

BMWCLAF NEWS

“Enjoy your BMW with the good things of life”

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After a year and three months of the Covid-19 Pandemic, in Latin America & the Caribbean, countries are advancing with mass vaccination. Some clubs continue to carry out face-to-face activities but always respecting the guidelines of the health authorities of our governments to avoid new infections. Since March 2021, BMWCLAF has created a monthly agenda of virtual club presentations through Zoom of the main activities of all our Official Associated Clubs. Following our calendar they have presented, until June: BMW Auto Club Chile, BMW Auto Club Costa Rica, BMW Motorrad Club Mendoza, BMW Auto Club Ecuador, BMW Club Clásicos Colombia, BMW Motorrad Club Guatemala, BMW Motorrad Club Panama and BMW Car Club Brazil BMW; all of which are present in our YouTube channel BMWCLAF, among more than 300 videos of cars and motorcycles (we invite you to visit and subscribe). We are working to hold our traditional BMWCLAF Annual Assembly, the XII, on November, always with many important news, BMW brand presentations and exchange of experiences within the BMW community. Due to the pandemic, this year it will again be virtual, another good news is that we have already made the changes to the new BMW Club Logos in all our Associated Clubs. In October the BCIC - BMW Clubs International Council will celebrate 40 years of foundation and we are already preparing to celebrate such an important anniversary. For 2022 we have many launches of the BMW Group Brands, especially the spectaculars I4 and IX3, all electric cars, even also new amazing motorcycles such as the very special and exclusive Customized R18; The BMW Group has invested heavily in its new range of motorcycles and cars, all with new technologies, especially the electric ones. We hope that you, your families, and friends are in good health, and “Enjoying your BMW with the good things in life”. God bless you.



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40th Anniversary



XIII Convención BMWCLAF - The BMW World, July 2022, Munich, Germany

Due to the travel restrictions and access limitations to many places established by the Government of Germany because of by Covid-19, enjoying the BMW World should wait until July of next year. Our desire to be in those places continues to grow a lot, along with the enthusiasm to receive us there. However, acting responsibly, we have postponed our XIII Convention to July of 2022 and thus be able to enjoy a whole world of exclusivity that will undoubtedly make our XIII BMWCLAF - BMW Clubs Latin America Federation Convention a unique and unforgettable experience in life within the BMW World.



BMW Welt - Portrait.

BMW Welt is one of the first buildings to represent a new generation of communication buildings for the 21st century. This is where the corporation enters in dialogue with its clients, friends and visitors from all over the world, a place of meeting and exchange.

The open style of architecture and the glass façade allow plenty of light to enter the premises and open the building to its surroundings. Simultaneously, BMW Welt blends harmoniously into the context of the Olympiapark architecture and existing BMW buildings.

The interior of BMW Welt is as remarkable as its architecture. Even the smallest detail conveys the notion of uniqueness to visitors. The different perspectives of this building provide an easy orientation and maximum comfort creating an atmosphere suitable to present the brands of the BMW Group (BMW, MINI and Rolls-Royce Motor Cars) as an impressive experience. This means seeing, feeling, hearing, smelling, and tasting the brands - in short, experiencing the world of BMW Group brands with all your senses.

In December 2001, after in-depth discussions, the BMW Group Board voted in favor of the architectural concept by Coop Himmelb. The outstanding BMW Welt concept is largely characterized by the unique roof structure and the so-called Double Cone.

At BMW Welt, a safe working environment is provided for employees and partners that promotes health and excellence. Furthermore, since it is a public place, they also take responsibility to visitors very seriously and strive to provide a safe and eco-friendly experience for visitors down to the last detail.



BMW Welt - Frontal View

BMW Welt - Portrait.

The futuristic architecture of BMW Welt is unique. An extension of the underlying double-cone geometry, the roof takes the form of a 16,000 m² cloud that appears to float on its supporting structure of only twelve interlocking columns. Its base consists of an upper and lower grid layer with cells measuring five by five meters. Between these layers are diagonal struts that interlock the gratings in a spatial support structure.

The construction of BMW Welt required 4,000 tons of steel. About a quarter of this was built in the Double Cone alone. At a height of 28 meters and 48 meters in circumference, it has a 14-meter wasp waist at its center. Each of the steel sections was manufactured with its own special template, and each had to be within two millimeters of design specifications. These sections also function as conduits for key data cables.

BMW Welt is the most important permanent, international and public platform of the BMW Group. Here, visitors and customers have the unique opportunity to experience all of the company's brands, themes and future perspectives in a unique and innovative way. It is the most impressive show room in the world.

BMW Welt opened its doors on October 20, 2007, the culmination of years of planning. After the decision to build BMW Welt was approved in the late 1990s, the next burning question was choosing a suitable site. It was clear that the new event and delivery center had to be built in a place steeped in history, close to the current BMW buildings.



