightening torques checked by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer. ◀

**!** The front wheel must be installed right way round to rotate in the correct direction.

Observe the direction of rota-



tion arrows on the tires or on the rim. ◀

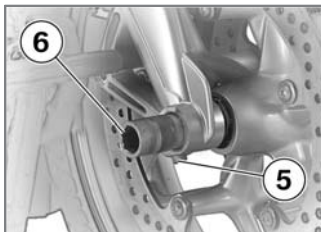
**!** During the following work, parts of the front brake, in particular of the BMW Motorrad Integral ABS, can be damaged.

Take care not to damage the brake system, in particular the ABS sensor with cable and the ABS sensor ring. ◀

**!** The ABS sensor can be damaged when rolling in the front wheel.

Watch the ABS sensor when rolling in the front wheel. ◀

- Roll the front wheel into the front wheel guide.



- Lift front wheel and install quick-release axle **6** with torque.



Quick-release axle in threaded bush

– 37 lb/ft (50 Nm)

- Tighten the right-hand axle clamping screw **5** with the appropriate torque.



Clamping screw on quick-release axle in wheel carrier

– 14 lb/ft (19 Nm)

- Remove front wheel stand.

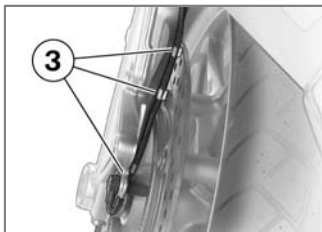


- Install securing screws **2** on left and right with appropriate torque.



Front brake caliper on wheel carrier

– 22 lb/ft (30 Nm)

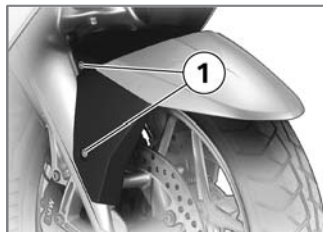


**!** The cable of the ABS sensor could chafe through if it comes into contact with the brake disk. Make sure that ABS sensor cable is routed correctly. ◀

- Insert ABS sensor cable in three retaining clips **3**.



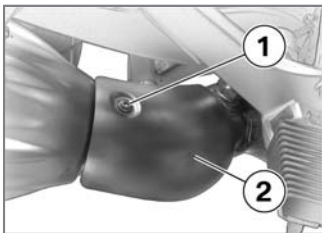
- Route ABS sensor cable between brake caliper and front suspension as shown in illustration.
- Remove adhesive tape from wheel rim.



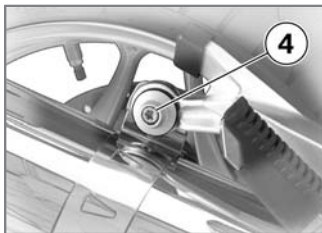
- Install front mudguard and screws **1** on right and left.
- Press the handbrake lever firmly a number of times until the resistance point is noticeable.

### Removing rear wheel

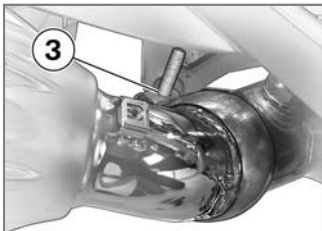
- Placing on center stand (→ 83)



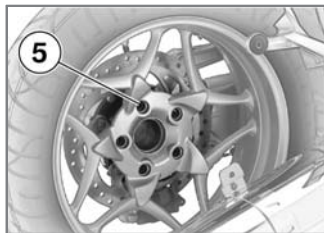
- Remove bolt **1** of muffler cover **2**.
- Pull cover towards rear.



- Remove bolt **4** of end muffler bracket on rear footrest.
- Turn end muffler down.
- Shift into first gear.




- Remove clamp **3** on muffler.
- Do not remove sealing grease from clamp.



- Remove mounting bolts **5** of rear wheel, holding wheel as you do so.
- Lower rear wheel onto ground.
- Roll rear wheel out toward rear.

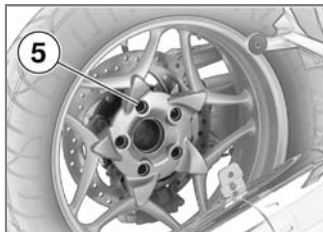
### Installing rear wheel

 Threaded fasteners not tightened to the specified torque can work loose or their threads can suffer damage.

Always have the tightening torques checked by a specialized workshop, preferably

an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer. ◀

- Roll the rear wheel onto the rear wheel support.
- Place the rear wheel on the rear wheel support.



- Mount wheel bolts **5** and tighten diagonally with appropriate tightening torque.

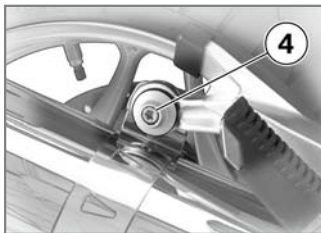


Rear wheel on wheel flange

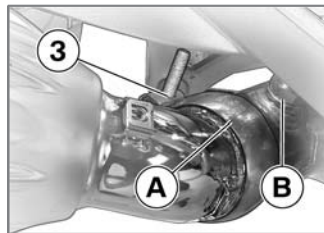
– Tightening sequence:  
Tighten diagonally

– 44 lb/ft (60 Nm)

- Turn the end muffler to its initial position.



- Install screw **4** for end muffler bracket in rear footrest, but do not tighten it at this point.

