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From The President

On Bagging Your Prey

I have never been much of a hunter and have never been involved in hunting for just the right BMW. While we were extremely happy with our 2004 330i ZHP and really enjoyed driving it, there were a couple downsides for me. First, it was a four-door and I'd rather have a coupe; second, it wasn't an M3.

In the 32 years that have somehow wisked by since we bought our first BMW - a brand new 1977 Rubinrot 320i, we have owned 14 BMWs. Unbelievably, in all that time we have never owned an M car.

So, back to the hunting. For over a year, I have been hunting for a 2005 or 2006 M3. It couldn't be just any M3 - it had to be the right M3. While color was not necessarily an issue, if it was the right car, my preference was for Imola Red. I also was very picky, because it had to be a 6-speed and not an SMG. No offense to all you SMG lovers, but from all that I had studied and read, I knew that I wanted a 6-speed. The other quality, besides being in excellent condition, that this M3 had to have was that it had to have low mileage.

Every few days, I would check the BMW of Austin website for an M3 that fit the bill. Like I said, this hunt had gone on

for over a year, so that was well over 100 trips to the website with no success. Oh, they had M3s, but the mileage was too high, or the interior was a wild color, and always, always, always they were SMG cars.

Then, in early February it happened. A new addition to the website grabbed my attention. It was a 2006 M3 with a 6-speed. And the color ... Imola Red! Was it low mileage? If you call 7,800 miles on a 2006 low mileage, it was!! Oh, just one minor issue. It had \$15,000 of Dinan goodies on it, including big bore throttle bodies and a 3.91 differential. Guess I will live with that :)

Although I have never really been a hunter, I know a prize trophy when I see it. While we will really miss that 330i ZHP, I must admit that I didn't even look back at her as we drove the M3 off of the BMW of Austin lot.

Until next time

Glenn McConnell



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Italian Tour

Saturday, March 21, 2009

Event planned by Mike Sevel



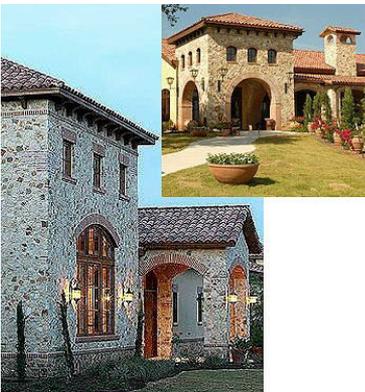
Mandola's Italian Market Austin

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- Meet at 9:00 a.m.
- Italian and regular coffees available and ample Italian pastries.
- We can gather in the market and depart at 10:00 am.

Bella Vista Ranch Wimberley

- Arrive appx. 11:15 am.
- Located at 3101 Mt. Sharp Rd. BV
- BV describes itself as "A touch of Tuscany in Texas" and has historical significance as it is the first commercial olive ranch in Texas.
- Appx. 1 1/2 hours is required for the tour which includes a walking tour of the orchards and processing rooms and a narrative of olive oil production techniques in Italy and Texas.
- In addition there are tastings of olive oils/bread, jams/jellies and hand crafted wines.
- The cost is \$10 per person. They also have a small retail store for purchases of the farm's products. Depart appx. 1:00 pm



Mandola's Winery, Trattoria Lisina Restaurant

- Located in Driftwood. Arrive appx. 1:45 pm.
- We are being offered a mid-week rate for a fixed menu lunch for \$18. The lunch will be served family style at tables of eight diners each and includes appetizers, pasta or pizza and desserts.
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Federal Motor Transport Authority Confirms BMW Group's Leading Role In The Reduction Of Fuel Consumption

Bmw Press Club

By far the most efficient premium-class vehicles on the German automobile market are built by BMW and MINI. The official calculation of fleet consumption carried out by the Federal Motor Transport Authority is certified confirmation of this exceptional position held by BMW Group brands. Current statistics calculated by the Flensburg-based authority show that BMW and MINI brand vehicles newly registered in Germany during 2008 have an average fuel consumption of 5.9 litres/100 km and average emission levels of 158 grams per km. Both levels lie well below the average of all newly registered vehicles manufactured in Germany, which is at 165 grams.

The brand BMW reduces fuel consumption by 16% within two years.

