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International Bike Of The Year BMW K 1600 GT

The Brussels Motor Show, in January 2012, was the venue for Belgian motorcycle magazine *MotorWereld's* "International Bike Of The Year 2011 (IBOTY)" award (awarded at the end of the model year). The BMW K 1600 GT was this year's winner, announced at a press conference during the show. The award comes from an international jury representing 25 motorcycle magazines. Journalists cited the bike's combination of comfort, performance and innovative technologies in their decision. The in-line 6-cylinder engine was said to offer power, refinement and lots of fun. Technology includes ABS, traction control, navigation, an adaptive

headlight, and electronically controlled suspension with various modes to increase active riding safety—all useful in a top-end touring motorcycle. On the road, the K 1600 GT is known for its agile chassis and unusually light handling. According to the jury, all this gives the rider a unique riding experience—and they are among the most demanding touring and sports motorcyclists.

The BMW K 1600 GTL was rated separately and finished fourth, while the S 1000 RR followed it in fifth place, tied with the Kawasaki ZX-10R. With three models in the top five, BMW Motorrad put in a highly impressive showing overall. BMW Motorrad also won

the highest rating in 2010 with the S 1000 RR.

Taking part in IBOTY were: *Australian Motorcycle News* (Australia), *Auto By* (Japan), *Autocar India* (India), *Bike* (Scandinavia), *Bike* (UK), *Cycle World* (USA), *Der Reitwagen* (Austria), *Inmoto* (Italy), *KicXstart* (Netherlands), *Kiwi Rider* (New Zealand), *La Moto* (Spain), *Maximoto* (France), *Moto Kultur Asia* (Malaysia and Singapore), *Moto* (Greece), *Moto Journal* (Canada), *Moto & Loisirs* (Belgium), *Moto Mag* (Israel), *Motoraj* (Czech Republic), *Motoron* (Turkey), *MotoSi* (Slovenia), *MotorWereld* (Belgium), *PS Magazin* (Germany), *Revista Moto* (Mexico), *SuperBike* (South Africa), *Swiat Motocykli* (Poland).

