

R1200GS Tank Bag Options



The standard R1200GS tank bag, by BMW, is above, left. A great tank bag for touring, it is pretty large for daily use around town. The standard, smaller BMW tank bag for the R1150GS is shown above, right, adapted to fit on an R1200GS. The older tank bag accepts BMW's electrification kit; the new one does not.

The photos below show the work need to adapt the R1150GS's tank bag.



The rear "zipper flap" on the R1150GS tank bag, above left, does not reach far enough when the front clips are engaged to reach the R1200GS's zipper attachment. The latter's attachment zipper, however, is the same size as the R1200GS's so it could attach to the R1200GS if it could reach another 3½ inches. Using a small piece of 6" wide leather, I removed the original zipper flap from the R1150GS's tank bag and reattached it 3½" further back using heavy waxed thread from a leather supply store. Now the older tank bag fits perfectly on the R1200GS.