At brand level, too, BMW does better than its main competitors in the premium segment by significantly more than half a litre of fuel consumption with an average level of 160 g CO₂/km. The vehicles of the next best competitor have a CO₂ emissions level of 16 grams more than the models of the brand BMW, with the next competitor after this at a level which is as much as 28 g higher than the brand BMW - equal to a whole litre of diesel. Between 2006 and 2008, the brand BMW achieved a reduction in fuel consumption of 16%, more than

doubling the reduction attained by the next best premium segment competitor. At the same, BMW vehicles are still well ahead of their competitors in terms of average engine output - clear evidence of the success of BMW EfficientDynamics.

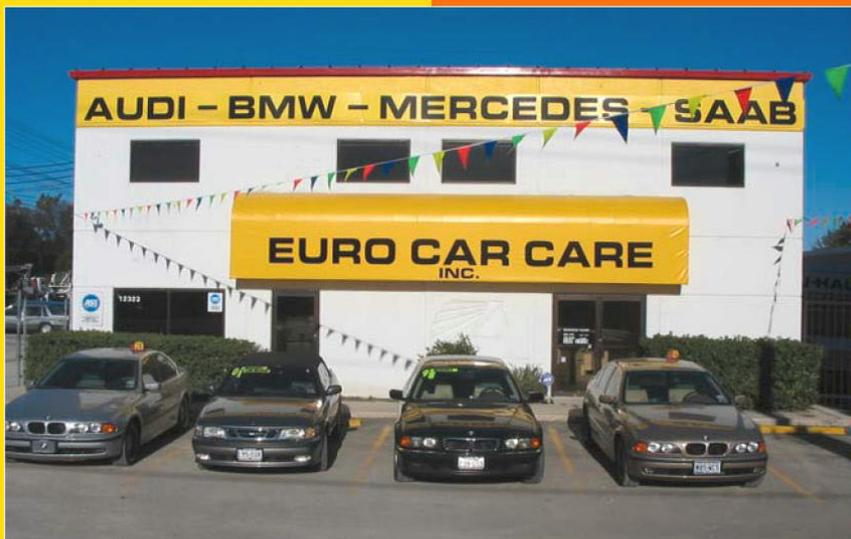
The positive situation of the BMW Group is complemented by the brand MINI, which attained a reduction of CO₂ emission levels of 206% between 2006 and 2008, with an average level of 139 g/km.

“This success is impressive affirmation of our ability for innovation and sustainability,” explained Dr. Klaus Draeger, head of development at BMW. “With the employed measures as well as a multitude of further technologies about to be launched, the BMW Group is excellently prepared for the challenges of the future. Draeger: “With EfficientDynamics we will comply with with the future EU CO₂-Targets for new cars. The payment of fines is not an option for us.”

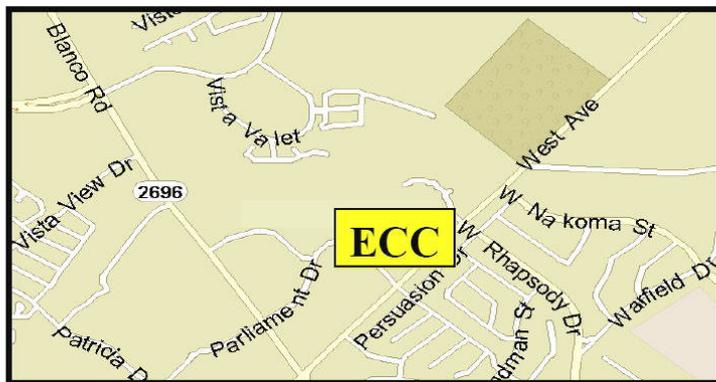
BMW and MINI fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions considerably better than those achieved by the average German automobile.

Federal Motor Transport Authority statistics show not only a significant superiority of BMW EfficientDynamics compared with similar measures implemented by other premium vehicle manufacturers, but also the BMW Group's outstanding position within the overall market. On statistic average a BMW or a MINI brand vehicle burns significantly less fuel than the average new car produced in Germany.

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Reduction Of Fuel Consumption

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Moreover, with regard to fleet consumption determined by the FMTA, the BMW Group also beats Europe's largest high-volume manufacturer, taking it to level peg with a number of car builders whose product portfolio includes a considerably higher percentage of small cars.

