Oilhead TDC Locating Mandrel

The BMW OEM TDC Locating Mandrel (R11S, RT and GS) at the time of this writing cost $32.68 USD. A substitute can easily be fabricated for approximately $3.00 USD with a Square-U bolt available from almost any hardware store. The bolt used in this document came from Ace Hardware and cost $2.49 USD. The shank of the bolt that was used measured 0.326” (8.28mm). Check the diameter of the shank as they do vary slightly.

National Manufacturing Co.   Catalog # 2192   Item # N222-406
www.natman.com   Square U Bolt, Zinc plated   3/8” x 4” x 7”

Using a hacksaw cut the bolt in two locations as shown below. Clean up the cut ends with a file and taper the end shown to ease inserting into the flywheel. I recommend attaching a bright colored ribbon or cord to remind you to remove the tool and unlock the flywheel.
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