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Software upgrade/update

Discussion in 'R1200RS Tech and Performance Chat' started by Jurian Killian, Apr 16, 2018.

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Jurian Killian

New Member

Messages: 15

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Okay, so to keep a long story short, BMW South Africa (motorrad) has updated my software from 2017 to 2018. Is there any difference that you know of? The reason for my update was due to my bike not having the dynamic tail-light ; all working now, and looks amazing under heavy braking. BMW also said that my bike have the option for hill assist, does any of you recommend it or have it as an option?

Open for discussion!

Jurian Killian, Apr 16, 2018 Report #1 Like Reply

boxter likes this.



Jeroen1969

Well-Known Member

Messages: 525

Likes Received: 341

Trophy Points: 63



Somewhere else on this forum you'll find positive feedback on the Hill Assist. Upgrade will cost me around €220,- Could be I'll have it done as I believe my wife will appreciate this upgrade. On tours together, she gets to ride the RS, I'll have to settle with my 2010 RT that is a tad old fashioned in comparison to the 2017 RS...no Quick Shift, no Dynamic Brake Light, no cornering ABS, no Wonder Wheel to control the navigator VI, no bike data display on the navigator and....no Hill Start Assist...

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Jeroen1969 said: ↑

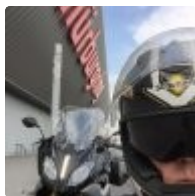
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that is not the problem - remembering to take the fecker out of the other bike's ignition when you go for a stroll/piss/coffee is the problem

2016 R1200RS SE Sport in Lupin Blue to keep the Tiger Explorer company

wessie, Apr 16, 2018 Report #4 Unlike Reply

You, fischetg, Jurian Killian and 2 others like this.



lupo

Active Member



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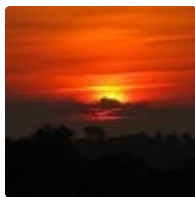
I have the Hill Start Control since two weeks and it works well, especially with sozia and luggage.

I like it and recommend it.

Cheers

lupo, Apr 16, 2018 Report

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ArtW

New Member

Messages: 23

Likes Received: 14

Trophy Points: 3



Jurian Killian said: ↑

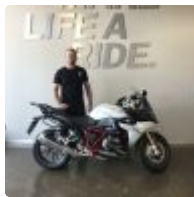
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release. Journalists, and even my local salesman, have noted that they had to get used to using more throttle to get away, otherwise they would stall. BMW clutches are expensive. I guess time will tell.

ArtW, Apr 17, 2018 Report

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so the way it works is exactly the same on the RT, double pull the brake level so that it's engage. As your dealer for a bike with

the hill assist and take it for a ride and test it

Jurian Killian, Apr 17, 2018 Report #7 Like Reply



Robert the
Brews

Member

Messages: 48

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Trophy Points: 18



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To get away there are two options:

1) Pull the brake lever again (firmly) to release the hill stop before driving away. I use this method nine out of ten times using the hill stop! There is no extra clutch wear at all.

2) Drive away by loading the clutch a little more to release the brakes. Since I rarely

use this method I don't expect extra wear of the clutch at all!

Robert the Brews, Apr 17, 2018 [Report](#)
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Grumpy Goat

Well-Known Member

Contributor

Messages: 4,004

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Gotta love these electronic bikes which are upgradeable by software, given that the hardware is already onboard. That is good forward-looking engineering.

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Regards

Grumpy Goat

Houston, TX

2016 BMW R1200RS Granite Grey Premium ("Grump the Grey")

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Bravo

Plenty in the tank

Contributor



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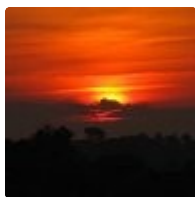
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ArtW

Or a way to get more money out of us?
Apologies if I seem cynical.

I`m sexy and I know it.

Bravo, Apr 17, 2018 Report #10 Unlike Reply

You, Phillo, Stick Rockwell and 3 others like this.



Bravo said: ↑

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No apologies necessary for the truth ...

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Stick Rockwell and Bravo like this.



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Thanks, Robert. That makes a lot more sense than what I was told by the dealer. I 'm now interested in the upgrade.

ArtW, Apr 18, 2018 Report #12 Unlike Reply

You and Robert the Brews like this.



Robert the Brews said: ↑

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enquire as to how much it costs next time I go to the dealer.

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Regards

Grumpy Goat

Houston, TX

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Robert the Brews likes this.



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Living in the Lowlands I considered the hill stop as an item to use in the hills/mountains of Europe during my vacations. That is the reason why I upgraded the software! But to my surprise Holland is not that flat as I thought it is/was. I use it quite a lot without crossing the borders! We have dikes to climb and bridges too, crossing rivers and canals. And sometimes when you climb

them you have to stop. And then I use the hill stop! So I am happy with it. It is not a necessary item but sometimes very comfortable for a man at age!

Robert the Brews, Apr 18, 2018 Report

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Martien likes this.



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