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*From
The
President*

State of the Chapter

I thought this issue of the newsletter would be a good opportunity for me to write up a “state of the club”, at least as I see it. We continue to have great strengths, executing a formula that has served us well for many years. However, there are areas in which we could improve as well.

Let’s lead off with what’s going well. Our membership numbers are solid. We have events every month. We have money in the bank. These are things not every BMW CCA chapter has going for it. Our members are loyal, and we have a core group that attends multiple events per year. I count many of you among my personal friends, and the welcoming atmosphere of our club is what allowed us to meet in the first place.

Now, what could we do better? I think it all comes down to our ability to diversify. In my mind, this comes in several forms. I’d love to get more people involved in planning events. It’d be great for us to have 12 events in 2019 planned by 12 people. That’s about a 1% participation rate from our total membership. If you’d be interested in stepping up to plan an event, reach out to a board member, we’d be happy to help by sharing our advice and experience.

I’d also like to figure out how to diversify location and type of events. Our chapter covers over 100,000 square miles. Imagine all the interesting and like-minded members that you haven’t met yet. Let’s figure out how to connect with friends-to-be further outside of central Texas.

We’ve got a tentative date to put on a Street Survival with the Porsche Club. I’m excited about the opportunity to partner with PCA to get a Street Survival program off the ground in Austin. It’s such an

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Welcome New Members

Austin

*Keith Alfano
Bailey Webb
Geoffrey Bown
Dor Brown
Karthik Gackwad
Judith Grube
John Holder
Gary Lowe
Brooks Masterson*

*Sangeet Motwani
Paul Phillips
Greg Reynolds
Felix Rodriguez
Jeff Shell
Gabe Thurman
Chris Werner
Ryan Wigley*

Cedar Park

*Kamel Chbaro
Erika Frankel
Matthew Fuller
David Moskowitz*

San Antonio

*Michael Brint
Christopher Chadwell
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Georgetown

*Colton Kiselica
Jeff Schulz*

Spring Branch
Donald Faerber

Pflugerville
Brian Rogers

Terrell Hills
Louis Toba

Lakeway
Kimball Johnson

Corpus Christi
James Elliot

New Braunfels
Carlos Lopez

Kempner
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From The President

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amazing experience for young drivers and something our club has wanted to achieve for years. I really want to figure out how to build up a high-performance driving program as well. It's something a good number of our members are interested in, and they are looking elsewhere to scratch that itch.

In summary, I see all of the things

we're great at as a foundation for us to achieve success in the things we currently aren't doing at all. If we can diversify, I believe that doing so will let us connect with a larger part of our local club who currently are just getting the Roundel every month. Let's show them what they're missing.

**Until next time,
Josh Butts**



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The Teen Street Survival Program is supported and organized by the BMW CCA to provide defensive driving techniques and actual experience for teenagers with a driving permit or license.

The Tejas Chapter would like to have its 1st event. A small team of Tejas Chapter members had been putting the plans together since 2011 event, but have continually run into a roadblock, “the location.” The location has to be a large parking lot with minimal obstructions, such as light poles. Several locations have been contacted with limited success. Due to this roadblock, the new target to hold an event is now 2019.

Please contact the Driving Events Coordinator, Jeff Gifford at jeff@jeffgifford.com, if you have a contact for a location in the Central Texas area.



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After the Holidays Party and Incentive Awards Presentation

Saturday, January 19, 2019

Planned by: Raquel Robles

**Come join us as we celebrate the end
of the Holiday Season
And the beginning of a fun filled year.**

We will have dinner

**Followed by the presentation of our 2018
Incentive Points Awards**

**Then we will have fun choosing and stealing
the white elephant gifts**

The Historic Faust Hotel Ballroom



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6:00 pm
Arrive/mingle

6:30 pm
Dinner & Cash
Bar

7:30 pm
Awards

8:00 pm
White Elephant
Gift exchange



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BMW Models Enjoy Awards-rich Year in 2018

BMW Press Release

BMW can look back on a highly successful 2018 yielding an impressive haul of awards and accolades. Over the course of the past year, vehicles from BMW have managed to win over not just automotive journalists and experts from around the world, but also the readers of motoring magazines, market researchers and IT insiders. What's more, the award winners distinguished themselves in areas ranging from product quality and design to technical innovation, intelligent connectivity and sustainability. BMW picked up two of the world's most coveted honours in the process, with the title of World Performance Car going to the BMW M5 and the International Engine of the Year award bestowed on the BMW i8 for the fourth year in succession. The string of successes racked up by the super-sporty BMW M models, which topped the podium on several occasions, provided further good news. And the premium carmaker also took home a hat-trick of wins as the most innovative brand in the premium segment.