The BMW Group has also attained comparable results in other European automotive markets. In the UK, the brand BMW has successfully reduced the CO2 emissions of its models to a level averaging 158 grams per kilometre. The BMW Group has also clearly improved on the respective levels of other premium car builders in these countries.

Fleet consumption reduced by more than 25 percent:

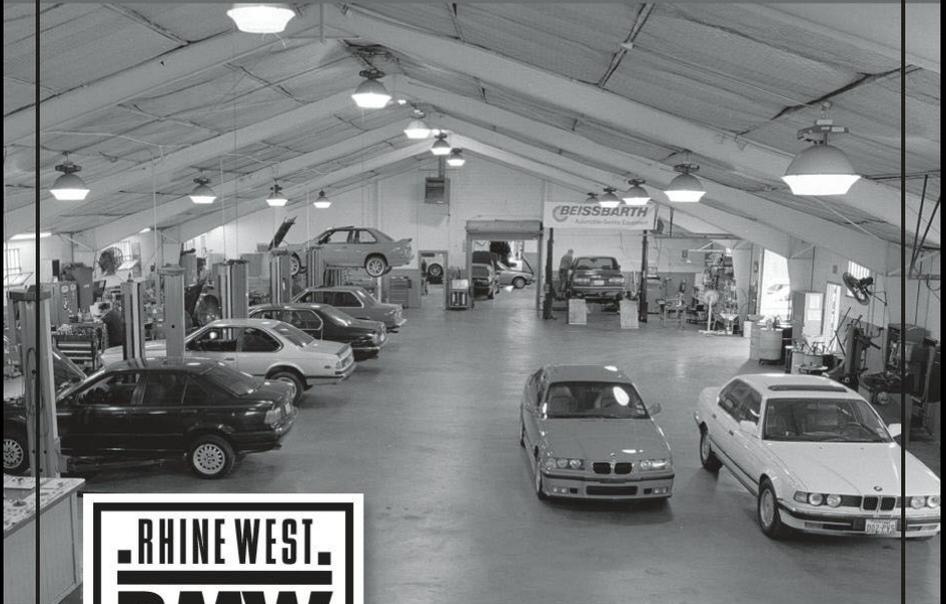
BMW Group exceeds ACEA



requirements.

Consequently, also at an EU level BMW and MINI achieve fuel consumption and emission levels below the overall average of all European car manufacturers. Between 1995 and the end of 2008 the BMW Group cut fuel consumption of its vehicles sold in Europe by more than 25 percent, even exceeding the respective requirements for their brands stipulated by the ACEA commitment (ACEA = Association of European Automobile Manufacturers). Consequently, the BMW Group is better prepared than other car builders for the even more stringent regulations planned for 2012 and 2015 respectively, these resulting from the fact that not all manufacturers have been able to achieve the aspired reduction in fuel consumption. Therefore, as far as the BMW Group is concerned, the payment of penalties as compensation for excessive CO₂ levels is not under discussion.

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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
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Original Tech Tip published in the Trax	15
Original Article published in the Trax (500 words or more)	30
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2009 Incentive Points Challenge Leader Board as of February 28, 2009

<u>220 Pts</u>	Kevin Duffy	Tim Cook	Patricia Allmon	Mike Perkins
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<u>190 Pts</u>	Brian Hall	Joseph Hall	Jacinta Avila	David Plutowski
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<u>170 Pts</u>	Mike Sevel	Steve Pedersen	Ken Carson	<u>25 Pts</u>
Wayne Eltringham	Donald Yule	Martie Peterson	Spencer Cubage	Denise Reid
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<u>155 Pts</u>	John Wagner	Ron Buchalski	Alan Greene	
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<u>120 Pts</u>	Tom Brown	David Michna	Bill Leisey	
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2009 Incentive Points Challenge Rookies Leader Board As of February 28, 2009

<u>9.27 Pts</u>	<u>5.06 Pts</u>	<u>2.86 Pts</u>	<u>2.58 Pts</u>
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If members would like to see less BMW Press Club articles in the newsletter, then please submit your own original articles for publication in the Tejas Trax. They would be welcomed. In addition, if members are tired of reading event reviews by Sandy McConnell every month, submit your own review after you attend the event. I'm sure that Sandy would appreciate it also!

