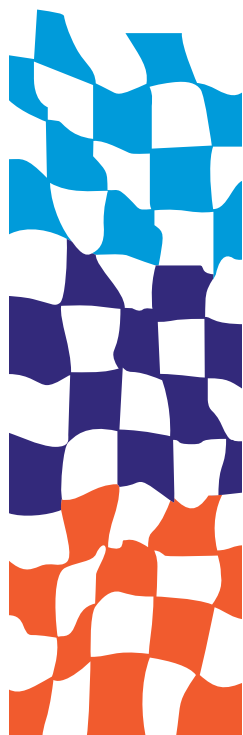




■ The M3 show car was one of the undisputed stars of the 1999 Frankfurt auto show. Show-goers not only loved the M3, they gave its special satin chrome paint rave reviews.



## The M3 Dream Machine

BMW M is developing a reputation for exciting sneak previews. Two years ago, BMW's legendary high-performance subsidiary gave the world a peek at the new M5 during the Frankfurt auto show. Last September, M used the same venue to allow driving enthusiasts a glimpse of the next-generation M3.

M officially called the stunning coupe a "show car." Painted a beautiful glossy metal satin chrome, its design differs more clearly from the current 3 Series coupe than its predecessor did from its counterpart. Flared wheel arches, a power dome on the aluminum hood, a special front air dam and front bumper featuring cooling openings for engine and brakes, M sideview mirrors, four polished, stainless steel tailpipes and unmistakable M wheels on high-performance tires give the M3 show car a dynamic, distinctive appearance. Small front fender grilles link the M3 to one of its famous predecessors, the CS coupe.

M drivers, of course, are just as keenly interested in what lies under the skin as they are with the beautiful body. For now, M officials will say only that the new M3 will be powered by an M-tuned six-cylinder engine incorporating outstanding technologies such as



double-VANOS (variable camshaft timing system) and individual throttle butterflies. They also predicted, with a bit of a wink, that the performance of the new M3 "will certainly match that of the former model." The next-generation M3, due for its official debut in the spring of 2000, will be a world model, meaning that the same car will be sold in all markets.

The satin chrome paint, silver sprayed over black — the same paint used for the new M5's wheels — created almost as much of a stir as the show car itself. However, the paint scheme was specially created for the Frankfurt show and there are no plans to make it available on standard production M3s.

Automotive journalists from around the world singled out the M3 as one of the stars at Frankfurt, a judgment passed without the car moving a millimeter. Once behind the wheel, the dream will become an M reality. We can't wait!

### Mbriefing

#### Mdriver Takes To The Net

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As we go to press, some lucky M drivers are taking delivery of their new M5s. We recently had BMW Motorsport driver Bill Auberlen test drive an M5 at Road Atlanta. Grinning from ear-to-ear when he climbed out of the sedan, he said, "Tons of mid-range power. The handling is fantastic. You're able to flick it around. Slide it. To have such control over this much power in this big of a car is amazing. What a car!"

Included in the price of a new M5 is a two-day driving school for the owner and a guest at the new BMW Performance Center near the BMW factory in Spartanburg, S.C. One day will be spent on the center's training course learning the nuances of driving the M5.

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The other day will include a driving adventure in M roadsters and M coupes through the spectacular Carolina mountain country, culminating with a tour of the famous Biltmore Estate in Asheville. Lodging and meals are included in the package. See your BMW center client advisor for further details.

Work continues at a fever-pitch on the BMW Formula 1 engine for the 2000 Grand Prix season. Test driver Jorg Muller logged some encouraging times at the Hungaroring in October with the engine fitted in a 1998 Williams chassis. He turned times just a fraction slower than Ralf Schumacher's postings in the current Williams during the warm-up for this year's race there. The V10 engine will debut with BMW Team Williams in March at the Australian Grand Prix. And don't forget, Formula 1 returns to the United States next year at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on September 24.

BMW Team PTG will return to the American Le Mans Series (ALMS) next year with their race-winning M3s. Tom Milner and his crew won the 1999 GT Team championship. While contesting the 2000 series, PTG will also develop the race version of the new M3. The ALMS will include races in North America, Europe and Australia.

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## M5 Factoids

There are so many interesting technical features on the new M5 there isn't room to cover them all in one article. To give you a better appreciation for this magnificent automobile, here are just a few reasons why the M5 is setting new standards for performance and luxury:

- An experienced driver can achieve lateral acceleration up to 1.2 g in a new M5, a figure that was previously out of the question in a road-going car.
- The five-liter M5 V8 engine utilizes



■ The initial shipment of M5s to the United States has arrived. M5 power is provided by this five-liter V8 producing 400 horsepower and 369 foot-pounds of torque.

