

R12GS "Standard" R12GS "Adventure" Centerstand SkidPlate H-Style Centerstand

This part is compatible with the standard 2006 BMW R1200GS and the R1200GS Adventure models that have an H-style centerstand like the one shown below.



This unit is not compatible with 2004 thru early 2006 models that had the arched centerstand version as shown below:



Thank you for purchasing a BestRest R12GS H-style Centerstand SkidPlate! If you have problems with installation or operation of this product please call us at the number on the letterhead.

May the Lord God watch over you and keep you safe as you travel the world on your motorcycling adventures. Ride Safe and God Bless! ~ David & Judy Petersen

Tools needed for installation:
3mm hex wrench
8 mm wrench (or) 3/8" wrench
Needle nose pliers

Inspect your package. It should contain:

- 1 - R12GS H-style Centerstand SkidPlate
- 2 - 1" (#16) tube clamps (large)
- 2 - 3/4" (#12) tube clamps (small)
- 4 - 5x16mm button head cap screws
- 4 - 5mm nylon locknuts
- 4 - #10 flat washers

The R12GS SkidPlate is designed to protect the underside of your center stand, your catalytic converter (or other exhaust collector), and the underside of the transmission.

Upon contact with a log, rock, or other obstacle, the SkidPlate's tapered design and formed edges prevent rearward or lateral movement of the plate. Under most conditions, the motorcycle will easily slide off the obstacle with no damage to the motorcycle. (Please don't use this as an excuse to go rock bashing!)

INSTALLATION

If you have already have a BestRest Engine SkidPlate you must remove it before you can install this part

1. Place the motorcycle on the center stand. Make sure it's properly balanced and won't tip or fall, because you'll be working under the motorcycle.
2. Clean the center stand of all foreign material.
3. Temporarily place the SkidPlate on the front of the center stand. The bent long edges point toward the REAR of the motorcycle. The two large bent tabs will point UP when the center stand is down.



4. The outer edges of the SkidPlate wrap around the outer tubes of the center stand.
5. The bottom of the SkidPlate will be above the feet of the center stand, and above the side foot lever.



6. Proper vertical alignment is achieved when the SkidPlate is as far down on the

center stand as possible. Note that as you push the SkidPlate down, it wedges itself onto the tubes of the center stand. This is normal and is part of the structural design.

7. Remove the Skidplate and set it aside. From your parts package place the large clamps on the vertical tubes of the centerstand, and the small clamps on the horizontal tube.



8. The clamps are flexible and will fit over the tubes. Once they're in place squeeze them with a pair of pliers so that it's easier to fit the screw and nut. Don't forget to use a washer.

9. There's a RIGHT way and a WRONG way to place these clamps. The flat surface of the SkidPlate is against the flat of the clamp.

The next photo was taken from the lower left (rear) of the center stand. It shows the small diameter horizontal bar and the small #12 clamp. The SkidPlate has been placed on the front of the center stand, and the screw has been placed thru the holes and a nut has been fitted.

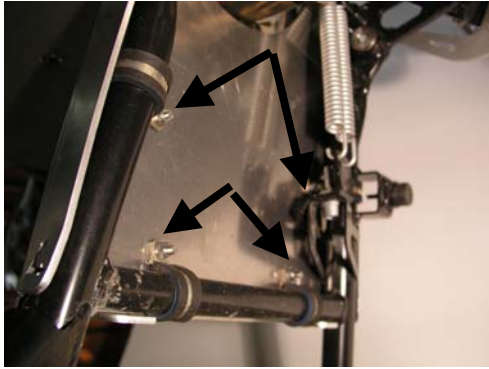


10. Loosely fit all 4 clamps in place (with screws, washers, and nuts) before you tighten any of them.

11. Once you have all everything in place, tighten them about half way, so that the SkidPlate is loosely held in place.

12. Using proper care (a helpful friend is a good thing), roll the bike off the centerstand. It should retract on it's own without hitting the exhaust or other parts.

13. Extend the side stand and rest the bike on the side stand. Move to the right side of the bike and manually work the centerstand up and down to ensure there is no contact with the exhaust system. If there is, adjust the SkidPlate a bit. Once satisfied that the centerstand will retract and extend fully, tighten all the screws holding the SkidPlate onto the face of the centerstand.



Tighten all 4 screws and nuts
Use common sense and do not over-tighten or you'll snap the screw or the clamp

Installation is complete!

If you have a BestRest Engine SkidPlate, reinstall it now, according to the instructions. When it's in place you'll have the maximum underside engine protection available.

Maintenance is not normally required. Occasionally check that the screws and nuts have not come loose.

As part of your regular maintenance and inspection before each ride, check that the SkidPlate hasn't shifted to one side and come in contact with any part of the exhaust system or other frame members. Adjust if required.

When washing the motorcycle, hose off any accumulations of dirt or mud that may have collected on the backside of the SkidPlate.

Over time the SkidPlate will develop a "patina", caused by flying gravel, road debris, rocks, sticks, etc. This is normal and is evidence of the protection afforded by the SkidPlate. It also shows other riders that you've been out there in the bush!

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Some owners have reported minor changes to the design of late model BMW center stands. The corner of the SkidPlate circled below may hit the weld and/or the angled bracket coming off to the right in this photo.

If you find that the corner of the SkidPlate hits this bracket, use a pair of pliers to bend the tab of the SkidPlate outward so it clears the weld and the bracket. It may be necessary to file or modify this tab to achieve the correct clearance. You want the backside of the SkidPlate to rest flat on the front face of the tubular H-frame of the centerstand.