BMW 5 Series on top once again.

Following on from the triumphs of the previous 12 months, 2018 turned out to be another highly successful year for the BMW 5 Series models, both in Germany and internationally. The awards for the 5 Series included Best Car in the upper mid-size category from German motoring

magazine auto motor und sport. In the Auto Trophy – World's Best Cars awards, the 5 Series again received the most votes in the executive category from readers of Auto Zeitung magazine. In the awards presented by Auto Test magazine, it was the BMW 530d Touring that made the best impression and was ultimately declared the overall winner, while the BMW 520d Touring was judged to offer the best price-performance ratio in the upper mid-size segment. The BMW 5 Series received wide acclaim in the UK, too, where it picked up not one but two coveted UK Car of the Year awards – for Best Executive Car and Best Estate Car. The Sedan and Touring variants were also named Car of the Year by other motoring journals, including What Car?, Company Car Today and Car Express. Meanwhile, the BMW 520d xDrive Touring emerged as the overall winner in the Tow Car Awards presented jointly by What Car?, Practical Caravan and The Camping and Caravanning Club.

Podium finishes for BMW M models.

In 2018, juries far and wide again considered BMW vehicles the sporting benchmark, with models from BMW M GmbH leading the way. The new BMW M5 high-performance sedan proved an instant hit at the World Car Awards, duly earning the title of World Performance Car. The BMW M5 and other BMW M models were a dominant force on winners' lists in Germany, too. The BMW M5 Competition was crowned Sports Car of the Year by Auto Bild Sportscars magazine in the Sedans/Station

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BMW Awards-rich Year

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Wagons category, while the BMW M2 Competition was awarded the corresponding accolade in the Small/Compact Car category.

In the readers' poll conducted by sport auto magazine to find the sportiest cars of the year, the Munich-based premium carmaker's models were voted top in eight different categories. This meant BMW collected more titles than any other manufacturer in this year's survey. The roll-call of winners were bookended by the BMW M140i (Compact Cars category) and high-performance BMW M5 Sedan (Sedans/Station Wagons over €100,000), with the BMW M240i Coupe (Coupes up to €50,000), BMW M550d xDrive (Diesels), BMW M3 with Competition Package (Sedans/Station Wagons up to €100,000) and BMW M4 Coupe with Competition Package (Coupes up to €100,000) in between. Alongside the M models, the BMW 230i Convertible (Convertibles/Roadsters up to €50,000) and BMW 330i (Sedans/Station Wagons up to €50,000) were also voted best in class.

Electrified BMW powertrains still buzzing.

BMW's vast well of expertise in the field of alternative drive systems once again earned it recognition, with a variety of awards for the all-electric BMW i3, the progressive BMW i8 plug-in hybrid sports car and the BMW 330e plug-in hybrid sedan. Readers of Auto Zeitung magazine ranked the two BMW i models among the World's Best Cars in the categories for electric cars up to €50,000 and electric/hybrid performance cars. The BMW i8 additionally picked up an International Engine of the Year award for the fourth year in a row after again fending off its rivals in the 1.4 litre to 1.8 litre category. The electrified BMW models are proving highly popular in the UK, too, Auto Express [PR1] magazine declaring the BMW i3 Rex to be the Best Hybrid Car and the BMW i3 the Best Low Emissions Green Car. Victory for the BMW 330e in the Best Plug-in Hybrid of the Year rankings compiled by motoring journal Company Car Today rounded off a success-soaked twelve months for BMW's alternative drive systems.

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Top accolades for BMW design.

