



A Touch of Carbon Fiber, PLUS a Can't-Miss Mod That EVERYONE Should Consider!

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For any number of reasons, I had the stock muffler on my new RS swapped out for the Akrapovic can prior to delivery. The flat black finish and lines seem to work well with the Imperial Blue paint, but the real bonus to my eye was the introduction of the carbon fiber trim at the tip of the can and around the heat shield.

So, I decided to pick up a set of battery/side covers from a Canadian company that came recommended by another RS owner (thanks, Lee!):

<https://www.motocomposites.com/categories/shop-by-make-model/bmw/r-series.html>

I opted for the "plain weave" in glossy finish for this little CF touch to replace the flat black plastic OEM pieces.

Install is a breeze, and the final look works for me!

While researching the project, I came across a fantastic "hack" that has elicited a universal "Why didn't I think of that?" response.

I'm guessing many of you have heard about the somewhat risky rubber grommet that holds the upper right "peg" of the battery cover panel in place, which is susceptible to being pushed through the hole it sits in, never to be seen again after disappearing into the black hole of the engine/frame/bodywork.

Well, the answer, found somewhere in the YouTube universe, is to affix a tiny zip tie around one end of the grommet for safe-keeping, as shown here. So simple and easy, I re-worked all the other grommets in no time at all!

AND, for good measure, when removing those panels to get at those grommets, I just lightly spritzed each panel peg with a bit of PTFE-type lube, which makes the whole process even smoother.

As you'll see if you poke around the MotoComposites site, you'll have lots of options if you decide to add a bit of CF to your RS. I might take the plunge on a set of inserts for the cockpit, but maybe in the matte finish to cut down on glare.

Another project for another day! Enjoy and Ride Safely!

