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BMW to launch the X4 M SUV in 2019

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According to our sources, BMW is preparing to launch a new M truck in 2019. The X4 M SAC will join the [X3 M](#) crossover scheduled to launch just a year earlier. Built under the chassis code F98, the X4 M is based on the current generation X4 and will sit above the recently unveiled – [and fun to drive](#) – [BMW X4 M40i](#).

Along with the X3 M, the M version of the X4 will sport a beefed-up design with aggressive lines, usual M iconic design cues, flared wheel arches and a lower stance. A character line runs from the front wheel arch on both door handles to the rear lights, which – are finally running used full LED technology.

Just like virtually all the other BMW models of the recent past, the third generation of the BMW X3 features a detached infotainment display, which is carried out – most likely – just like [the new 7 Series](#) with a touchscreen.

Under the hood, the X3 M comes with the [S55 3.0 liter six-cylinder engine](#) found in the M3 and M4. The power output is rumored to be between 450 and 500 horsepower.

The most important opponent on the scale of development is the [Porsche Macan](#) which is currently the undisputed champion in driving dynamics among compact SUVs. BMW is also looking at the upcoming Mercedes-AMG GLC 63 which aims to deliver over 500 horsepower to all four wheels.



BMW of North America Announces the Return of BMW Films with “The Escape”

September 20th, 2016 by [Horatiu Boeriu](#)

BMW of North America announced today the return of [BMW Films](#) with “The Escape,” a short film from Academy Award® nominated director Neill Blomkamp (“District 9,” “Elysium”) featuring original BMW Films star and Oscar® nominated actor Clive Owen (“Closer,” “Children of Men”), who reprises his role as The Driver.

Presented as an homage to the 15th anniversary of the original BMW Film series, “The Escape” also stars Dakota Fanning (“War of the Worlds,” “I am Sam”), Jon Bernthal (“The Punisher,” “Daredevil”) and Oscar® nominee Vera Farmiga (“The Departed,” “Up in the Air”). “The Escape” will premiere on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. EST on [BMWFilms.com](#). The critically acclaimed original

series, “The Hire,” included eight short films which were released in two seasons from 2001-2002. Each film featured then rising-star Owen as the mysterious Driver hired to complete various missions and was directed by some of Hollywood’s best and brightest talent.

“The Escape.”

BMW not only brought back Owen for “The Escape,” but also Bruce Bildsten as Creative Director, Brian DiLorenzo as Executive Producer and David Carter, who in addition to serving as a creative consultant, co-wrote the film alongside Blomkamp. The trio then brought together a group of producers and designers to bring the film to life.



1970 M1 Procar restored by Canepa

September 20th, 2016 by [Nico DeMattia](#)

Unfortunately for BMW, and fans of racing, [BMW's M1 Procar](#) racing series wasn't very successful. It lasted a couple of seasons, but then ended and, with it, the [BMW M1](#). The M1's success hinged on the success of the Procar series, as it was intended to be a limited production car that was designed for racing. Without the racing part, the M1 was too expensive to sell at any sort of reasonable price. Thus, the M1 eventually died. Which is a shame, ultimately, because the BMW M1 was an incredible car and the Procar racers were even more so.

Fortunately, some folks at Canepa, a classic car restoration shop in California, were able to get their hands on a BMW M1 Procar chassis and restore it to stunning condition. This specific BMW M1 was number 31 of 40 Procar chassis built and it began its life as a spare for the racing series. The car was restored back to as original as possible, but Procar parts are hard to come by, as you'd imagine. So some of the parts were replaced with period-specific parts, but those were used sparingly and tastefully, so the car still has its heritage intact. The suspension uprights, control arms, tie rods, wheel hubs, body kit and rear wing were all replaced using Procar

parts. Original Procar brakes can't be had anymore, so Canepa used Brembo calipers from a Porsche 962 racer and rotors from a Porsche 935.

The M88 3.5 liter I6 engine was sent out to VAC Motorsports to be rebuilt. During its rebuild, it was also upgraded using a period-specific Motec electronic fuel injection system, which gives it 414 hp and 357 lb-ft. Though, the fuel injection system was hidden, so it retains the stock look. The ZF-sourced five-speed manual transaxle gearbox was rebuilt as well, by Vintage Racing Motors Inc.

After that, the body and chassis were completely stripped down and restored as well as slightly upgraded in certain areas. For instance, the original front fender flares were considered a bit too big, not matching the proportions of the rear. So they were slightly reduced, very carefully, to give the car a better stance. They even gave the chassis rails a "concours finish". The body was then painted in a gorgeous Basalt Blau. While purists might cry that this paint color was never offered on the M1 road car, there were four BMW M1s that were made special for members of the BMW board and their family that wore this color.

The only modifications really made to the body of the car were the covering and painting of the body fasteners, to give the car a cleaner look, and two dry-break gas fillers, so it can be filled at any gas station.

The interior was also reupholstered with black leather and grey stitching, to match the exterior color of the car. To make it more livable on the road, modern sound and heat insulation was also installed. Overall, the cabin looks period and like the inside of an original M1 road car, despite the minor upgrades.

This is a stunning car and one any collector would love to own. I'm pretty sure I'd give whatever organs aren't absolutely vital to own and drive this car everyday. Check it



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Upcoming Events

Cars & Coffee Ft. Walton

Every 2nd Saturday 10-12

Behind Starbucks at Santa Rosa Mall

340 Mary Esther Blvd, Mary Esther, FL 32569

Cars & Coffee Tallahassee

Every 3rd Saturday 8-10:30

Texas Roadhouse

3131 Capital Circle Northeast

Tallahassee, FL

Cars & Coffee Pensacola

Every 4th Saturday 8-10

Behind Mellow Mushroom

5175 Bayou Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32503

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