



# Soften the vibes with HVMP R 1200 RT bar end weights

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**NEARLY ALL MOTORCYCLES HAVE** an RPM range in which the grips start to buzz, and depending on the model in question, it may feel like operating a jackhammer instead of riding a bike. In some cases, especially for riders with carpal tunnel syndrome and other related afflictions, the vibes can be painful, or even numbing. Hudson Valley Motor Parts (HVMP) Bar End Weights represent a compelling antidote to these annoying handlebar pulsations by adding copious mass to the bar ends, thereby quelling the sympathetic resonance which plagues all machines to some degree.

My HVMP test pair were superlatively finished in brushed stainless steel, an understated bit of bling replacing the 2015 BMW R1200RT test mule's bland, stock black bar ends. The added mass of the HVMP models was immediately apparent, with each bar end weighing in at a portly 16.7 ounces, and measuring 2.4 inches high x 1.5 inches diameter at the base. For reference, the RT's stock bar end weighs a scant 8.6 ounces and measures 1.4 inches high x 1.5 inches diameter at the base.

Installation was a breeze, requiring only common hand tools. The Wet head RT's stock bar ends are removed by loosening the T45 torx bolts which hold them in place, and replacing them with the HVMP units, which are fastened via the included 6mm stainless allen bolts with lock washers. It's a good idea to add some medium strength thread locking compound to the bolt threads. Torque to 72 in-lbs., and you're done. The whole process takes less than five minutes at most for the pair, and that's



working methodically.

On the road, the HVMP bar ends had a dramatic effect on handlebar vibes throughout the entire rev range. Already a smooth bike even in stock form, the RT's handlebars were now dead still below 4,500 rpm, and the buzz which used to emanate from

the grips above 4,500 rpm was now reduced by what felt like 70 percent, making spirited riding and downshifting much more enjoyable. I tested the HVMPs throughout this past winter, where they were exposed to the elements and salt with no detrimental effects. A quick rub with some WD40 and they look like new.

For the modest investment and effort required for installation, the HVMP bar ends are a worthy addition for commuters, long distance travelers, and any riders who want less buzz in the bars. HVMO

offers a wide selection of its American-made bar ends for BMW models in brushed stainless and black powdercoat finishes, with MSRPs starting at \$78. For more information, visit [www.hvmp.com](http://www.hvmp.com).