- maintenance-free hydraulic valve tappets, a first for an M engine.
- The M5's unique lubrication system, which provides adequate oil flow protection in high-speed bends, is activated and controlled by the Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) lateral acceleration sensors, even

- when the DSC is switched off.
- The rear diffuser, located under the trunk area, accelerates air flow, by means of a venturi effect, to provide additional cooling for the differential.
- The electronic throttle system takes only 120 milliseconds to open the eight individual throttle butterflies.

## 1999 Motorsport Update

For North American BMW racing fans, 1999 will be remembered as a vintage year. BMW had two factory-supported teams competing in the new and exciting American Le Mans Series (ALMS) with both exotic prototypes and production cars.

BMW Team Schnitzer brought a distinctly European flavor to the series. Their first win was their first race, the grueling 12 Hours of Sebring. The team then went back to Europe to race, and win, at Le Mans. Returning to the U.S., Schnitzer went on to score victories at Sears Point, Laguna Seca and Las Vegas. Despite contesting only part of the series, BMW finished second in the prototype manufacturers standings and third in the team competition.

BMW Team PTG had a bittersweet ALMS season. For the first time since 1996 the team's M3s did not win the GT manufacturers championship, losing to Porsche. However, the Winchester, Va., squad did score its fourth GT team title.



■ BMW Team PTG (above) won the 1999 ALMS GT team championship with its M3 coupe and sedan. (Photos: Gary Auberlen)

In addition to winning Sebring, Le Mans, Sears Point, Laguna Seca and Las Vegas, BMW Team Schnitzer (left) finished second in the 1999 ALMS manufacturers championship.

# M Holiday Gift Guide

Why not leave this page of *Mdriver* open in a not-so-subtle place to give your significant other some not-so-subtle hints for a few high-performance holiday gift ideas. And while you're at it, don't forget the kids!

**Alloy Fleece.** Soft polyfleece has quarter-length zipper with custom rubber pull; BMW M Power embroidery across front chest. \$78. Charcoal, adult sizes S-XXL. Order number 99 00 0 001 297

**Tote Bag.** Spacious tote is adorned with rubber M patch and strong, webbed straps. Convenient interior attachment holds keys securely inside bag—and out of view. \$48. Order number 99 00 0 001 313

**M Power Tie.** BMW redefines the power tie! 100% silk tie features exclusive pattern with elements taken from your favorite high-performance automobiles. \$30.

Navy/Motorsport pattern. Order number 99 00 0 001 303

**M Power Sport Watch.** Sleekly designed timepiece in gray titanium with black leather band offers precise performance that is water-resistant to 100 feet. \$195. Order number 99 00 0 001 431

**M Power Pen.** Brushed metal pen is detailed with M Power insignia; comes in sporty black case. \$18. Order number 99 00 0 001 314

**Junior Racers Suit.** The race is on! Durable poly/cotton suit adds excitement to everyday playtime. Fun BMW M Power details on legs,

sleeves and zipper pull. \$80. Red, kids' sizes XS-L (fits 4-10). Order number 99 00 0 001 306-309

**Kids T-Shirt.** Cotton tee has M3 car graphic on front. \$16. White, kids' sizes XS-L (fits 4-10). Order number 99 00 0 001 285-288

**Kids Fleece.** Touchable, colorful polyfleece has BMW M Power embroidery on back. \$40. Blue/red. Kids' sizes XS-XL (fits 4-12). Order number 99 00 0 001 389-393

**M Baby Racer.** The perfect "first BMW" with a high-quality blown plastic shell has lots of M extras, including Motorsport-styled lights and wheels, race decal decoration and more. For use by children two years and older. Complies with

ATSM/F963-92. \$79.95. Order number 80 93 9 411 755

**M3/M Logo License Plate Frames.** Frames have logo on chrome-finish strip. \$39. Order number 82 12 1 470 267 (M3 stainless) Order number 82 12 1 470 266 (M3 matte black) Order number 82 12 1 470 394 (M matte black) Order number 82 12 1 470 395 (M stainless)

**M Logo Marque Plates.** \$39.95 Order number 82 12 1 470 398 (polished stainless) Order number 82 12 1 470 397 (black stainless) Order number 82 12 1 470 396 (satin stainless)



# Mcalendar

## AUTO SHOWS

Date	Show	Location
January 8-16, 2000	Los Angeles Auto Show	Los Angeles Convention Center
January 15-23	North American International Auto Show	Detroit, Cobo Hall
February 11-20	Chicago Auto Show	McCormick Place

## FIA FORMULA 1

Date	Location	TV Coverage
March 12	Australia	SpeedVision/Fox Sports
March 26	Brazil	SpeedVision/Fox Sports
April 9	San Marino	SpeedVision/Fox Sports

## AMERICAN LE MANS SERIES

Date	Location	TV Coverage
February 27	San Diego	SpeedVision/Fox Sports
March 18	Sebring	SpeedVision/Fox Sports
April 1	Charlotte	CNBC

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