

Service-Information Motorcycle



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Wheels & Tires

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BMW Motorcycle Tires

Information: The handling and riding quality of a motorcycle greatly depends on what tire is used. BMW tests tires from various manufacturers and, when necessary, modifies the tire design for use on our motorcycles. This type of testing and modification, although expensive, ensures the best possible ride, even in other than routine riding situations.

Tire Direction: When mounting a tire, always make sure that the arrow on the tire points in the direction of rotation.

Tire Valves: Valves are subjected to environmental influences, such as dirt, salt, and varying temperatures, which may affect the valve rubber and possibly cause the stem to lose its elasticity and become brittle. Therefore, for safety, every time a tire is replaced the rubber valve with internal valve stem must be replaced.

Metal Valve Part No. 36 32 1 452 748
8.3 - 8.5 mm dia.

Rubber Valve Part No. 36 31 1 454 963
11.3 - 11.7 mm dia.

Valve Caps: The valve cap protects the internal valve stem from dirt and water. It also prevents air loss in case of a defective valve or at high speed when centrifugal force may cause the valve to open. The cap should be screwed on tightly.

Tire Balancing: BMW and the tire manufacturers listed on our Tire Chart do not recommend liquid-type balancers and/or sealants. These materials may be detrimental to the tire fabric, may break down over time, may mask a tire injury with the potential for sudden air loss, and may clog or impede the action of the valve cores.

Very truly yours,

BMW of North America, Inc.

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