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The BMW M3 CS Handschalter: A manual, rear-wheel-drive sendoff for the sixth-generation M3.

- The only M3 CS ever offered with a 6-speed manual transmission.
- The lightest in the lineup: targeted lightweight design cuts nearly 34 kg versus the standard M3.
- Model-specific tuning for chassis, steering, engine, and gearbox.
- 0-100 km/h in 4.2 seconds, with a top speed of 290 km/h with the standard M Driver's Package.
- Two iconic BMW Individual finishes available: Imola Red II and Techno Violet Metallic.
- Built exclusively for North America, starting at \$132,500 CAD.

Richmond Hill, ON. BMW M is marking the close of the M3's sixth generation with a special, limited-edition model built for maximum driver involvement. The 2027 BMW M3 CS Handschalter pairs the lightweight construction and track-ready chassis tuning of BMW CS models with the added engagement of a 6-speed manual transmission and rear-wheel drive.

Targeted use of carbon fibre reinforced plastic, forged alloy wheels, a titanium exhaust, and standard M Carbon Bucket Seats reduce weight by nearly 34 kg compared to a standard M3 (when the optional M Carbon Ceramic brakes are fitted). Model-specific chassis hardware and calibration sharpen steering, suspension, and overall responses, while a 6mm reduction in ride height helps deliver a planted, track-capable stance. Power comes from a 473-hp M TwinPower Turbo inline-6,

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paired exclusively with a precise 6-speed manual transmission and rear-wheel drive for an unmistakably direct connection between driver and machine.

The 2027 BMW M3 CS Handschalter will be built starting in July in very limited numbers, with 40 units planned for the Canadian market, and deliveries expected to commence in the fall. The base MSRP will be \$132,500 CAD.

Track-honed chassis technology for road or circuit, with a choice of high-performance, track, or ultra-track tires.

The chassis technology in the BMW M3 CS Handschalter has been tuned in consideration of the drivetrain's unique performance characteristics and the vehicle's weight distribution. Additionally, the tuning of the M Servotronic steering and the electronic control settings for chassis, engine, and gearbox are all specific to the Handschalter.

The specially tuned axle kinematics and unique wheel camber settings are engineered to optimize steering precision, transmission of lateral control forces when cornering, spring and damping response, and wheel location. New springs and a new rear axle link lower the M3 CS Handschalter by 6mm compared to the standard M3. Shock absorbers previously found on the ultra-high performance M4 CSL and special auxiliary springs round out the M3 CS Handschalter's chassis dynamics package.

M Compound brakes are standard on the M3 CS Handschalter. Drivers may opt for lightweight M Carbon Ceramic brakes with calipers in either red or gold. Also standard are forged alloy wheels Style 927M finished in Gold Bronze or Matte Black. The wheels may be fitted with high performance or track-oriented tires measuring 275/35ZR19 at the front and 285/30ZR20 at the rear. Ultra track tires are also optionally available.



Lightweight, carbon fibre-enhanced construction for sharper responses; standard M Front End Strut Brace boosts front-end rigidity.

Reducing weight through the targeted use of carbon fibre reinforced plastic (CFRP) both inside and out is of key importance to the performance and overall driving dynamics of the M3 CS Handschalter. BMW M uses this strong, lightweight material for the roof panel, hood, front splitter, front air intakes, M exterior mirror caps, rear diffuser, and rear spoiler. The centre console and interior trim are also made from CFRP. The standard M Carbon Bucket Seats reduce weight in the cabin while providing exceptional comfort on the road and support in high-performance driving.

In addition, the titanium rear silencer shaves more than 3.5 kg off the weight of the exhaust system fitted to the M3 CS Handschalter. In total, the various lightweight design measures save about 19 kg compared to the base BMW M3 with the 6-speed manual. Adding the optional M Carbon Ceramic brakes saves another 14 kg over the standard M Compound brakes.