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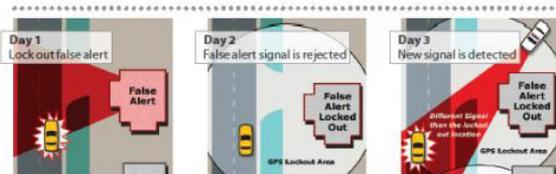
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2009 The DiNG Company Tech Session

by Sandy McConnell

Saturday, February 21st, turned out to be a good day for a terrific tech session, Tejas Chapter's second event of the new year.



Early birds met at What-a-Burger on Ben White Blvd. for a tasty breakfast, plus a chance to catch up on all the news since our Post Holiday Party in January. Quite a few new folks came out to meet us and get in on the fun activities of the day. It is always a pleasure to get acquainted with new kindred spirits, plus take some time to look over all the stellar BMWs and discuss the interesting details that make each of our bimmers unique and special.

After breakfast, we followed one another a short distance to our destination for the tech session, Austin's *The DiNG Co.* Oscar Morales, proprietor of the shop and friend of the Tejas Chapter, opened his shop to us for a demonstration on Paintless Dent Removal. This was the primary focus of this year's event, but Oscar also does clear bra installation, windshield chip repair and auto detailing. Almost 50 people filled up the shop's work space, as we gathered around to watch Oscar conduct a very

informative demonstration on problematic spots on the hood of Wayne and Kathy Eltringham's otherwise flawless Z3.

Oscar, with his trained eye and years of experience in the amazing paintless dent repair process,



masterfully worked out the dents in small painstaking and minute steps. We were all certainly taken by surprise and many filled with apprehension perhaps, as Oscar actually began heating the paint around the work area with a blow torch! He explained that



the paint should only be warm to the touch and if, in fact, it became too hot to touch, he would have gone too far! You'll be relieved to know that he did not overheat the paint at any point during the demonstration and no one had to revive Wayne or assist him up off the floor! When we all caught our breath again and Oscar had

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Many more great photos are a





Tech Session
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Roger Williams
available on the chapter website

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successfully worked out the dents, he then took a substantially gritty rubbing compound to the spot he had just fixed! He rubbed in appropriate circular motions, but again, we were fixated on the work and holding our breath, as he took it from ok, to worse,



to perfect and shining like glass again! How amazing!

A few years ago Tejas Chapter watched as Oscar demonstrated his skills in another area, when he installed a 3M Clear Bra kit on Dave Gumaer's immaculate Estoril Blue M Roadster. Z series BMWs have very challenging curves and lines compared to the average vehicle in for the job. Oscar took all that in stride however, and the roadster looked great following the completed installation. The "bra" blends right in so amazingly, that it's not an eyesore in any way. This year Oscar did an additional demonstration, applying some of the same type product as a protectant on the door edges of Wayne & Kathy's Z3. That seems like a logical and strategic location for the product; one that I hadn't considered before....

Oscar has proven to be a really

good sport, both this year and in the past. Though he is normally open for business on Saturday and would have preferred doing our event on Sunday, he agreed to adjust and do the event for us on our event day. At the time of the event mentioned above, Oscar had arranged for our tech session before some vicious October hail storms in the Austin area, so needless to say they'd been very busy with a barrage of hail storm victims needing dent repairs after the storms. Glenn and I too, had to get a new roof on our home because of those hail storms, but our sweet rides had both been safe in the garage when the skies let loose! Since then we have had an occasion where we needed Oscar's expertise on a hail damaged bimmer, so we can attest to the fact that Oscar does wonderful work!



After our time with Oscar, we headed out for a superb lunch at the Salt Lick, enjoying a scenic drive enroute. It was another event to be remembered for a long time and our thanks go to Oscar for taking time from his busy work day and to Roger Williams for a well thought out and planned event.