Vehicles from BMW also continually set new standards for their outstanding quality of design. A string of awards presented to the Munich-based manufacturer during 2018 in recognition of its design achievements confirmed as much. No fewer than five cars from BMW received an iF Design Award 2018, one of the most prestigious seals of approval for design excellence. The list of award winners comprised the BMW M5, BMW 6 Series Gran Turismo, BMW X2, BMW X3 and BMW i3s. The readers of Auto Zeitung also delivered a resounding verdict in the Auto Trophy – World’s Best Cars awards, picking the BMW brand as their clear favourite in the category Best Design.

BMW Connected and co. ensure optimal connectivity both now and in future.

BMW is forging ahead with the development of digitalised services, the seamless integration of smartphones and the new digital control/operating concept for its vehicles. The manufacturer’s outstanding performance in the Car Connectivity Award – where the readers of auto motor und sport are asked to vote for the best connectivity technologies – provides compelling evidence of its expertise in this area. BMW took the cherished top spot in a total of three categories. The magazine’s readership judged BMW Connected to be the best smartphone app, while the brand’s seamless Apple CarPlay preparation was voted the best phone integration concept. BMW Operating System 7.0 also left the motoring journal’s readers thoroughly

impressed, resulting in a further accolade in the control/operating concept category. The new display and operating system made its debut in the new BMW X5 and is geared more precisely than ever to the driver’s needs. Content is personalised and can be adapted by the user according to need. It is designed to provide the driver with the right information in any situation and further improve interaction between driver and vehicle.

Finally, the BMW brand’s capacity for innovation enjoyed multiple endorsements from independent experts. The Center of Automotive Management (CAM) and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) bestowed the title of Most Innovative Premium Brand on BMW, making it the overall winner of the Automotive Innovations Award. The brand picked up further prizes in the Vehicle Concepts/Body and Interface/Connectivity categories in recognition of its innovative talents.

The major awards presented to BMW in 2018 at a glance:

World Car Awards.

World Performance Car:

BMW M5

Awards presented by auto motor und sport.

Best Car:

BMW X1 (Category: Compact SUVs)

BMW 5 Series (Category: Upper Mid-Size)

Autonis:

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer/BMW

2 Series Gran Tourer (Category: MPVs)

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Award presented by Engine Technology International.

International Engine of the Year:

BMW i8 (Category: 1.4 litre –1.8 litre)

Awards presented by auto motor und sport and Moove.

Car Connectivity Award 2018:

BMW Apple CarPlay preparation (Category: Phone Integration)
BMW Connected (Category: Smartphone Apps)
BMW Operating System 7.0 (Category: Control & Operating Concepts/Displays)

Awards presented by Auto Bild Sportscars. Sportscars 2018:

BMW M2 Competition (Category: Small/Compact Cars)
BMW M5 Competition (Category: Sedans/Station Wagons)

Awards presented by Auto Bild Allrad. Allradautos des Jahres (AWD Cars of the Year):

BMW 3 Series (Category: AWD Cars

up to €40,000)

BMW X3 (Category: Off-roaders and SUVs from €30,000 – €50,000)

Awards presented by Auto Zeitung.

Auto Trophy – World's Best Cars:

BMW 3 Series (Category: Mid-size)
BMW 5 Series (Category: Executive)
BMW X5 (Category: Luxury SUVs)
BMW i3 (Category: Electric Cars up to €50,000)
BMW i8 (Category: Electric/Hybrid Performance Cars)
BMW brand (Category: Best Design)

Awards presented by sport auto.

sport auto Award:

BMW M140i (Category: Compact Cars)
BMW M240i Coupe (Category: Coupes up to €50,000)
BMW 230i Convertible (Category: Convertibles/Roadsters up to €50,000)
BMW 330i (Category: Sedans/Station Wagons up to €50,000)
BMW M550d xDrive (Category: Diesels)
BMW M3 with Competition Package. (Cat.: Sedans/Station Wagons up to €100,000)
BMW M4 Coupe with Competition



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BMW M5 (Category: Sedans/Station Wagons over €100,000)

BMW 5 Series (Best Executive Car)
BMW 5 Series Touring (Best Estate Car)

Awards presented by PwC / Center of Automotive Management.

Automotive Innovations Awards:
BMW as Most Innovative Premium Brand
BMW as Most Innovative Premium Brand – Vehicle concepts/body
BMW as Most Innovative Premium Brand – Interface/connectivity

Awards presented by Company Car Today (GB).

