Mounting a GoPro Camera to a 2016 BMW R1200RS Motorcycle

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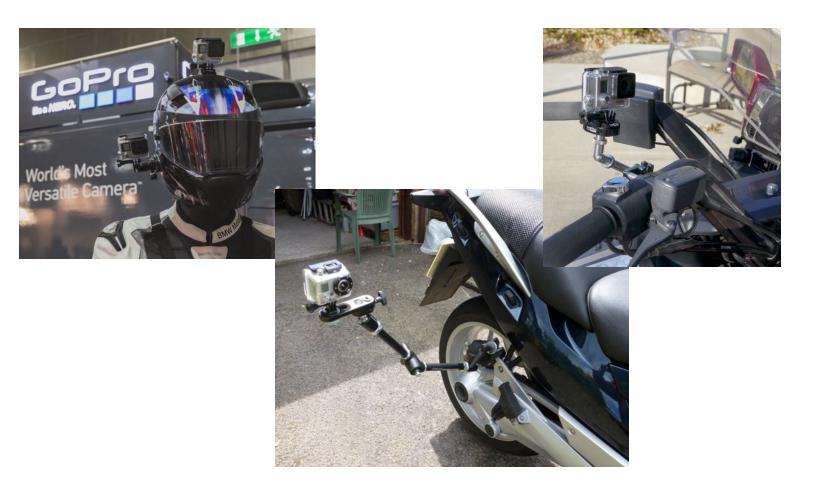
GoPro Camera

- Wide angle 4K resolution extreme sports camera
- Captures still images, video and sound to share the adventure of motorcycling with others
- Remote control with GoPro remote, Apple Watch and iPhone



Mounting Choices

- There are many choices to mount a GoPro camera to an RS
- Helmet mounts were out due to air flow interference
- I wanted a stable mount that didn't detract the sporty appearance of the bike if a camera was not attached



BMW GE Emotion Bracket

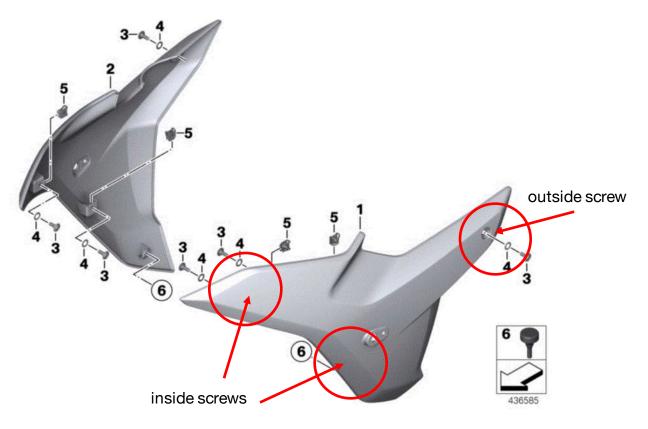
- Lorenzo from Italy offers two different GoPro mounts that attach to to the left front LED turn signal
- This model will work with the left side panel of the RS
- http://www.bmwgsemotion.com/accing1.htm





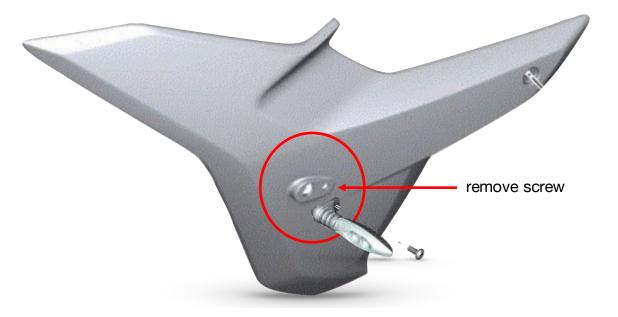
Removing the Outer Fairing Panel

- You need to remove the outside left front faring panel by removing three torx screws
- The left turn signal can remain attached to the panel for this procedure
- It is not necessary to remove the inside panel that attaches to the body



Attaching Bracket

- Hold the nut on the inside of the removed panel with a socket wrench and remove the screw securing the LED turn signal
- Gently pull the plastic base of the turn signal about 2-3mm away from the fairing panel and insert the metal bracket in between the fairing panel and the base of the turn signal base
- Tighten the screw and nut securing the turn signal and bracket to the fairing panel
- Reinstall the fairing panel by securing it with the 3 torx screws removed earlier (one outside, two inside)



Attached Bracket



A metal ringed mounting piece is included and connects the standard GoPro housing to the metal bracket

Optional Accessories

- The camera works very well mounted directly to the bracket using the standard GoPro camera housing
- There is left/right adjustment to aim the camera by loosening both screws on the bracket and then re-tighten
- One option is to insert an 45mm aluminum extension to elevate and move the camera forward from Fotodiox available from Amazon for \$14.00 USD



Optional Accessories

- Another option is to add anodized aluminum thumbscrews from CamKix
- The red helps me remember to check the fittings and make sure the knobs are tightened before setting out on an adventure. They supply a small plastic ring tool that is very effective in tightening the knobs
- A set of three knobs available from Amazon for \$ 9.99 USD.



Fully Assembled Bracket with Housing





front view

side view

The camera almost disappears from view when riding. Most people don't notice the camera until you point it out to them.

The Bracket That Wouldn't fit

- Lorenzo from BMW GS Emotion makes two brackets
- The bracket on the bottom of the photo may fit a GS but it will not fit the curved body panel of the RS
- This is the correct shape of the bracket that works with the RS fairing panel used for this

project





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