See you next month for the *Italian Tour!*

**Calendar of Tejas Chapter
and Related Events**



Date	Event	Meet Location
March 21, 2009	Italian Tour see page 5	Austin
April 25, 2009	BMW Bluebonnet Bi-way (B3) Drive	TBD
May 23, 2009	Annual Picnic	TBD
June 20, 2009	TBD	TBD
July 25, 2009	Shakespeare in the Barn	Winedale
August 22, 2009	Fun Rally	TBD
September 26, 2009	Wine & Dine Drive	TBD
October 23-25, 2009	Annual Utopia Weekend	Kerville
November 14, 2009	BMW of Austin Tech Session	Austin
December 5, 2009	Annual Charity Event	TBD

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BMW Concept 5-Series Gran Turismo

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With the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo, BMW opens a new segment in the automobile market by incorporating BMW driving dynamics, quality, and style into a new type of vehicle. As was the case with the BMW X5 as the world's first Sports Activity Vehicle and the BMW 1 Series, to this day the only rear-wheel-drive premium small car, BMW is again developing a new market segment and giving additional driver groups the unique experience of The Ultimate Driving Machine.

The BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo is the production-destined rendition of the Progressive Activity Sedan (PAS) development idea. For the first time, this concept car combines the looks and appearance of a sporty BMW Sedan, a modern Sports

Activity Vehicle, and a classic Gran Turismo. Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo is its combination of stylish quality, luxurious comfort, and remarkable convenience.

As the name indicates, the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo is the ideal car for long journeys while still offering a dynamic driving experience in everyday traffic or short jaunts. The design of the body presents the character of a BMW dedicated to sporting performance.

A brilliant concept for modern mobility.

The BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo conveys modern mobility by focusing on the requirements of a discerning driver who appreciates first-class ambience and enjoys all the benefits of a flexible interior.

With this in mind, the BMW



Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo projects an individual flair oriented to each occupant's needs and preferences. Such flair makes it possible to win over new driver groups for BMW. The BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo is an attractive offer to the driver wishing to retain classic features such as presence, luxury, and quality while living a versatile and spontaneous lifestyle.

The interior of the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo combines spaciousness, personal luxury, and an exquisite choice of materials to provide a first-class experience. The entryways allow ergonomically ideal access to all seats, the driver-oriented design of the cockpit, in typical BMW fashion, suggests sporty performance, and the slightly elevated seating position promotes good outward visibility.

Unique design in the rear provides a modern, generous atmosphere. With the rear seats adjustable fore-aft by up to 4", both legroom and the seat angle may be set to the preferences of the passengers. Headroom is virtually the same as in the BMW X5, giving driver and passengers a genuinely comfortable experience.

Luxury, comfort, and impressive usefulness.

With the rear seats slid aft, legroom will be roughly the same as in the BMW 7 Series and luggage capacity amounts to 15.1 cubic feet. With the rear seats moved forward and the rear bulkhead partition opened, luggage capacity increases to almost 20 cubic feet. Even in this position, legroom in the rear still meets the demands for a full-size sedan.

After completely folding the rear

seats as well as the bulkhead partition leading to the luggage compartment, large and bulky objects may be loaded into the rear. With the bulkhead partition stowed in the floor of the luggage compartment, maximum luggage capacity becomes nearly 58 cubic feet. For convenience, the rear seats fold by pushing a button on the side panel of the luggage compartment. The option to fold down the rear seats individually provides even greater flexibility.

Optimum visibility thanks to the elevated seating position.

In the front seats, both driver and passenger benefit from a slightly elevated seating position. This "semi-command" seating position offers an optimum outward view, much like in the BMW SAV models.

Elegant interior design accents the unique feeling of space.

In the cockpit, the horizontally arranged, cascade-like surfaces finished in different materials strongly accentuate the width of BMW's new concept car. The displays and controls are grouped according to their functions. Through its design, the instrument panel enhances the very good visibility provided by the elevated seating position, giving the driver a clear view from above of the control elements for the lights and the start/stop button on the middle level. Also important in this context, the horizontal orientation of the entire cockpit accentuates the generous character of the interior.

The trim bar stretching out as an arch through the entire width of the

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5-Series Gran Turismo

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instrument panel continues into the door panels. The interaction of ascending and descending lines throughout the interior optically connects the front and rear seats. All lines and surfaces, finished with sophisticated materials, taper out behind the rear seats, and give the interior its comfortable and spacious character. The flow of lines, uninterrupted by the B-pillar, emphasizes the length of the interior. Last but not least, the feeling of spaciousness is augmented by the center console, which extends all the way to the rear.

Special concept materials and colors within the interior.

The colors and materials for the interior further enhance the impression of personal luxury and the interplay of surfaces and lines. All surfaces within the interior are finished in high-quality natural leather, the surfaces on the seats and the door armrests form a “comfort zone” in Glacier White leather. This creates the impression of a bright brand extending around the lower section of the instrument panel, the cool and elegant color giving particular emphasis to the generous and luxurious feeling of space.

