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These are all the tools I took on this trip. This tool kit is specifically designed for airheads made between 1981 and 1995.

Every airhead should come with a BMW standard tool set. It's well-designed and has almost everything you need to work on your bike from the side of the road. But this tool kit should be the bare minimum for anyone riding an Airhead.

After working for years on these bikes, I added a few things to make my work more efficient, and to allow me to cover a wider range of potential mechanical issues: ratchets, sockets, Allen sockets, a hook, a straight pick, and a vice grip. Allen keys and sockets are useful for different purposes. The multimeter, the jumper cable, the test light, and the electrical connectors are only recommended for those who have some knowledge of electrical systems. I always carry a bar of Loctite thread locker, thread sealant, and anti-seize. Needless to say, you should only carry tools you know how to use.

A good tool kit is the key to independence and self-reliance. Quality tools are an investment and they will last you all of your trips and more. Buy once, cry once.

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Basics

- 2 Slip joint pliers
- 5 Duct tape
- 6 Electrical tape
- 7 Micro-starter
- 11 Flashlight
- 12 Zip ties (S/M/L)
- 17 Tire pressure gage
- 25 Feeler gages
- 33 XL steel tire iron
- 34 Tire iron
- 35 Dual screwdriver
- 37 Allen keys
- 38 3" socket extension
- 39 Large 3/8" ratchet
- 40 Small 1/4" ratchet
- 41 Allen sockets 3/8"
- 42 3/8" sockets

BMW Kit (reduced)

- 8 Wrenches 7–22 mm
- 13 Steering head wrench
- 15 Socket wrench 21 × 22 mm
- 16 Spark plug socket
- 19 Ring spanner 27 × 41 mm
- 29 Socket wrench 17 mm
- 30 Wrench extension

Additional

- 1 Cutting pliers
- 3 Nose pliers
- 4 Vice grip
- 9 Brass brush
- 10 Nylon brush
- 14 Rear shock wrench
- 18 Test light
- 20 Jumper cable
- 21 Threadlocker blue
- 22 Thread anti-seize
- 23 Threadlocker red
- 24 Thread sealant
- 26 Electrical connectors
- 27 Electrical cable
- 28 Electrical mini pliers
- 31 Steel punch
- 32 Hook/straight pick
- 36 Multimeter