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Circular-Letter of the Service Department Motorcycles: Group Suspensions and shock absorbers No. 1/56 (104)

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Dear Sirs,

Subject: Adjustment of tapered roller bearings on front and rear suspension unit of models R 26, R 50, R 60, R 69.

Road holding qualities and suspension of all motor-cycles are governed by the adjustment of suspension bearings. We are therefore kindly asking you to devote your special attention to our instructions for adjustment of tapered roller bearings on the front- and rear wheel suspension units. Every 12 000 km the suspension bearing units must be removed, cleansed and regreased during the maintenance service job.

A - Front suspension unit:

Remove front wheel and mudguard, unhook suspension units from lower connecting points. Unscrew cap nut of pin, turn off pin. In this way the suspension unit is loosened from the fork. Take care of washers! Remove oil seal ring, pressure bushing and inner race with roller cage; outer race and covering disk are left Carefully cleanse bearing, regrease and refit. Insert seal ring and pressure bushing. The tapered roller bearings may not be interchanged. In order to avoid damaging the thread of the pin it is necessary to screw into the inner thread M 8 of the pin the MATRA special tool No. 519. By means of this tool the pin is centrically approached to the thread in the centre of the fork and fitting is rendered more easy. The pin is now fitted so tightly that the front wheel suspension unit is falling slowly down from its horizontal position by its own weight and will remain standing in oblique position. Loosen pin again slightly until suspension unit will move more downwards, but without turning quite freely.

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- In this position fasten pin for swinging suspension unit with cap nut.

B - Rear wheel suspension unit:

Disconnect electrical wires, remove rear wheel and mudguard, loosen suspension unit from lower connection point.

On models R 50, R 60 and R 69: drain oil from unit, remove 2 clamps, screw off 4 inner hexagon screws for carrier flange on gear box.

Remove cap nuts, loosen hexagon nuts and turn off bearing pin. In this way rear suspension unit is loosened from frame. Remove unit.

Take off seal ring, pressure bushing and inner race with roller cage, outer race and covering disk are not removed. Carefully cleanse bearing, regrease and refit.

Insert seal ring and pressure bushing. The tapered roller bearings may not be interchanged.

On fitting be careful to place suspension unit right into center by turning both bearing pins, i.e. the lateral distances towards frame must be equal (drawing 2).

Screw in one of the two bearing pins until a resistance can be felt. The thread in the frame must be in good condition, if necessary recut thread with cutter M 20 x 1.5.

Tighten this bearing pin now by 1/8 of a turn more and in this position, by supporting with pin spanner contained in tool set of vehicle, tighten hexagon nut. The other pin may not be retightened but must be fastened in normal position. Screw on cap nuts.

In order to find the above named resistance of the bearing pin on the pressure bushing in an easier way, new bearing pins with an improved resistance surface for the pressure Motorcycles: Group Suspensions and shock absorbers No. 1/56
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bushing will be fitted on our serial models as of the following frame numbers:

R 50 557 206

R 69 652 801

R 60 618 401

R 26 348 701

(see drawing 1)

We suggest that on repairs the bearing pins having been used till now should be replaced by the new design.

1 bearing pin

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We remain, dear Sirs,

Yours truly

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