

They even copied the manuals!

The jury is still out as I write this as to whether the Russian built the M72 from the R71 under licence from BMW or the Russians bought some examples, then in a couple of years built factories to build high quality exact replicas; but they also copied the manuals – see for yourself. The Russian version is from a 1954 M72 complete workshop manual and the (English version) BMW manual is common across many BMW models including the R71.