BMW Welt - Internal View



BMW Auto Club
Mendoza



BMWACM - BMW Auto Club Mendoza Argentina - Portrait.

BMW Auto Club Mendoza, founded in February 2017 by a group of enthusiasts of the brand, located in the province of Mendoza in western Argentina.

It is a club open to all models and chassis of the brand.

It has a well-defined organizational structure, which in turn is directed by a board of directors.

It is the only Official Club of BMW Cars in the province of Mendoza, Argentina.

BMWACM has the following objectives:

Bringing true BMW fans and lovers together.

Promote the conservation of BMW automobiles.

Participate in events related to the brand.



BMW Auto Club Mendoza - September 2019 Meeting

BMWACM - BMW Auto Club Mendoza Argentina - Portrait.

The fundamental objective of BMW Auto Club Mendoza is to foster ties of friendship between its members in an environment of respect and trust.

In August 2017, it received the BMWCLAF Certification at the Quito, Peru assembly, becoming the only Official BMW Car Club in the Province of Mendoza, Argentina.

At present it has more than 40 members and 50 cars from the 70s to the present day, this being an Official BMW Chapter Club and the Argentine Temporary Umbrella Club in representation until new Car Chapter Clubs arise and the Country Umbrella is created.

The current Chairman of the Board of Directors is Franco Piriz, founding partner.

Patricio Simón, founding partner and first President, represents BMWACM before BMWCLAF.

It is one of the most active BMW Clubs in Latin America and its enthusiasts count on beautiful classic models.



BMW Auto Club Mendoza - Travel to Potrerillos - April 2018

BMW Z Series : Z1, Z3, Z4 and Z8 - Sheer Driving Pleasure - Antonio Munhoz

The inspiration for the entire Z line came from the 1950s BMW 507 V8, one of the brand's icons around the world.

This aluminum-bodied roadster, designed by designer Albrecht von Goertz, was handcrafted from 1953 to 1959, when only 252 units rolled off the assembly line.

An eternal jewel of the automobile, desired by great collectors around the world.

The light aluminum alloy 3.2 V8 engine, a true masterpiece of German engineering, had overhead camshafts (OHC), twin Zenith carburetors and produced a total of 150 HP's.

American singer Elvis Presley bought no less than two, one for his personal use while in the military in Bad Nauheim, Germany, and one that he gave to Hollywood artist Ursula Andress.

The historical photo below immortalized this model, which was recently purchased by BMW in the USA and completely restored by the factory in its original white color.



Elvis Presley's BMW 507 V8

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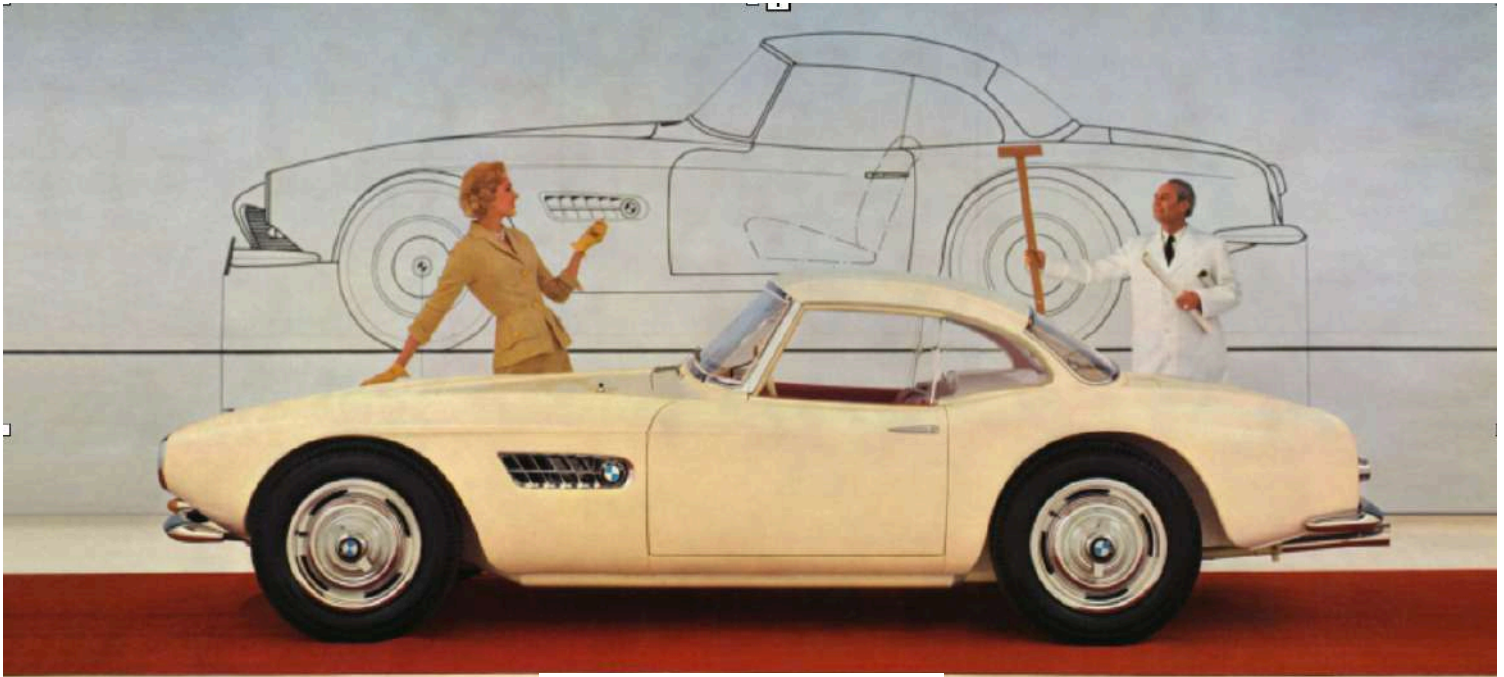