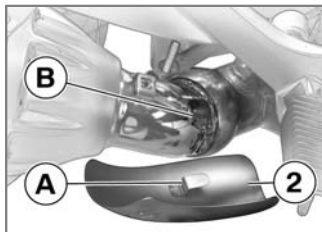
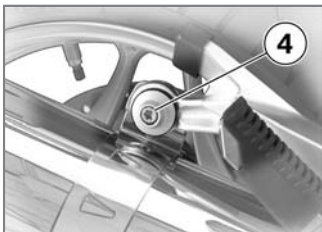


- Align clamp **3** on end muffler with marking **A** (arrow) on lambda probe **B**.
- Tighten clamp **3** on end muffler to appropriate torque.

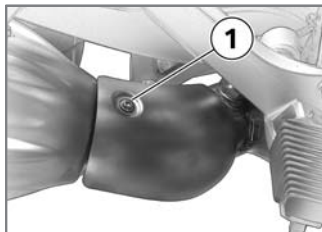


Muffler on manifold

– 26 lb/ft (35 Nm)



- Push muffer cover **2** with guide **A** into brackets **B**.



- Install bolt **1** of muffer cover.

**!** If the gap between the rear wheel and the end muffler is too small, the rear wheel can overheat. The gap between the rear wheel and the end muffler must be at least 15 mm. ◀

- Install screw **4** for bracket of end muffler on passenger footrest with appropriate torque.



Muffler on right passenger footrest

– 12 lb/ft (16 Nm)

## Front wheel stand

### Front wheel stand

A front wheel stand for simple, safe changing of the front wheel is available from BMW Motorrad. The front wheel stand with the BMW special tool number 36 3 971 can be obtained from your authorized BMW Motorrad retailer. You also need the adapters with the BMW special tool number 36 3 973.

**!** The BMW Motorrad front wheel stand is not designed for holding motorcycles without a center or other auxiliary stands. A motorcycle standing on the front wheel stand and the rear wheel alone can fall over. Place the motorcycle on the center stand or an auxiliary stand before lifting it with the

BMW Motorrad front wheel stand. ◀

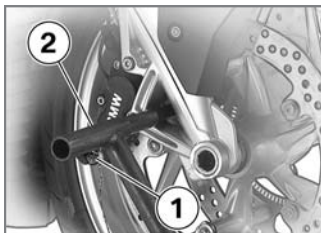
## Mounting front wheel stand

- Placing on center stand (➔ 83)



- Loosen adjusting screws **1**.
- Push two mounting pins **2** far enough apart that front suspension fits between them.
- Use locating pins **3** to set front wheel stand to desired height.

- Center front wheel stand relative to front wheel and push it against front axle.



- Push two mounting pins **2** through triangles of brake caliper support toward inside so that front wheel can still be rolled through.

**!** With BMW Integral ABS the ABS sensor ring can be damaged.

Only push the mounting pin so far inward that it does not touch the sensor ring of the BMW Integral ABS. ◀

- Tighten adjusting screws **1**.



**!** If the motorcycle is raised too far at the front the center stand will lift clear of the ground and the motorcycle could topple to one side.


When raising the motorcycle, make sure that the center stand remains on the ground. ◀

- Apply uniform pressure to push front wheel stand down and raise motorcycle.


## Lights

### General instructions


The failure of a bulb is signaled in the display by the lamp defect symbol. The same bulbs are used for the brake light and the tail light. The luminosity is controlled accordingly.


 A defective bulb places your safety at risk because it is easier for other users to oversee you and your motorcycle.

Replace defective bulbs as soon as possible; always carry a complete set of spare bulbs if possible. ◀


 The bulb is pressurized and can cause injury if damaged.

Wear eye and hand protection when replacing bulbs. ◀


 An overview of the bulb types installed in your motorcycle is provided in the chapter "Technical Data". ◀

 Do not touch the glass of new bulbs with your fingers. For installation, use a clean, dry cloth. Dirt deposits, in particular oil and grease, interfere with heat radiation from the bulb. Overheating and therefore short service life of the bulbs are the consequence. ◀

### Replacing low-beam and high-beam bulb

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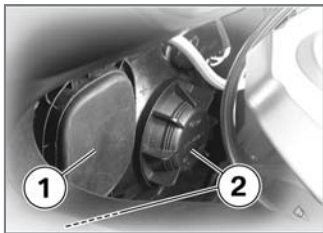
with OE Xenon light:

 Xenon light operates with high voltage. There is a danger to life and limb if work is not carried out properly.

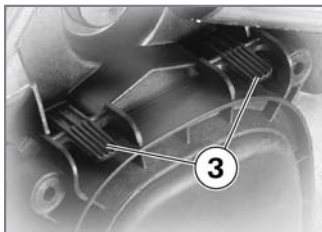
Have all work on the xenon light system including bulb replacements carried out by a specialist workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer. ◀

- Temporarily drive with high beams switched on.
- To avoid dazzling oncoming traffic, set the headlight range adjustment to maximum payload.
- Have lamp replaced by a specialized workshop as quickly as possible, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer. ◀

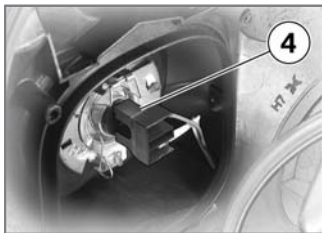
- Make sure ground is level and firm and park the motorcycle.
- Switch off ignition.



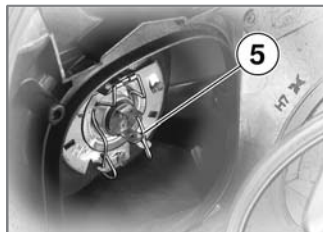
- Remove cover **1** (low beam) or covers **2** (high beam).
- Remove covers of high-beam bulbs by turning counterclockwise.