The bright surfaces in the comfort zone are

surrounded by a dark, warm reddish brown, this special color referred to as Copper Brown providing a smooth link to the exterior paintwork.

The impression of modern luxury is further enhanced through the use of authentic materials such as polished billet metal and ceramic elements. The quality of the interior finish is borne out particularly by the solid wood trim with metal inlays extending generously across the instrument panel.

Instrument cluster with color display in black panel technology.

The instrument cluster of the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo is a high-resolution color display in black panel technology presenting the four round instruments in traditional sports car style, including status displays, navigation data, and information from the Check Control.

Introduced in the new BMW 7 Series, black panel technology ensures precise and sophisticated presentation of the instruments and displays. In Rest mode the entire panel forms a homogeneous black surface. When activated, the numbers on the circular



instruments are generated electronically along with other symbols on the display.

The iDrive Control Display screen, arranged on the same plane as the instrument cluster, is integrated into the dashboard as a free-standing element. The Control Display forms one common design unit with the black panel and houses the controls for the audio system and climate. For optical purposes, this unit is separated by the horizontal trim bar with its central ventilation grid and a storage box. In the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo, the special look of black panel technology continues into the center console: dynamism in typical BMW style combined with the elegance of a Gran Turismo.

Exterior Dimensions

The body design of the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo ensures an exciting balance of innovation and tradition. The concept car stands out as a genuine BMW, as the overall look of the exterior clearly alludes to the extension of BMW's model portfolio made by this unique automobile. Indeed, the BMW



Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo enters new terrain in the history of The Ultimate Driving Machine.

In its exterior dimensions the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo fits perfectly between the BMW 7 Series and BMW's various SAV models. Its length of 196.8" is second only within the BMW model range to the 7 Series, while the car's height of 61.2" is exceeded only by BMW's X models. The width is 74.8" and the wheelbase is 120.9".

The characteristic look of the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo results from the car's proportions - the long hood, long wheelbase, and the greenhouse moved aft bear out the athletic characteristics of a BMW. These features are combined with elements that highlight the qualities of the new concept; the large passenger cell bears testimony to the luxurious, versatile interior. The coupe-like roofline extends into the spoiler at the rear, and represents the sporting elegance of a Gran Turismo.

Paintwork in Fluid Cuprite, a new color developed specifically for this concept car, again highlights the unique design of the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo. The extremely fine surface flair reminiscent of liquid metal impressively models the surfaces on the body through its powerful contours. And to provide an appropriate supplementary touch, the brake calipers and

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the inner surfaces on the exhaust gas tailpipes are finished in a new color called Copper.

Front view with forward-pushing motion.

The front view of the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo is characterized in particular by the strong presence of the low-slung BMW kidney grille, the large lower air intake, and BMW's characteristic dual round headlights. The BMW kidney grille is slanted slightly forward, its upper edge marking the foremost point on the body. The kidney grille is further accentuated by surrounding surfaces.

All contour lines flowing along the engine compartment out of the fenders aim at the kidney grille at the front of the car. The air intake, in turn, is lower in the middle where it extends beneath the kidney grille. And last but not least the contours on the headlight units taper out smoothly towards the middle of the car.

Just as the size of the BMW kidney grille demonstrates the engine's need for

cooling air, the power dome in the middle of the engine compartment lid emphasizes the sheer muscle of the engine itself. The outer flanks of the hood facing downward form a cascade-like contour together with the widely flared wheel arches, giving the front view of the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo a wide and powerful look.

The frontal impression is further enhanced by the foglamps positioned at the outer edges of the lower air intake, while the aluminum bars separating the two outer elements on the air intake and extending beyond the foglamps further enhance the look of width at the front.

Dual round headlights typical of BMW; new LED corona rings.

The dual round headlights typical of a BMW come with new contour lines and a new technology for the daytime running lights on the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo. Slanted to a distinctive angle and extending far into the fenders, the headlight units are highlighted by surrounding bars, the headlights themselves cylindrical in shape bordering at the top on a matte headlight cover. This emphasizes the unique look of the front end, with its clear, penetrating focus. Apart from the

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turn signals, the new LED corona rings for the daytime running lights generate bright, even light.