Elvis Presley's BMW 507 V8 fully restored



BMW 507 V8 - Sales Catalog

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BMW 507 V8 and the Miss BMW

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1. BMW Z1 Roadster E30/Z

The "Z" in Z1 originally stood for "Zukunft", the German word for future.

The Z1 was the first Z Series model produced between 1989 and 1991.

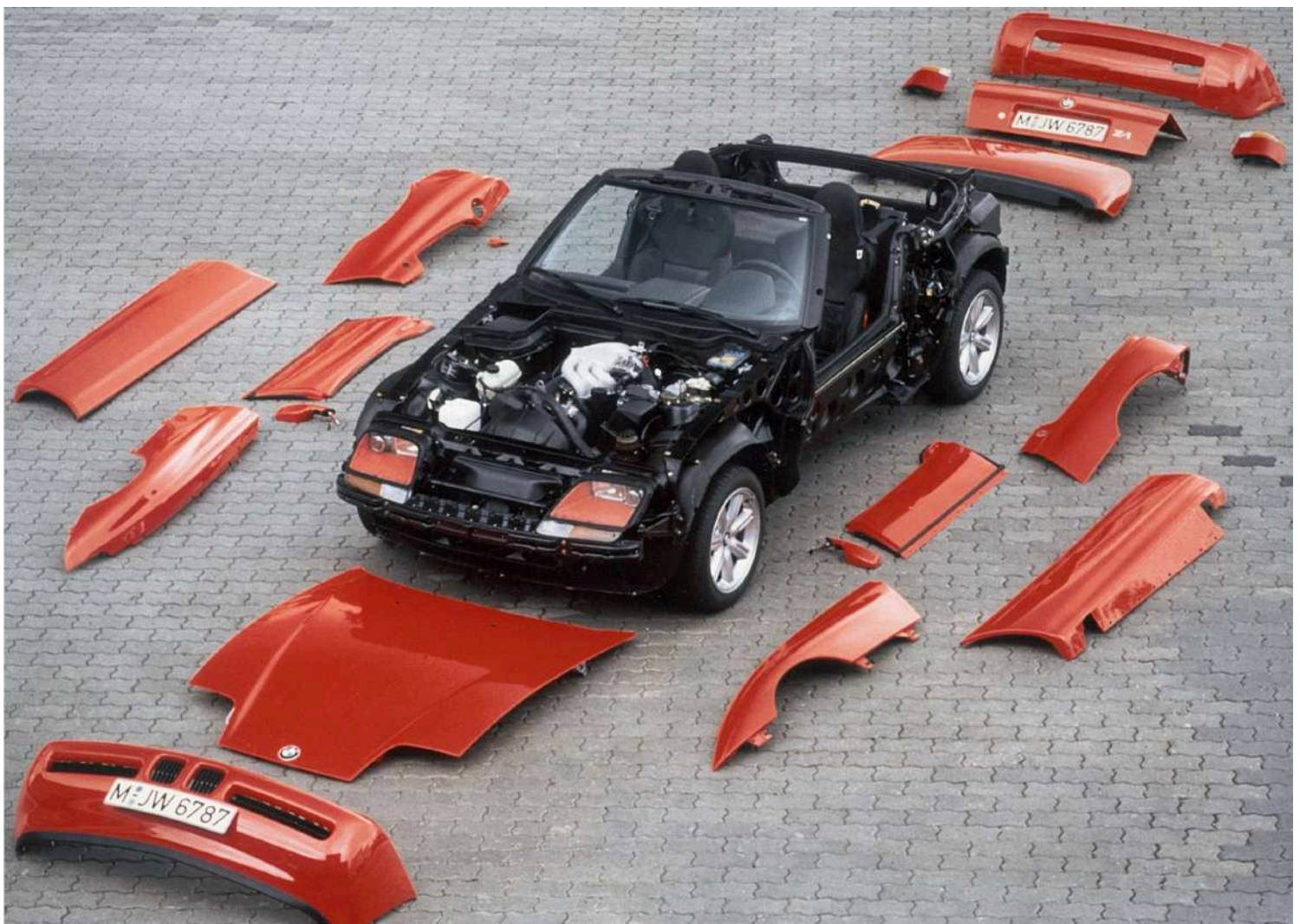
The Z1 is unique for its plastic body panels and vertically sliding doors that drop into the door sills. The only specification, based on the mechanics of the BMW 3 Series E30 325i, is the 2.5-liter inline six-cylinder engine, which produced a total of 150 HP with the 5-speed manual transmission.