Company Car Today Award:
BMW 330e (Best Plug-in Hybrid of the Year)
BMW 5 Series (Car of the Year)
BMW 5 Series (Executive Car of the Year)
BMW X1 (Premium Crossover of the Year)

Awards presented by iF International Forum Design.

iF Design Award:
BMW M5
BMW 6 Series Gran Turismo
BMW X2
BMW X3
BMW i3s

Awards presented by Auto Express (GB).

Best Cars:
BMW i3 Rex (Best Hybrid Car)
BMW i3 (Best Low Emissions Green Car)

New Car Awards:

BMW 5 Series (Executive Car of the Year)
BMW X3 (Mid-size Premium SUV of the Year)

Awards presented by Auto Test.

Auto Test Winner:
BMW 530d Touring (Overall Winner)
BMW 520d Touring (Category: Price-performance Ratio)

Award presented by Car and Driver (USA).

Best Trucks and SUVs:
BMW X1 (Category: Subcompact Luxury SUV)

Award presented by What Car? (GB).

Car of the Year:
BMW 5 Series (Category: Luxury Car)

Awards presented by JD Power (USA).

Initial Quality Study:
BMW 4 Series (Category: Compact Premium Car)
BMW X1 (Category: Small Premium SUV)
BMW X6 (Category: Midsize Premium SUV)

Award presented by What Car?, Practical Caravan and The Camping and Caravanning Club (GB).

Tow Car Awards:
BMW 520d xDrive Touring (Overall Winner)

Award presented by Car Magazine (SA).

Best Buys:
BMW 3 Series (Category: Premium Midsize Car)

Awards presented by UK Car of the Year (GB).

UK Car of the Year:

Tejas Chapter Incentive Points Challenge for 2018

To encourage participation, the successful Incentive Points Challenge began in 1998. The members who earn the highest number of points by the end of the year (up to 10th place) receive valuable prizes at the Post-Holiday Party in January 2019. The Rookie of the Year award is for the member that joined in the current year and earns Rookie Points based on points earned divided by the time as a member.

Activity	Points
Return Survey Form (form available on request or at website)	50
Attend a meeting or event	30
Organize a monthly event, (social/technical etc.)	100
Assist with a monthly event (credited by organizer)	50
Each new member recruited (credited by CCA)	30
Original photo(s) published in the Trax (30 pts max/issue)	10
Original photo(s) published on the website (30 pts max/event)	10
Original Tech Tip published in the Trax	15
Original Article published in the Trax (500 words or more)	60
Original Article published in the Trax (less than 500 words)	30
Recruitment of a commercial ad for Trax	20% of ad cost

2018 Incentive Points Challenge Awards



**January
19th
2019**

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Awards will be given to the members that earned the highest points and the highest “rookie” (see explanation above). To allow for some suspense before the awards are given out, only the top 15 are listed in alphabetical order and the top 5 rookies, also in alphabetical order.

Challenge Leaders

Kathryn Butts	David Lucia
Marco Cordon	Michael Miranda
Mary Beth Cordon	Joseph Nielsen
Jeff Gifford	Raquel Robles
Brandon Hardiman	Vincent Robles
Alex Henry	Rachel Tamez
Herb Looney	Roger Williams
Chungnam Lucia	

Rookies

Bob Gans
Kathy Goldfine
Alex Henry
Les Perkins
Chris Shaffer



Hill Country Run

by Brandon Hardiman

I've always enjoyed going on prior driving events with the BMW CCA Tejas chapter. When Josh posted on Facebook asking for someone to step forward and organize an event for this December, I was more than happy to oblige. I admit I was a little nervous about organizing my first event with the club, but Josh was a big help with getting a final route set up as well as going over some of the logistics prior to the drive. So, big thanks to him for helping to make this drive possible.



While I didn't have any control over the weather, I don't think we could've lucked out any better for a mid-December day. It was a bit chilly in the morning, but it quickly warmed up to the mid seventies. The beautiful, clear weather we had meant the convertible tops could stay down for the entire drive.



