

# MachineArt Moto's Avant RT\_LC fender extender for wethead R 1200 RT

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**IN THE BMW RT COMMUNITY,** front fender extenders are considered mandatory for any owner who obsesses over the bike's appearance, as the stock RT fender is inexplicably curtailed far above where it should be. Without such an extender, riding for only a few seconds over freshly paved roads or hot tar snakes can result in hours of tedious scrubbing to remove the offending blemishes from the engine case and exhaust headers. An extension eliminates this potential contamination to allow for more time riding and less time cleaning. MachineArt Moto has introduced its new "Avant RT\_LC" extension specifically for 2014 and newer wet-

head RT models, and we put it through its paces via high mileage summer commuting over roasting New Jersey Turnpike asphalt to determine its value.

### Installation:

It takes genius to simplify something to its barest essentials, and the Avant RT\_LC's design definitely falls into this category. Gone are the days of nervously drilling the fender of your expensive new motorcycle to install extensions. We installed the Avant RT\_LC in under three minutes, and one of those minutes was spent reading the

**Right,** Avant RT\_LC adds six inches of length and two inches of width to the stock wethead RT fender.



Avant RT\_LC installs within minutes. Arrow indicates the bottom of the stock Wethead RT fender.



instructions and gathering the tools. Just slip the Avant over the stock front fender and snug down its two T25 black stainless steel Torx bolts. Each of these bolts threads into a stainless steel compression clamp via an integrated Nylock-type nut. These clamps then bite into the underside of the stock fender on each side to triangulate the assembly and prevent any slippage. Since no holes are drilled, riders can transfer the Avant from bike to bike within minutes, leaving no marks behind—especially useful for owners who eventually trade in but like to keep their farkles.

### Aesthetics:

The Avant RT\_LC looks completely OEM on the wethead RT by virtue of its chunky, angular styling and black stainless Torx hardware, both of which precisely match the overall design language of the motorcycle. Further, its texture nicely matches the matte finish of the RT's stock fender.

### Functionality:

The Avant RT\_LC adds a whopping six inches of length to the stock fender, while increasing stock width by a substantial two inches. The extra coverage offers comprehensive protection for the engine case and exhaust headers, exponentially reducing cleaning time. As for durability, the injection molded polypropylene Avant should easily last the life of the motorcycle. This material did not crack when flexed, and did not budge even one millimeter during our abusive testing regimen.

All riders can name components which are usually not thought of as sexy, but which nonetheless perform essential tasks thanklessly. Fender extenders are clearly one of those components, but as far as the BMW R 1200 RT-LC is concerned, the Machineart Moto Avant RT\_LC has clearly raised the bar in installation, aesthetics, and functionality. The fender extender has a MSRP of \$79, and for more information, visit [machineartmoto.com](http://machineartmoto.com). ☺