- To remove cover of high-beam bulbs, press locking lever **3** downward, fold cover toward rear and remove.



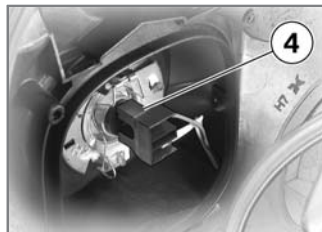
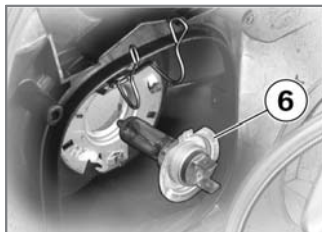
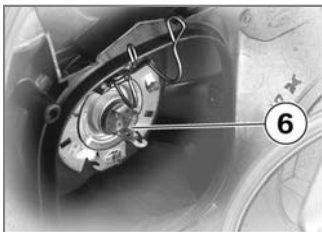
- Disconnect connector **4**.



- Remove spring strap **5** from detents and fold up.

▶ The alignment of the spring strap may differ from the illustration depending on the bulb.◀







- Remove bulb **6**.
- Replace defective bulb.

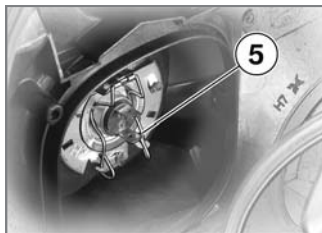
- Install bulb **6**.

- Close connector **4**.

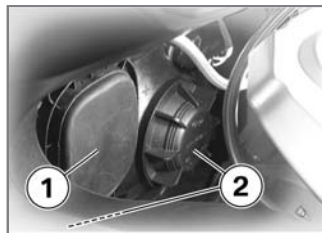
	High-beam headlight bulb
– H7 / 12 V / 55 W	

	Low-beam headlight bulb
– H7 / 12 V / 55 W	

with OE Xenon light:	
– D2R / 35 W<	



- Close and lock spring strap **5**.



- Install cover **1** (low beam) or covers **2** (high beam).

- Use a clean, dry cloth to hold new bulb.

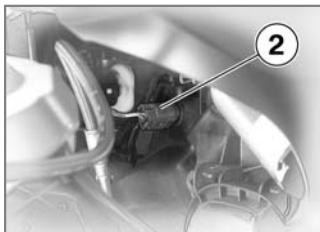
## Replacing parking-light bulbs

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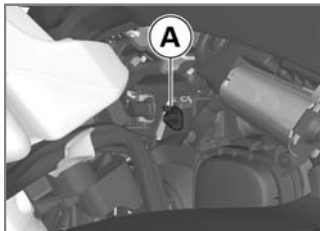
- Make sure ground is level and firm and park the motorcycle.
- Switch off ignition.



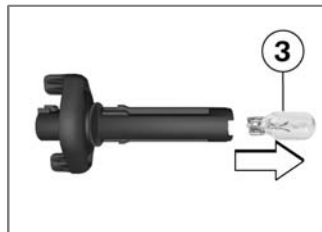
- Right side lamp: disconnect connector **1**.



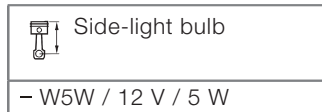
- Left side lamp: disconnect connector **2**.



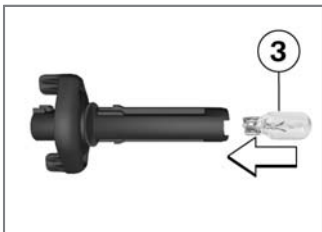
- Remove bulb socket by turning lever **A** counter-clockwise.



- Remove bulb **3** from bulb holder.
- Replace defective bulb.



- Use a clean, dry cloth to hold new bulb.



- Insert bulb **3** into bulb socket.
- Install bulb socket by turning clockwise.

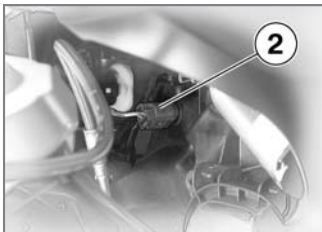


- Right side lamp: connect connector **1**.

### Replacing brake light, tail light and rear turn indicator bulbs

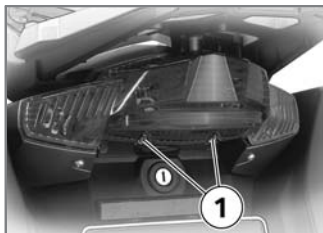
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- Make sure ground is level and firm and park the motorcycle.

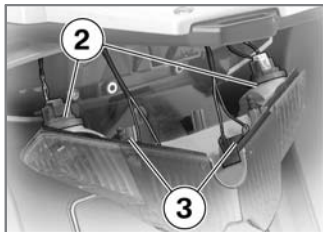


- Left side lamp: connect connector **2**.

- Switch off ignition.

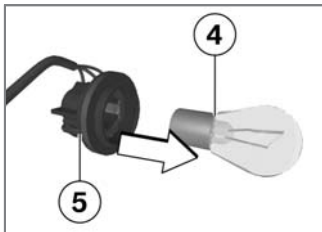


- Remove screws **1**.
- Pull lamp housing toward rear out of brackets.



- Remove bulb socket **2** (turn indicator bulb) or **3** (brake

light/turn indicator bulb) from lamp housing by turning counterclockwise.



- Press bulb **4** into fitting **5** and remove it by turning it counterclockwise.
- Replace defective bulb.