We started out at the H.E.B Plus in Leander, where we had a diverse group of cars waiting. A couple 911s,

a GT4 and even a Lotus in addition to the twenty or so BMWs. We pulled out



onto Hero Way West shortly after 10:00. I led the group through a couple traffic lights and down to Round Mountain road. Round Mountain is a mostly straight road that crests over a couple hills, and includes a few tight left-right-left turns. Traffic ahead gave the group time to catch up before our turn onto 1869.

At the end of 1869, we turned left out onto 1174. The clear road ahead of us gave everyone a chance to open up the throttle a bit before our left turn onto Cow Creek road. After everyone made it onto Cow Creek road, we continued down the tight, one and a half lane road. I had to watch carefully



for oncoming cars, cattle guards and one lane bridges. Cow Creek is certainly a road that will test your suspension, and your spine if you go too quickly. So it's best to slow down and enjoy the gorgeous countryside

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December Hill
December
Many thanks to Brandon
Many more great photos are a





Country Run
October 22, 2018
by Dan Hardiman & Josh Butts
Available on the chapter website



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scenery.

At the end of Cow Creek road, we took a left out onto 1431. The two-lane section of 1431 is a really great



driving road, with lots of fast turns and hills. Thankfully the traffic was minimal and that kept everyone moving at a pretty good speed. We then took a right onto Anderson Mill road, taking another right onto Lime Creek Road past the Shell gas station.

Lime Creek is the road I was looking forward to most. It winds around Lake Travis and into the small village of



Volente. There was almost zero traffic down Lime Creek, uncommon for a Saturday. Unfortunately, I started to hear a very concerning noise from my M3 shortly after turning onto Lime Creek. It sounded like I was getting ready to

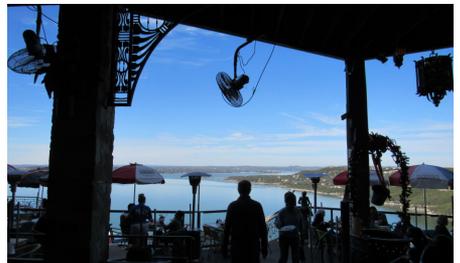
lose a wheel. My dad and I had just finished putting all new suspension in the car, so I decided not to risk it and pulled over. I waved the rest of the group on past and limped the M3 back home.

Thankfully I lived fairly close by, so I was able to hop into my dad's M5 and catch back up with the group at the Oasis. We had a great lunch overlooking the scenic Lake Travis, it was just a gorgeous day to eat outside. After talking with a few members about the issue I had



with my M3, the culprit was likely a pebble caught between the brake dust shield and rotor. Sure enough, I drove the car after the event and the noise disappeared.

Overall, I was very pleased with how the drive went. Despite having to bail out from leading the group early, I had a really good time. Everyone I talked to said they enjoyed the drive, which is a success in my book. Thanks to everyone for coming to the event, hopefully I'll be able to organize more drives for the Tejas chapter soon!



Calendar of Tejas Chapter and Related Events



2019

Date	Event	Meet Location
January 19, 2019	Post Holiday Party & Awards see page 7	New Braunfels
February 2019	TBD	TBD



BMW of Austin Event

By Sandy McConnell

Saturday, November 10th, 2018, BMW of Austin hosted our monthly event. As always, the day was meticulously planned and BMW of Austin generously provided fun, free food, thousands of dollars of merchandise giveaways, BMW technical information booths and much more!

As we checked in, we were greeted by BMW of Austin's friendly, organized employees handing out elegant gift bags filled with interesting BMW related items. Our bags held BMW coffee mugs, BMW pocket umbrellas, license frames, pocket sized flexible neck work/reading lights, sticky notepads and even breath mint tins! That was just the beginning!

Lunch was provided by ever popular Torchy's Tacos and BBQ trucks, conveniently located just outside in the parking lot. Lines of hungry attendees formed at each location and the free lunch was appreciated, very delicious and certainly hit the spot! A little later, Amy's Ice Cream set up inside and we



were treated with wonderful creamy concoctions designed to accommodate everyone's personal favorites!