The included M Front End Strut Brace increases chassis rigidity for even greater handling precision. The cast aluminum elements connecting the spring strut towers to the front end feature a weight-optimized geometry that has been precisely calibrated to the forces applied in various driving situations.

CS-exclusive design details sharpen the look – and underscore its track-bred intent.

The 2027 BMW M3 CS Handschalter adheres to the aggressive design template established by BMW CS models that have come before. Exposed carbon fibre surfaces for the roof, the two channels running the length of the hood, the front splitter, front air intakes, M exterior mirror caps, rear spoiler, and rear diffuser combine with side skirts and M gills in high-gloss black.



The Handschalter sports the signature CS frameless BMW kidney grille with pared-back styling, red contour lines, and an “M3 CS” badge on the upper of the two horizontal grille bars.

The angular daytime running light elements illuminate in yellow rather than white during the unlock sequence as well as while driving with the low or high beams active, evoking the look of GT racing cars.

Four exterior finishes complete the M3 CS Handschalter's bold presence. Isle of Man Green Metallic and Black Sapphire Metallic are offered at no charge, while two BMW Individual paints drawn from 40 years of M3 history – Imola Red II and Techno Violet Metallic – are optionally available.

The M Carbon Bucket Seats are dressed in Black Full Merino Leather with Mugello Red Accents and Contrast Stitching, an exclusive to BMW CS and CSL models. The M3 CS also comes standard with a heated M Alcantara Steering Wheel, which is regularly unavailable in the Canadian market.

Standard M Drive Pro with M Traction Control and M Laptimer – ready for serious track work.

Also fitted as standard in the BMW M3 CS Handschalter is M Drive Pro. M Drive Pro bundles together the M Drift Analyzer and M Laptimer functions for assessing and recording driving skills and performance at the track and includes M Traction Control, offering ten stages of intervention sensitivity: the ideal tools for pushing the Handschalter hard on closed circuits.

The M Mode button on the centre console can be used to set the level of intervention from various driver assistance systems as well as the content shown in the information display, with a choice of ROAD, SPORT, and TRACK settings.



M TwinPower Turbo inline-6 power, engineered with track-proven Motorsport DNA.

Under the lightweight CFRP hood of the 2027 BMW M3 CS Handschalter is the high-revving S58 inline 6-cylinder engine with M TwinPower Turbo technology. This 3.0-liter unit also forms the basis of the engine that powered the BMW M4 GT3 Evo to victory in its class at the Rolex 24 at Daytona this year. Its crankcase has a sleeveless, closed-deck construction and is extremely rigid, making it suitable for very high combustion pressures. The forged lightweight crankshaft aids power build-up with its high torsional resistance and allows for high revs. The cylinder head has a 3D-printed core, allowing the coolant ducts to be routed in an optimum arrangement for temperature management that would be impossible to achieve using conventional metal casting methods. The oil supply system is designed to handle the specific challenges of track use, as is the cooling system.

The engine in the M3 CS Handschalter produces 473 hp at 6,250 RPM and 406 lb-ft of torque between 2,630 and 6,130 RPM. This ensures the Handschalter can accelerate from 0-100 km/h in 4.2 seconds. With a 1-foot rollout, the time drops to 3.9 seconds. Acceleration continues strongly all the way to a top speed of 290 km/h with the standard M Driver's Package.

Everyday comfort and convenience – without dialing back the performance edge.

Despite its focus on delivering an uncompromised high-performance driving experience, the BMW M3 CS Handschalter doesn't forsake everyday utility or the comfort and safety of drivers and passengers. The list of standard equipment includes Comfort Access, dual-zone Automatic Climate Control, Harman Kardon Surround Sound System, Automatic Trunk, Head-Up Display including Video Augmented Reality Navigation, Park Distance Control, Front Collision Warning, Lane Departure Warning, and the Speed Limit Assist. The standard M Carbon Bucket Seats are heated and electrically adjustable.

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