Bulb of tail/brake light

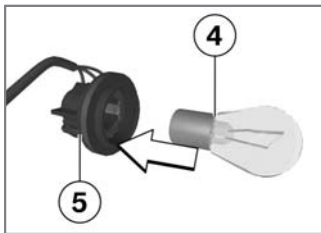
– P21W / 12 V / 21 W



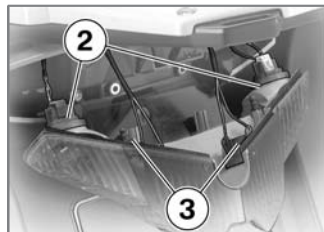
Bulb of rear turn indicators

– P21W / 12 V / 21 W

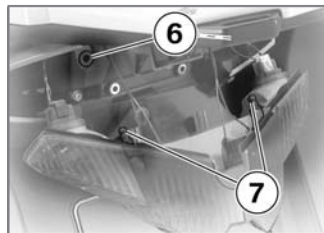
- Use a clean, dry cloth to hold new bulb.



- Press the bulb **4** into the fitting **5** and install it by turning it clockwise.

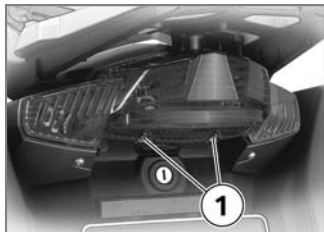


- Install bulb socket **2** (turn indicator bulb) or **3** (brake light/tail light bulb) in lamp housing by turning clockwise.



- Insert lamp housing with retaining pins **7** in brackets **6**.

Make sure cables are not pinched.



- Install screws **1**.

- Switch off ignition.



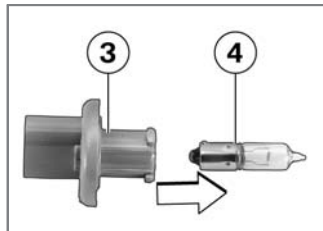
- Remove screw **1**.
- Pull out lamp housing toward front



- Disconnect connector **2**.




- Turn bulb holder **3** counter-clockwise to remove it from bulb housing.



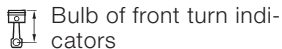
- Press bulb **4** into bulb socket **3** and remove it by turning it counterclockwise.

## Replacing front turn indicator bulbs

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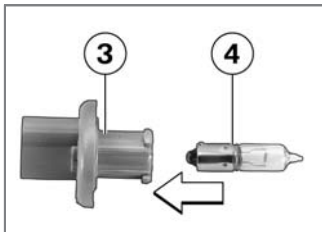
- Make sure ground is level and firm and park the motorcycle.

- Replace defective bulb.

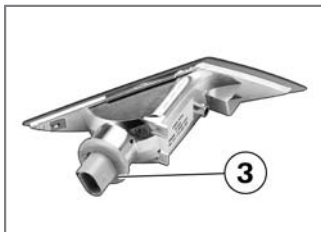


– H21W / 12 V / 21 W

- Use a clean, dry cloth to hold new bulb.



- Press bulb **4** into fitting **3** and install it by turning it clockwise.



- Install bulb socket **3** in lamp housing by turning clockwise.





- Close connector **2**.




- Insert lamp housing into trim.
- Install screw **1**

## Jump-starting


 The wires leading to the onboard socket do not have a load-capacity rating adequate for jump-starting the engine. Excessively high current can lead to a cable fire or damage to the motorcycle electronics. Do not use the onboard socket to jump-start the motorcycle. ◀


 Touching live parts of the ignition system with the engine running can cause electric shock.

Do not touch parts of the ignition system when the engine is running. ◀

 A short-circuit can result if the crocodile clips of the jump leads are accidentally brought into contact with the motorcycle.

Use only jump leads fitted with fully insulated crocodile clips at both ends. ◀

 Jump-starting with a donor-battery voltage higher than 12 V can damage the motorcycle electronics. The battery of the donor vehicle must have a voltage of 12 V. ◀

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topple in the course of the operations described below. Make sure that the motorcycle is steady on its stand. ◀

- When jump-starting the engine, do not disconnect the battery from the onboard electrical system.
- Removing battery compartment cover (➡ 127)
- Run engine of donor vehicle during jump-starting.
- Begin by connecting one end of red jump lead to positive terminal of discharged battery and other end to positive terminal of donor battery.
- Then connect one end of black jumper lead to negative terminal of donor battery, and other end to negative terminal of discharged battery.
- Start engine of motorcycle with discharged battery in

usual way; if engine refuses to start, wait a few minutes before repeating attempt to protect starter and supporting battery.

- Allow both engines to idle for a few minutes before disconnecting the jump leads.
- Disconnect the jump lead from the negative terminals first, then disconnect the second lead from the positive terminals.
- Installing battery compartment cover (➡ 128)


## Battery

### Maintenance instructions

Correct upkeep, recharging and storage will prolong the life of the battery and are essential if warranty claims are to be considered.


Compliance with the points below is important in order to maximize battery life:

- Keep the surface of the battery clean and dry
- Do not open the battery
- Do not top up with water
- Be sure to read and comply with the instructions for charging the battery on the following pages
- Do not turn the battery upside down


 If the battery is not disconnected, the onboard electronics (clock etc.) will drain the battery. This can cause the battery to run flat. If this happens, warranty claims will not be accepted.

During periods when the motorcycle is not being used, of more than four weeks, disconnect the battery from the


motorcycle or connect a trickle-charger to the battery. ◀

 BMW Motorrad has developed a trickle-charger specially designed for compatibility with the electronics of your motorcycle. Using this charger, you can keep the battery charged during long periods when the motorcycle is not being used without having to disconnect the battery from the motorcycle's onboard systems. Additional information is available at your authorized BMW Motorrad retailer. ◀


### Charging connected battery

 Charging the connected battery directly at the battery terminals can damage the motorcycle electronics. To charge the battery via the

battery terminals, disconnect the battery first. ◀

 If you switch on the ignition and the multifunction display and indicator lights fail to light up, the battery is completely flat. Attempting to charge a completely flat battery via the onboard socket can cause damage to the motorcycle's electronics.

