

King of Fleece SplitWeight waterproof seat cover

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ONE OF THE MOST HOTLY DEBATED topics within the BMW motorcycling community is the relative comfort of aftermarket and custom seats. For long-distance riders who spend ungodly amounts of time in the saddle, a seat upgrade is a given, and often represents a substantial investment. No matter which brand or type of saddle you sit on, nature's elements quickly conspire to wear down materials and thus degrade their functionality and appearance. Water, especially, has a way of seeping through stitching and small tears, soaking the dense foam underneath and causing the rider tremendous discomfort until the seat dries out again – a process which may take days, or even weeks, depending on the severity of the saturation.

After suffering through hundreds of miles on a waterlogged seat during a tour through Michigan, King of Fleece owner Jim Morabito hatched the idea for a truly waterproof seat cover, and the result is the SplitWeight model tested here. The timing for this test was perfect, since our 2013 R1200R test mule was recently improved with the addition of a custom-built Bill Mayer Ultima Leather heated saddle. We used that premium seat to test the SplitWeight “B-Series” cover. Installation takes under three minutes on the R1200R – simply pop the seat off, stretch the King of Fleece cover over it, snug the cover down with the included Velcro straps, trim them if desired, and reinstall the seat. The cover material feels very durable, is fully waterproof, and is UV resistant to boot.



A Bill Mayer Saddles seat on a '13 R1200R.



KOF Splitweight “B-Series” cover installed over the Bill Mayer Saddles seat