

BMW R 1200 GS Rallye Motorcycles To Star At Motorrad In Mongolia



MUNICH. With the BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy heading to Mongolia in June 2018, the past weeks have been extremely busy for the mechanics who have been preparing the 114 BMW R 1200 GS Rallye motorcycles. The bikes are now on their way to Ulaanbaatar.

Fortunately the GS motorcycles are well-equipped as standard, so the specialist preparation undertaken to equip the machines for the rigours of extreme adventure competition is modest and all the parts required are available as ex works optional equipment or from the Original BMW Motorrad Accessories catalogue.

First, the bike.

The “BMW GS” concept has embodied the desire for adventure for almost 40 years. This applies especially to the GS motorcycles with the opposed-twin boxer engine. The “big GS” allows motorcyclists to explore the most remote corners of the world – an idea that has already inspired numerous globetrotters to set off on their travels.

So for 2018 it will again be the BMW R 1200 GS that the competitors will ride, this time the Rallye variant (first introduced in 2017) which particularly emphasises the off-road character R 1200 GS. The colouring in Lupine Blue metallic and in particular the frame powder-coated in Cordoba Blue go together with the black drivetrain and gold-finished brake callipers to create the sportiest standard “big GS” of all times, even from a purely visual point of view.

Functionally speaking, the new R 1200 GS Rallye underscores this claim with numerous refined details. These include a radiator trim in robust stainless steel, a radiator guard that protects the radiator from stone chip and a special frame guard protects the section of the suspension in the boot area from unwanted scrape marks. The R 1200 GS Rallye rolls on cross-spoke wheel with great offroad capability and Metzeler Karoo 3 off-road tyres.

BMW R 1200 GS Rallye GS Trophy 2018:

- Lupin Blue metallic paint finish.
- Cordoba Blue frame.
- Black drivetrain.
- Dynamic Package including DTC, LED headlight, Daytime running light, Hill Start Control, Shift Assistant Pro, Riding Modes Pro, ABS Pro, LED turn indicators.
- Cross-spoke wheels.
- Metzeler Karoo 3 off-road tyres.
- Heated grips.
- Chrome exhaust system.
- Hand protectors.
- On-board computer Pro.
- Customized graphics kit including competitors name, blood group and country.

To the above specification the mechanics have added various parts from the Original BMW Motorrad Accessories catalogue to further enhance the GS’s performance and protection.

- Adjustable rider foot pegs.
- Adjustable foot brake lever.
- Adjustable gear lever.
- Stainless steel cylinder head cover guard.
- Stainless steel engine protection bar.
- Enduro aluminium bash plate.
- Headlight guard.
- Stainless steel luggage grid.
- Robust luggage made of electropolished stainless steel.
- Bag for pillion seat.
- First aid kit, large.

Canadians Among The First To Get New Polestar 1

The highly anticipated, Polestar 1, the first car from the new electric performance brand Polestar - a subsidiary of Volvo- is now available for pre-ordering in 18 countries around the world. This marks the latest step in the Polestar brand’s global journey.

Along with the opening of the pre-order process, a new car configuration tool allows prospective customers to visualize their Polestar 1 before placing their pre-order.

“With over 7,000 people interested in owning a Polestar 1 since its reveal, we are extremely encouraged by the passion shown for our product. We will now take the next steps towards delivering this beautiful car to our first customers,” says

Thomas Ingenlath, Chief Executive Officer of Polestar.

The pre-order process involves a fully-refundable \$5,000 deposit, which serves as a placeholder in the queue for a Polestar 1. Pre-ordering is now available in the following 18 countries: Canada, China, United States, Sweden, Germany, Norway, the Netherlands, Denmark, Finland, the United Kingdom, Spain, France, Portugal, Poland, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, and Belgium.

The Polestar 1 is an Electric Performance Hybrid GT coupé which produces 600 horsepower and 1,000 Nm of torque, while offering 150 km of pure electric driving range – the longest of any hybrid car in the world.



CAA Applauds Continued Calls To Protect Ontario Motorists From Fraud



THORNHILL: A new report released by Aviva Canada revealing the frequency and depth of auto insurance fraud in Ontario, reinforces CAA South Central Ontario (CAA SCO) continued advocacy efforts calling on the provincial government to make regulating the towing industry a priority.

In 2017, Ontario’s Consumer Protection Act established certain measures to safeguard motorists. Tow operators are prevented from charging excessive amounts for service, and drivers have the option to choose where to have their vehicle towed to. Other measures include:

- Giving motorists the option to pay with a credit card
- Providing an itemized invoice listing the services provided and costs involved before receiving any payment
- Disclose if they are receiving a financial incentive for towing a vehicle to a particular storage facility or repair shop

CAA has been actively working with stakeholders and government officials to work towards provincial regulation of the towing industry.

Regulating the industry would enhance consumer protection for motorists. It would provide consistent levels of training for operators, and ensure the vitality of an important industry on our roads.

“The need for provincial regula-

tion of the tow truck industry is underscored by the continuing challenges related to consumer protection and choice on Ontario’s roads,” said Elliott Silverstein, manager, government relations at CAA South Central Ontario.

Although collisions represent a small portion of towing services conducted in Ontario, these incidents are considerably more expensive, are susceptible to fraudulent behaviours and activities, and occur when motorists are most vulnerable.

“Fraud in the auto insurance industry is multi-faceted, and provincial towing regulation is one of many potential solutions,” said Silverstein.

“The findings in Aviva’s latest report reinforces CAA’s efforts to encourage the provincial government to help resolve challenges in this sector, and keep motorists safe across Ontario if and when they require assistance.”

In August 2017, CAA engaged Ipsos to survey Ontario motorists about their knowledge of their rights and the rules and regulations for the towing industry.

The research indicated that only 51 per cent of motorists said they felt educated about their rights, and do not feel protected. The survey also showed that 53 per cent of respondents were not aware that costs and requirements for towing differ across Ontario.

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