Its plastic panels could be completely removed in 40 minutes, making it easy to change color.

The instrument panel was very narrow due to the design, not having space for the installation of internal air conditioning or heating.

From the Munich factory, 8,000 units rolled off the assembly line.

All Z3s had 5-speed gearbox and optional in-line 4 or 6-cylinder engines and, depending on the models, developed respectively from 114 to 138 HP's or from 148 to 315 HP's.



BMW Z1 E30/Z - Disassembled plastic panels

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1. BMW Z1 Roadster E30(Z)



BMW Z1 E30/Z - Doors down



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2. BMW Z3 Roadster E36/7 and BMW Z3 Coupe E36/8

The BMW Z3 is based on the E36 3 Series platform and was designed by Joji Nagashima.

It was manufactured outside of Germany in Greer, South Carolina, USA, from 1995 to 2002.

Body styles in the 2-door range are the E36/7 Roadster and the E36/8 Coupe.

From the factory in Spartanburg, USA, 297,088 units rolled off the assembly line, being 279,273 Roadsters and 17,815 Coupes.

All Z3s had 5-speed gearbox and optional in-line 4 or 6-cylinder engines and, depending on the models, developed respectively from 114 to 138 HP's or from 148 to 343 HP's.

The BMW Z3 appeared briefly in the James Bond film *Golden Eye*, in a scene where Bond drives in Cuba. The Z3 is one of the few non-British production cars driven by James Bond in a movie, and the first of three James Bond movies featuring a BMW car.

The Coupe was manufactured from January 1998 and its chassis was 2.7 times stiffer than the Roadster.



BMW Z3 E36/7 - James Bond 007

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2. BMW Z3 Roadster E36/7 and BMW Z3 Coupe E36/8

The Z3 Coupe shares the same platform and parts with the roadster, but features a hatch area that strengthens the chassis and is 2.7 times stiffer in comparison.

The unusual side profile of the Z3 Coupé has been nicknamed a "clown shoe" but is considered one of the best BMWs of all time.

The Z3M versions were introduced in 1997 in roadster (M Roadster) and coupe (M Coupe) body styles. European models were initially powered by the S50 inline six-cylinder engine, while North American models were powered by the less powerful S52 inline six-cylinder engine.

In 2001, both the European and North American models switched to the new S54 engine from the M3 E46.

Compared to the standard Z3, the M models featured limited slip differential, wider rear track, larger brakes (shared with the E36 M3), more aerodynamic side mirrors, as well as redesigned front and rear bumpers and wheels custom 40 styling, revised side gills and quad exhaust.

The Coupe body style was only produced with six-cylinder engines (2.8, 3.0i and M Coupe models).

In 2021 we celebrate 25 years of its launch, it is already a true classic sports car.



BMW Z3 3.0 E36/7

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BMW Z3 M Coupe E36/7 and Z3 M Roadster



BMW Z3 M Roadster E36/7

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BMW M Roadster E36/7



BMW M Coupe E36/8

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BMW Motorrad in balance

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3. BMW R 18 Custom Bike

BMW Motorrad together with Kingstown Custom created this retro version of the R18, called R 18 Custom Kingstown.

The design and visible technique are based mainly on the BMW R5 from 1936/37.

The BMW R 18 is a cruiser motorcycle manufactured by BMW Motorrad launched in September 2020 in Germany.

Its 1802 CC engine of the boxer cylinders achieves 91 HP of power and has an electronically controlled injection system with digital engine management and electronic throttle control.

The R 18 is the second attempt by BMW, after the BMW R1200C, to access the heavy cruiser market segment.

This latest creation comes from the mind of Dirk Oehlerking and from a tour of the origins of BMW.

This is a work of art on the wheels and a lot of attention recalling the retro design of the 30s and the rim of the BMW 328 Automobile.



BMW R18 Custom Bike

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