Always charge a completely drained battery directly at the terminals of the disconnected battery. ◀

 Charging the battery via the onboard socket is only possible with suitable chargers. Unsuitable chargers can result in damage to the motorcycle electronics. Use BMW chargers with the part numbers 71 60 7 688 864 (220 V) or



71 60 7 688 865 (110 V).  
If in doubt, charge the disconnected battery directly at the terminals.◀

- Charge disconnected battery via onboard socket.

▷ The motorcycle's onboard electronics know when the battery is fully charged. The onboard socket is switched off when this happens.◀

- Comply with operating instructions of the charger.

▷ If you are unable to charge the battery via the onboard socket, you may be using a charger that is not compatible with your motorcycle's electronics. In this case, please charge the battery directly at the terminals of the disconnected battery.◀

## Charging disconnected battery

- Charge battery using a suitable charger.
- Comply with operating instructions of the charger.
- Once battery is fully charged, disconnect charger terminal clips from battery terminals.

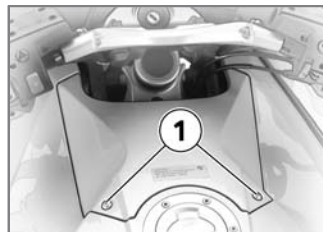
▷ In the case of longer periods when the motorcycle is not being used, the battery must be recharged regularly. See the instructions for caring for your battery. Always fully recharge the battery before returning it to use.◀

## Removing battery compartment cover

⚠ If it is not standing firmly, the motorcycle could

topple in the course of the operations described below. Make sure that the motorcycle is steady on its stand.◀

- Make sure ground is level and firm and park the motorcycle.
- Removing passenger seat (➡ 64)
- Removing driver's seat (➡ 65)

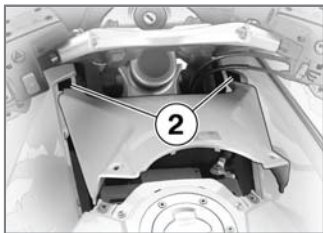


- Remove screws **1**.
- Take out the battery compartment lid toward rear and upward.

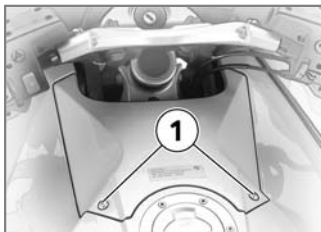
## Installing battery compartment cover

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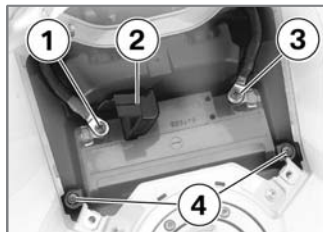
- Insert battery compartment cover in mountings **2**



- Install screws **1**.
- Installing driver's seat (➔ 66)
- Installing passenger seat (➔ 67)

## Removing battery

- Removing battery compartment cover (➔ 127)



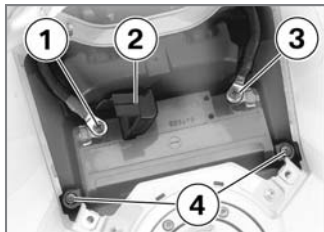
**!** An incorrect disconnection sequence increase the risk of short-circuiting. Always observe the proper sequence. ◀

- Remove negative cable **3** first.
- Remove protective cap **2** from positive terminal.
- Then remove positive cable **1**.
- Unscrew screws **4** and pull retaining bracket toward rear.


- Lift battery up and out, using tilting movements if it is difficult to move.

## Installing battery

- Switch off ignition.
- Place battery in battery compartment with positive terminal on left in driving direction.



- Push retaining strap over battery and install screws **4**.

 An incorrect installation sequence increases the risk of short-circuiting.

Always observe the proper sequence.

Never install the battery without the protective cap. ◀

- First install positive battery cable **1**.
- Mount protective cap **2** on positive terminal.
- Then install negative battery cable **3**.
- Installing battery compartment cover (➡ 128)
- Switch on ignition.
- Fully open the throttle once or twice.
  - » The engine management system records the throttle-valve position.
- Setting clock (➡ 47)




## Care

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## Care products

We recommend that you use cleaning and care products available at your authorized BMW Motorrad retailer. BMW Care Products have been materials tested, laboratory tested, and field tested and provide optimum care and protection for the materials used in your motorcycle.

 The use of unsuitable cleaning and care products can damage motorcycle components.


For cleaning, do not use any solvents such as nitro-thinners, cold cleaning agents, fuel or similar, and do not use cleaning agents that contain alcohol. ◀

## Washing your motorcycle

We recommend that you use BMW insect remover to soften and wash off insects and resilient dirt on painted parts prior to washing the motorcycle.


To prevent stains, do not wash the motorcycle immediately after it has been exposed to strong sunlight and do not wash it in the sun. Make sure that the motorcycle is washed frequently, especially during the winter months.

To remove road salt, clean the motorcycle with cold water immediately after every trip.


 After the motorcycle has been washed, ridden through water or ridden in the rain, the brake disks and pads

might be wet and the brakes might not take effect immediately.

Brake early until the brakes are dry or braked until dry. ◀

 Warm water intensifies the effect of salt.

