



PERSONAL REVIEW FROM SWITZERLAND

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I tried several windshields for my 2018 BMW K1600.GTL. Still wasn't happy how the windshields from different manufacturers performed.

Until I discovered on March 31, 2021, ordered and tested in April 2021, the new BMW Flare™ Windshield by Klock Werks.

This is my honest and personal review on this amazing product.

Note:
I have no commercial
interest in this
product.



FLARE™ WINDSHIELD FOR BMW K1600



FIRST CONTACT

Alan from Klock Werks replied immediately to my interest in their windshield. He offered me a very fair deal as they are in a test phase and are currently only selling to a limited number of test pilots to further review fitment and performance of the new windshield.

I accepted their proposal and 2 weeks later it arrived here in Switzerland.



FIT & FINISH

Alan also told me that the windshield have been reported to fit well, but there might be a very small discrepancy with the bottom holes.

I installed the windshield immediately upon arrival. It took me 2 minutes to install and yes there was a very small discrepancy, but no further adjustment was needed. I give an A for fitment and an A+ for Finish.

KLOCK WERKS SAYS

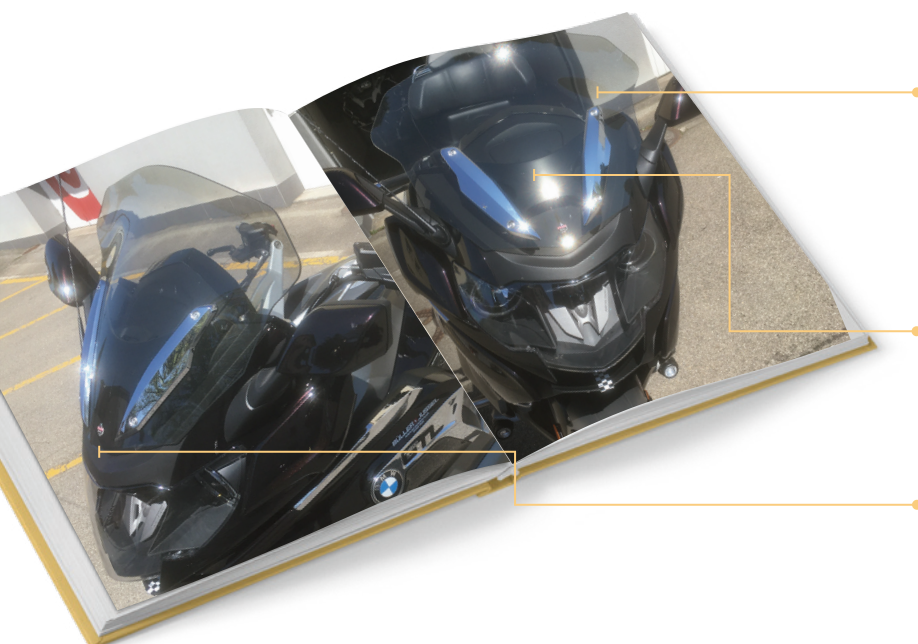
that the Klock Werks Flare™ is the ORIGINAL windshield of its kind, and has surprised riders everywhere with not only how great it looks, but also with how well it performs.

INNOVATIVE DESIGN

features "hips" at the outer edge of the shield that re-route the air to add downforce to the front of the bike, improving stability vs riding with a stock shield. The "flip" at the top of the Flare™ is designed to kick the air up and back as "clean", less turbulent air for the rider and passenger.

WAS I SURPRISED?

Oh yes! Let me share with you, dear reader, how it changed our riding experience on our beloved BMW K1600 GTL from a rider and passenger viewpoint.



RIDER - ONE UP IMPRESSION

Very often the standard windshield does not offer what you as rider and passenger are really looking for.

What are we actually looking for?

A windshield that offers both rider and passenger "Comfort" at slow and high speeds, on different roads, and in all weather conditions.

1. As most bikers do, is getting experiences from other riders about the best windshield on different BMW K1600 forums. Some suggested the shield from Puig and others preferred the Wunderlich. I bought the Windshields from both companies and ended up with the one from Wunderlich, which gave us the best compromise. So we drove many Km with the Wunderlich one (see picture), which was clearly much better as the stock shield but still didn't gave us a 100% satisfaction.

2. The "Klock Werks Flare™ Windshield" for the BMW K1600 gave me exactly everything what I, as a solo rider, was looking for. What a change!

- It does everything what "Klock Werks" has described.
- I am 1.80 m tall and I can always look over the windshield in whatever condition and at whatever speed. Just need to put the electric windshield half way up.
- The instant stability it procures is indescribable. It is like I'm riding a complete different bike. Now I'm really one with the bike.
- What an amazing feeling!



TWO UP IMPRESSION

Now it was time for a 2-up test ride with our New "Klock Werks Flare™ Windshield". We planned a short (50Km) test ride on mountain roads and on the High way with the new shield and then come back and change the new shield for the old windshield. Doing the same trip and see which one was the best.

My wife is 1.58m tall and said that it really felt nice. It was like the air was much finer. During this first test trip I tried different high positions. Started with my 1-up setting and she felt a bit buffeting and wind on the shoulders. Then I raised it to maximal height position. She told me, that is was much worse. So I lowered it to a 3/4 position (I still could see over the shield) and now she was in a complete bubble of calm air which she never had experienced before. She even said on the high way: Honey, why don't you drive faster. I told her that we were already way over the legal speed limit.

We changed back to the old shield and after 10Km she said; go back and put on again the "Klock Werks Flare™ Windshield".

The next days we enjoyed our "Flair" trips as never before. We even had some very nasty gusty mountain winds but the bike handled it like a Swiss-Knife-Train on rails.

PERSONAL CONCLUSION

Should "Klock Werks" make modifications to their new "Flare™ Windshield" for the BMW K1600?

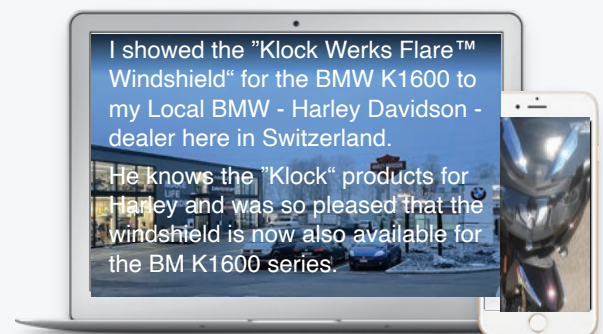
For me personally not. Well, one can always modify or make it a little bit wider and taller in height or different tints. Maybe 0.5 / 1 inch larger and wider, but I don't know if that really makes a difference. We like it a 100% the way it is.

I think that The "Klock Werks Crew" did it again! They provide a Windshield with "Style and Function" for the BMW K1600 series. My wife and I can only recommend it to everyone.

It's one of the best investments we've ever made for our BMW.

Anyway, we'll keep it forever.

A big Thanks and congrats to the whole "Klock Werks Crew".



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