Side-view: coupe-like roofline and waistline emphasizing the sleek elegance of the car.

Appropriate lines along the side create the harmonious symbiosis of the front end, the side view and the rear section on the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo. The dominating feature from the side is the character line of a BMW extending from the outer edge of the headlights and moving back at the same level as the door handles along the entire length of the car, rising up slightly in the process and continuing into the contours of the rear light clusters.

The equally striking sill-line continues into the upper edge around the air intake at the front and the contour in the rear diffuser, this interplay of the waistline and the sill-line making the car look lower and more crouched down on the ground and emphasizing the dynamic wedge of the body.

The unusual presence of a coupe-like roofline adds character to the car's design and is a visual expression of the features and qualities the car has to offer. With its sporting flair, the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo leaves a positive impression through its spacious and generous interior.

The BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo comes with frameless doors, a feature of particularly sporting cars now to be admired for the first time on a 4-door BMW.

The door cutout bars are another special feature, forming one unit across both entry areas and thus corresponding with the overall harmonious flair conveyed by the door panels inside the

car.

Large, flared wheel arches symbolize the sporting potential of the car: The BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo showcases 21-inch light-alloy wheels offering excitement and elegance through their unique multi-spoke design. Yet another feature of particularly sporting cars the short overhang, which keeps the fenders low and long. This effect is further intensified by the horizontal lines of the car borne out by the waistline as well as the joint and contour line on the engine compartment.

The “Hofmeister kink” re-interpreted in modern style.

The design of the side windows also presents a re-interpretation of a classic BMW feature: on the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo the window surrounds are one-piece, this three-dimensional shape giving the aluminum frame a sophisticated and dynamic look around the famous “Hofmeister kink”. The exterior mirrors also represent a new design element, with the mirror base forming part of the foot of the A-pillars and thus blending harmoniously with the fender of the car.

The BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo offers a new rendition of the “Hofmeister kink.” In this case the inner radius of the “kink” is particularly large, the outer radius strikingly small. This creates an exciting contrast to the roofline moving down smoothly and gently to the rear.

Powerful rear design.

The design of the rear end offers a striking impression of this unique concept with its exceptional strengths and features. The two outer roofline

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as well as the shoulder lines merge into the spoiler on the tailgate, giving the rear in its fastback style a surrounding line while adding a compact touch to the car.

The rear view of the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo is split by horizontal lines highlighting the width and powerful stance of the car. The rear reaches its full width around the wheel arches, with exhaust tailpipes positioned far to the outside also directing the eyes to the wheels. The distinctive light edge in the lower part of the bumper adds a further touch, while a diffuser finished in black marks the gap between the rear valence and the road.

Impressive versatility: two tailgates in one.

With the rear panel of the car appearing to start directly beneath the rear light clusters in order to convey a

sporting impression, the low loading sill on the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo is not visible at first sight.

Another innovation crucial to the mission of the car is only recognizable when opening the rear hatch: To stow luggage, the bi-modal trunk may be opened in traditional fashion or the entire hatch may be opened to load larger objects. When only the lower section is opened, one loads the luggage compartment as in a sedan, benefiting in the process from the low loading sill. Using the trunk in this way keeps the interior of the vehicle from being disturbed by outside climate effects.

The L-shape of the rear light clusters typical of a BMW is re-interpreted on the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo, with the two rows of light following a dynamic sweeping motion. The rear lights extend far into the side panel, emphasizing the full width of the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo even at night.

The rear light clusters are connected by a chrome bar continuing from the

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waistline at the side into the line extending into the rear lights and thus accentuating the width of the rear end.

BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo: new momentum in a demanding market.

With the BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo, BMW is again demonstrating its ability to develop innovative vehicle concepts. The world's most successful manufacturer of premium cars follows the challenges created by the need for up-to-date mobility solutions.

This new concept addresses a demanding driver group seeking to combine style, luxury, and impressive versatility with individual style, while meeting the demands and requirements of an active lifestyle. The BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo offers these qualities and reaches beyond BMW's existing customer groups.

The BMW Concept 5 Series Gran

Turismo thus stands out as a modern interpretation of the Gran Turismo segment so rich in tradition, cars which at all times have combined athletic driving qualities with a truly comfortable interior.

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