Only use cold water to remove road salt. ◀

 The high pressure of steam cleaners can damage seals, the hydraulic brake system, the electrical system and the seat.


Do not use a steam jet or high-pressure cleaning equipment. ◀

## Cleaning sensitive motorcycle parts

### Plastics


Clean plastic parts with water and BMW plastic care emulsion. This includes in particular:

- Windshields
- Headlight lens made of plastic
- Covering glass of the instrument cluster
- Black, unpainted parts

 If plastic parts are cleaned using unsuitable cleaning agents, the surfaces can be damaged.


Do not use cleaning agents that contain alcohol, solvents or abrasives to clean plastic parts.

'Fly sponges' or sponges with hard surfaces can also lead to scratches. ◀

 Soften stubborn dirt and dead insects by covering the affected areas with a wet cloth. ◀

### Windshield

Clean off dirt and insects with a soft sponge and plenty of water.

 Fuel and chemical solvents attack the windshield material; the windshield becomes cloudy or dull.

Do not use cleaning agents. ◀


### Chrome

Especially in the case of road salt, carefully clean chrome parts with plenty of water and BMW auto shampoo. Use chrome polish for additional treatment.

### Radiator

Clean the radiator regularly to prevent overheating of the engine due to inadequate cooling.


For example, use a garden hose with low water pressure.

 Cooling fins can be bent easily.

When cleaning the radiator, ensure that the fins are not bent. ◀

### Rubber

Treat rubber components with water or BMW rubber protection coating agent.

 Using silicone sprays for the care of rubber seals can cause damage.

Do not use silicon sprays or other care products that contain silicon. ◀

## Paint care

Washing the motorcycle regularly will help counteract the long-term effects of substances that damage the paint, especially if your motorcycle is ridden in areas with high air pollution or natural sources of dirt, e.g. tree resin or pollen.

However, remove particularly aggressive materials immediately; otherwise changes in the paint or discoloration can occur. These include spilled fuel, oil, grease, brake fluid as well as bird droppings. BMW Car Polish or BMW Paint Cleaner are recommended for this.

Contamination of the paint finish is particularly easy to see after the motorcycle has been washed. Remove this type of soiling with cleaning naphtha or spirit on a clean cloth

or cotton ball. We recommend removing tar spots with BMW tar remover. Then add a protective wax coating to the paint at these locations.

## Protective wax coating


For the protective wax coating of paint, we recommend using only BMW auto wax or agents that contain carnauba or synthetic waxes.

The best way to see whether the paint has to be protected is that water no longer forms pearls.

## Storing motorcycle

- Clean motorcycle.
- Remove battery.
- Spray brake and clutch lever, and main and side stand pivots with a suitable lubricant.

- Coat bare metal and chrome-plated parts with an acid-free grease (e.g. Vaseline).
- Park motorcycle in a dry room so that both wheels are unloaded.

 Before storing the vehicle, have the engine oil and the oil filter element changed by a specialized workshop, preferably an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer. Combine work for storing/returning to use with maintenance service or an inspection. ◀

## Returning motorcycle to use

- Remove protective wax coating.
- Clean the motorcycle.
- Install a charged battery.



- Before starting: Observe checklist.



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## Troubleshooting chart

Engine does not start at all or is very difficult to start

<b>Possible cause</b>	<b>Remedy</b>
Emergency ON/OFF switch activated.	Emergency ON/OFF switch in operating position.
Side stand extended and gear engaged.	Retract side stand (➡ 78).
Gear engaged and clutch not operated	Place transmission in neutral or disengage clutch (➡ 78).
Clutch disengaged with ignition switched off.	Switch on ignition first, then disengage clutch.
No fuel in tank.	Refueling (➡ 83)
Battery not adequately charged.	Charging connected battery (➡ 126)

## Threaded fasteners

Front wheel	Value	Valid
<b>Front brake caliper on wheel carrier</b>		
M8 x 32 - 10.9	22 lb/ft (30 Nm)	
<b>Clamping screw on quick-release axle in wheel carrier</b>		
M8 x 30	14 lb/ft (19 Nm)	
<b>Quick-release axle in threaded bush</b>		
M24 x 1.5	37 lb/ft (50 Nm)	
Rear wheel	Value	Valid
<b>Muffler on right passenger footrest</b>		
M8 x 30	12 lb/ft (16 Nm)	
<b>Muffler on manifold</b>		
M8 x 60 - 10.9	26 lb/ft (35 Nm)	
<b>Rear wheel on wheel flange</b>		

<b>Rear wheel</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Valid</b>
M10 x 40 x 1.25	<b>Tighten diagonally</b>	
	44 lb/ft (60 Nm)	

<b>Handlebars</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Valid</b>
<b>Mounting of handlebar adjustment on lower handlebar bridge</b>		
M8 A2-70	15 lb/ft (20 Nm)	

## Engine

<b>Type</b>		
Engine design	Transverse-mounted four-cylinder, four stroke inline engine angled 55° toward front. DOHC control with toothed chain drive, 4 valves actuated by trailing valve levers, compensating connecting rods, liquid cooling for cylinders and cylinder head. Integrated water pump, electronic fuel injection, integrated six-speed cassette transmission and dry-sump lubrication	

**Technical data**

Effective displacement	1157 cc (1157 cm <sup>3</sup> )
Cylinder bore diameter	3.1 in (79 mm)
Piston stroke	2.3 in (59 mm)
Compression ratio	13:1
Rated output	152 hp (112 kW), At engine speed: 9500 min <sup>-1</sup>
with OE 79 kW power reduction:	107 hp (79 kW), At engine speed: 8500 min <sup>-1</sup>
Maximum torque	96 lb/ft (130 Nm), At engine speed: 7750 min <sup>-1</sup>
with OE 79 kW power reduction:	82 lb/ft (111 Nm), At engine speed: 5000 min <sup>-1</sup>
Permissible maximum engine speed	10000 min <sup>-1</sup>
Idle speed	1050±50 min <sup>-1</sup>