With door prize tickets, also provided in our gift bags, we were able to bid on the many items and/or services we could win. Door prize tickets were drawn throughout the afternoon! For the tech assist lift times, Luke and Carol Lowery won two (or possibly three) of the lift times



offered! Marco and Mary Beth Cordon won the drawing for wheel straightening and cosmetic repair work and, sorry, I do not know who won the chance for a professional quality auto photo session. Jody is a wizard with his camera. Also, among those to be thanked is BMW Brand Ambassador, Judy Ray. She was available at a special station near the



BMW New Vehicle Display, answering questions and providing information in her speciality. All afternoon, winner after winner of the

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door prizes came up to claim their prizes. Our daughter was the lucky one in our family! She won a dark blue BMW M6 Coupe model and a vintage BMW silk scarf! T-Shirts and other BMW memorabilia were won. Raquel Robles won a valuable BMW jacket and Gay Dawson won a ladies BMW watch!

If you were not one of the 50

to be a smiling, welcoming part of the event. Not all BMW Car Club Chapter's are as fortunate as we are to have the working relationship and support that we have experienced with BMW of Austin over the years. I know they will appreciate your thanks next time you're in the dealership!



members who attended this event, you really missed out! Many thanks go to John Myrtle for his careful planning and great organization, as well as the BMW staff who gave up their Saturday



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The BMW Vision iNEXT provides an insight into the future of personal mobility. The latest Vision Vehicle from the BMW Group symbolises the dawn of a new era in driving pleasure – and is celebrating its world premiere at the Los Angeles Auto Show.

Far more than a vehicle alone, the BMW Vision iNEXT represents a

building block for the future of the BMW Group, encompassing technology, design and new ways of thinking that are set to filter through across the company and its brands. This is the first time all of the BMW Group’s strategic innovation fields – Autonomous driving, Connectivity, Electrification and Services (ACES) – have been incorporated into a single vehicle, while its design lends them visual expression (D+ACES) and offers a look ahead to the future face of driving pleasure.

Human-centred design.

Mobility is an intrinsic part of our lives, our experiences, our sensory beings. It is, in short, a basic human requirement. Consequently, deliberations about the future of mobility revolve more than ever around people, our emotions and our mobility needs and preferences.

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The possibilities offered by autonomous driving, electrification and ever-greater connectivity will in future open the door to completely new experiences and ways of shaping a journey by car. At the same time, they also promise to change our desires and lifestyle habits.

A boutique ambience on wheels.

Drivers will have ever greater freedom to decide how they wish to use the time spent travelling in a car. The design of the vehicle’s interior will become increasingly important, with the feel-good factor playing a more prominent role. The all-electric BMW Vision iNEXT has therefore been created as a mobile space that offers real quality of life and addresses the need for a new “favourite space” in which we can be ourselves and relax. The resultant design exudes emotional appeal and conveys a positive sensation when entering the vehicle.

The geometry of the iNEXT cabin is composed of just a few, clean-cut lines, placing the focus on materials

and colours. A mix of cloth and wood creates the kind of sophisticated feel associated with furniture design, helping to give the interior its special “boutique” character. The inside of the



car is awash with warm, welcoming colours, such as the nude shade Purus Rosé, Brown and Beige, while the shimmering metallic Mystic Bronze accentuates their effect. The rear compartment is dominated by the petrol-coloured Enlightened Cloudburst cloth upholstery with its intricate Jacquard weave, which runs asymmetrically across the seat area and extends into the side panelling and parcel shelf.

Smart technology – integrated out of sight.

Smart technologies will help people in an ever more unobtrusive way in the future. In the BMW Vision iNEXT, these technologies stay in the

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background and out of sight – hence the name Shy Tech – and are only deployed when needed or at the driver’s or passengers’ request. There is virtually no need for either screens or buttons. Functions can be operated using surfaces made of materials such as wood or cloth, like the Jacquard cloth upholstery in the BMW Vision iNEXT. Control of the vehicle is therefore tailored in every respect to the requirements of the people travelling in it.

The exterior: precision and clarity.

The exterior of the BMW Vision iNEXT is also brimming with innovations. The new BMW i design language is clearly visible with its striking lines and clear forms, including powerfully sculpted surfaces curved like muscles onto the flanks. The stunning Liquid Greyrose Copper paint finish, which gradually changes in shade from warm copper to dark

rose, projects unbridled dynamism and gives the exterior still greater impact.