**Fuel**

Recommended fuel type	98 ROZ/RON, Super Plus unleaded 95 ROZ/RON, Super unleaded (fuel type can be used with reduced performance and consumption)
Fuel tank capacity	6.3 gal (24 l), Usable 1.1 gal (4 l), Of that reserve

<b>Engine oil</b>	
Total engine oil capacity	3.7 quarts (3.5 l), With filter change 0.5 quarts (0.5 l), Difference between Min and Max
Lubricant	Castrol GPS 10W-40 (SAE 10W40; API SG; JASO MA)
Oil grades	Mineral engine oils of the API classification SF to SH. BMW Motorrad does not recom- mend using oil additives, as these can wors- en clutch operation. Ask your BMW Motor- rad retailer for engine oils suitable for your motorcycle.
<b>Permissible viscosity classes</b>	
SAE 10 W-40	$\geq -4$ °F ( $\geq -20$ °C), Operation at low tempera- tures
SAE 15 W-40	$\geq 14$ °F ( $\geq -10$ °C)



## Riding specifications

Top speed	>124 mph (>200 km/h)
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## Clutch

Clutch design	Multi-disk oil-bath clutch
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## Transmission

Transmission design	Claw-shifted 6-speed cassette transmission integrated in engine housing
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**Gear ratios**

Transmission gear ratios	1.559 (92:59 teeth), Primary gear ratio 2.294 (39:17 teeth), 1st gear 1.789 (34:19 teeth), 2nd gear 1.458 (35:24 teeth), 3rd gear 1.240 (31:25 teeth), 4th gear 1.094 (35:32 teeth), 5th gear 0.971 (33:34 teeth), 6th gear 1.045 (23:22 teeth), Angle drive
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## Rear-wheel drive

Rear-wheel drive design	Shaft drive with bevel gears
Gear ratio of rear-wheel drive	2.82

## Running gear

Front suspension design	Double leading link
Total spring travel of front suspension	4.5 in (115 mm), Static 4.9 in (125 mm), Dynamic
Rear-wheel suspension design	Lever-system-coupled central spring strut with coil pressure spring and single-tube gas-filled shock absorber. Spring preload with stepless hydraulic adjustment; rebound-stage damping with stepless adjustment
with OE Electronic Suspension Adjustment (ESA):	Lever-system-coupled central spring strut with coil pressure spring and single-tube gas-filled shock absorber. 3x spring base, tensile and compression stage each 3x adjustable
Total suspension travel of rear-wheel suspension	5.3 in (135 mm), On wheel

## Brakes

Front-wheel brake design	Hydraulic two-disk brake with 4-piston fixed calipers and floating brake disks
Front brake-pad material	Sintered metal
Rear-wheel brake design	Hydraulic disk brake with 2-piston floating caliper and fixed brake disk
Rear brake lining material	Organic

## Wheels and tires

Front wheel design	Cast aluminum, MT H2
Front-wheel rim size	3.50" x 17"
Front tire designation	120/70 ZR 17
Rear wheel design	Cast aluminum, MT H2
Rear-wheel rim size	5.50" x 17"
Rear tire designation	180/55 ZR 17

### Tire pressures

Front tire pressure	36.3 psi (2.5 bar), Single rider, with cold tire 36.3 psi (2.5 bar), Driver with passenger and/or load, with cold tire
Rear tire pressure	42.1 psi (2.9 bar), Single rider, with cold tire 42.1 psi (2.9 bar), Driver with passenger and/or load, with cold tire

### Electrical system

Capacity of onboard socket	8 A, One onboard socket
with OE (Additional) onboard socket:	8 A, All onboard sockets together
Fuses	All circuits are electronically protected, so plug-in fuses are no longer necessary. If an electronic fuse trips and de-energizes a circuit, the circuit is active as soon as the ignition is switched on after the fault has been rectified.

### Type

Battery design	Gel battery
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<b>Technical data</b>	
Battery voltage	12 V
Battery capacity	19 Ah
<b>Technical data</b>	
Spark plug manufacturer and designation	NGK KR9CI
Spark-plug electrode gap (New)	0.03 in (0.8 mm)
Spark-plug electrode gap (Wear limit)	Spark plug is replaced after maintenance interval
<b>Bulbs</b>	
High-beam headlight bulb	H7 / 12 V / 55 W
Low-beam headlight bulb	H7 / 12 V / 55 W
with OE Xenon light:	D2R / 35 W
Side-light bulb	W5W / 12 V / 5 W
Bulb of tail/brake light	P21W / 12 V / 21 W
Bulb of front turn indicators	H21W / 12 V / 21 W
Bulb of rear turn indicators	P21W / 12 V / 21 W

## Frame

Frame design	Cast light allow/welded design with screwed-on tubular steel rear frame
Location of type plate	On rear cross frame tube
Location of vehicle identification number	At front right on frame side-section

## Dimensions

Motorcycle length	91.3 in (2318 mm)
Motorcycle width	38.7 in (982 mm), Across case
Motorcycle height (Up to upper edge of windshield)	56.6 in (1438 mm), DIN unladen weight, windshield retracted
Driver's seat height	32.3 in (820 mm), Without driver
with OE Low driver's seat:	31.1 in (790 mm), Without driver

## Weights

Unladen weight	635 lbs (288 kg), DIN unladen weight, ready for road, 90 % full tank of gas, without OE
Permissible gross weight	1146 lbs (520 kg)
Recommended fuel type	98 ROZ/RON, Super Plus unleaded 95 ROZ/RON, Super unleaded (fuel type can be used with reduced performance and consumption)



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## BMW Motorrad Service

Advanced technology requires specially adapted methods of maintenance and repair.