The BMW Vision iNEXT features a very modern take on the classical BMW four-eyed front end, complete with super-slim headlights, while cameras (rather than exterior mirrors) show what’s happening behind. The windscreen merges seamlessly into a large panoramic roof, providing a clear view of the car’s innovative interior.

At the rear, the horizontal lines and surfaces create a wide and dynamic stance, and the slim rear lights cut deep into the car’s tail. The air flows along the roof of the BMW Vision iNEXT all the way to its trailing edge, and this combines with a diffuser – illuminated for extra effect – to enhance the car’s aerodynamics. The diffuser is an attractive styling element and a highly functional one, too: besides its positive influence over

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the Vision Car's aerodynamics, it also increases electric range. Taking its cue from racing cars, the diffuser adds to the sporting presence for which BMWs are renowned – without a single exhaust tailpipe in sight.

World premiere in California.

The BMW Vision iNEXT is

celebrating its world premiere at the Los Angeles Auto Show 2018. The BMW Group's Vision Car will herald the beginning of a new era in driving pleasure and mark the next step in the Munich-based company's ongoing model offensive. The BMW iNEXT production model will roll off the assembly line at Plant Dingolfing from 2021, the new technological flagship transporting the company's strategic innovation fields (D+ACES) onto the road.





BMW Group makes increasing use of 3D printing

At the BMW Group, the use of 3D-printed components is on the rise. Over the last decade alone, the company produced a million parts by this innovative method, and this year output from the BMW Group Additive Manufacturing Center is expected to reach over 200,000 components — a 42 percent increase on last year’s total.

Dr. Jens Ertel, Director of the BMW Group Additive Manufacturing Center: “The use of components made by additive manufacturing in series production of vehicles is increasing particularly strongly at the moment. We are following the development and application of advanced these manufacturing methods very closely indeed, partly through longstanding cooperations with leading manufacturers in the field. At the same time, we are engaging in targeted

technology scouting and evaluating innovative production systems.”

Recently the BMW Group fitted its one-millionth 3D-printed component in series production: a window guide rail for the BMW i8 Roadster. Thanks to the work of specialists at the Additive Manufacturing Center, the rail took just five days to develop and was integrated into series production in Leipzig shortly after. It is found in the door of the BMW i8 Roadster and allows the window to operate smoothly. The component is manufactured by HP Multi Jet Fusion Technology, a high-speed method enhanced by the BMW Group in conjunction with HP and now in use in the series production of vehicles for the very first time. It can produce up to 100 window guide rails in 24 hours.

BMW i8 Roadster now incorporates two additively manufactured components

The window guide rail is the second 3D-printed component in the



BMW i8 Roadster. The first was the fixture for the soft-top attachment, which is also produced at the Additive Manufacturing Center in Munich. Made of aluminium alloy, the metal component weighs less than the injection-moulded plastic part that is normally used but is still considerably stiffer. Its importance has already been recognised with an Altair Enlighten Award in the category for Modules this year. The accolade honours lightweight innovations in the field of subsystems and components.

Additive manufacturing fulfills customers' wishes

Meanwhile, the personalisation of vehicles and components by customers themselves is also becoming more and more important. With the MINI Yours Customised product initiative, customers can design selected components themselves, such as indicator inlays and dashboard trim strips. They create their designs at the online shop (www.yours-customised.mini), and the parts are then 3D-printed to specification.

Advanced and customer-focused in equal measure, MINI Yours Customised was honoured with a special accolade: the gold German Innovation Award presented by a foundation called the German Design Council ('Rat für Formgebung').

The BMW Group is constantly exploring ways of using additive manufacturing to the customer's advantage.

Additive manufacturing for series production

For the BMW Group, additive manufacturing will be a key future

production method. The company first began using plastic and metal-based processes back in 2010, initially for the production of smaller series of components, such as the water pump pulley for DTM vehicles. Further series applications followed in 2012, with various laser-sintered parts for the Rolls-Royce Phantom. Since last year, the fixtures for fibre optic guides in the Rolls-Royce Dawn have also been 3D-printed, and the luxury brand today incorporates a total of ten 3D-printed components into its products.

The BMW Group has been quick to capitalise on its experience, identifying potential uses for additive manufacturing technologies early on.



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