If this maintenance and repair work is performed inexpertly, there is a danger of damage and associated safety risks.

BMW Motorrad recommends having corresponding work on your motorcycle carried out by a specialized workshop, preferably by an authorized BMW Motorrad retailer. ◀

You can contact your authorized BMW Motorrad retailer for information on the procedures included in BMW service, inspections and the annual inspection.

Have all maintenance and repair work carried out con-

firmed in the "Service" chapter in this manual.

Your authorized BMW Motorrad retailer is supplied with all the latest technical information and therefore possesses the necessary technical know-how. BMW Motorrad recommends that you refer any questions about your motorcycle to your authorized BMW Motorrad retailer.

### BMW Motorrad Service Quality

BMW Motorrad means not only quality workmanship and high reliability, but also an outstanding quality of service. To ensure that your BMW is always in optimum condition, we recommend that you adhere to the regular maintenance schedule for your motorcycle, preferably having the work done by your authorized

BMW Motorrad retailer. Proof of regular maintenance is essential for generous treatment of warranty claims.

Certain signs of wear, moreover, may otherwise not be noticed until it is too late to correct them at moderate cost. The workshop personnel at BMW Motorrad retailers have thorough knowledge of your motorcycle and can take action before minor problems can turn into major trouble. By having the necessary repairs done properly and in good time, you save time and money in the long run.

## **BMW Motorcycle Service Card - breakdown service on the road**

With all new BMW motorcycles, the BMW Motorrad Service Card protects you in the event of a breakdown with an extensive range of services such as breakdown assistance, motorcycle transportation etc. (differing regulations are possible in individual countries). In the case of a breakdown, contact the Mobile Service of BMW Motorrad. Here you will find our specialists ready to help with both advice and action. Important country-specific contact addresses and the relevant after-sales service organization phone numbers as well as information on Mobile Service and the retail network

can be found in the "Service Kontakt/Service Contact" brochures.

## **BMW Motorrad Service Network**

With our worldwide service network we support you and your motorcycle in over 100 countries around the globe. In Germany alone, there are approximately 200 authorized BMW Motorrad retailers ready to assist you.

All information on the international retail network is contained in the "Service Contact Europe" brochure and "Service Contact Africa, America, Asia, Australia and Oceania".

## **Maintenance work Intervals**

Some maintenance tasks must be performed after a certain time, others depend on the distance covered by the motorcycle.

### **BMW Running-In Check**

The BMW running-in check must be performed when the motorcycle has covered between 300 miles (500 km) and 750 miles (1,200 km).

### **BMW Annual Inspection**

Some maintenance work must be carried out at least once a year. Other tasks depend on the distance the motorcycle has covered.

## BMW Service

After the first 6,000 miles (10,000 km) and every additional 12,000 miles (20,000 km) (18,000 miles, 30,000 miles, 42,000 miles etc. (30 000 km, 50 000 km, 70 000 km etc.)) if this distance is covered within a year.

## BMW Inspection

After the first 12,000 mi/20,000 km and every additional 12,000 mi/20,000 km (24,000 mi/40,000 km, 36,000 mi/60,000 km, 48,000 mi/80,000 km, etc.), if this distance is covered within a year.

## Maintenance schedules

The maintenance schedule for your motorcycle depends on the equipment installed, and on the motorcycle's age and the distance it has covered. Your authorized BMW Motorrad retailer will be happy to supply a copy of the current maintenance schedule for your motorcycle on request.

## Confirmation of maintenance work

### **BMW Pre-Delivery Check**

Carried out properly in accordance with workshop specifications.

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Date, stamp, signature

### **BMW Running-In Check**

Carried out properly in accordance with workshop specifications.

Odometer reading\_\_\_\_\_

Brake fluid changed

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Date, stamp, signature

**BMW Service**

- BMW Annual Inspection
- BMW Service
- BMW Inspection

Carried out properly in accordance with workshop specifications.

Odometer reading \_\_\_\_\_

- Brake fluid changed

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Date, stamp, signature

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Odometer reading \_\_\_\_\_

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Date, stamp, signature



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The most important data for a filling station stop can be found in the following chart.

<b>Fuel</b>	
Recommended fuel type	98 ROZ/RON, Super Plus unleaded 95 ROZ/RON, Super unleaded (fuel type can be used with reduced performance and consumption)
Fuel tank capacity	6.3 gal (24 l), Usable 1.1 gal (4 l), Of that reserve
<b>Tire pressures</b>	
Front tire pressure	36.3 psi (2.5 bar), Single rider, with cold tire 36.3 psi (2.5 bar), Driver with passenger and/or load, with cold tire
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If you believe that your vehicle has a defect which could cause a crash or could cause injury or death, you should immediately inform the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in addition to notifying BMW of North America, LLC.

If NHTSA receives similar complaints, it may open an investigation, and if it finds that a safety defect exists in a group of vehicles, it may order a recall and remedy campaign. However, NHTSA cannot become involved in

individual problems between you, your dealer, or BMW of North America, LLC.

To contact NHTSA, you may call the Vehicle Safety Hotline toll-free at 1-888-327-4236

(TTY: 1-800-424-9153); go to *<http://www.safercar.gov>*, or write to: Administrator, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. You can also obtain other information about motor vehicle safety from *<http://www.safercar.gov>*.

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