

Press Release

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Performance, the MINI way.

MINI JCW claims three class victories at the Goldenwood Festival of Speed.

Beijing, 28 September 2026. MINI brought together classic, petrol-powered and all-electric performance models at the 2026 Goldenwood Festival of Speed. In the Hill Climb race, the all-electric MINI JCW won the Front-Wheel-Drive Electric Street Cars category, while a classic Mini took victory in the Classic Car category. In the Autocross competition, a modified MINI JCW 3-Door secured first place in the Petrol Front-Wheel-Drive category.



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Electric performance, proven on the hill.

The all-electric models delivered the event's first standout result. Every car entered in the Hill Climb street-car categories was a production model, providing a direct test of each road-going model's performance capabilities. The all-electric MINI JCW Black Label Edition and MINI JCW Aceman finished first and second respectively in the Front-Wheel-Drive Electric Street Cars category.

Developed to global standards, tuned for local driving conditions and enhanced by advanced digital technology, the all-electric MINI JCW models usher John Cooper Works performance into the electric era. Their silicon-carbide electric motors combine strong performance with high efficiency, while electric BOOST provides an additional 20 kW for up to ten seconds. The DIVE digital control system and ARB technology (actuator-related wheel slip limitation) work together to support lateral acceleration of more than 1g and a steering-response latency of less than 60 milliseconds.



Image: The all-electric MINI JCW Black Label Edition and MINI JCW Aceman secure a one-two finish.

Petrol-powered performance across two competitions.

Among the petrol-powered contenders, a modified MINI JCW 3-Door won the Petrol Front-Wheel-Drive category in the Autocross competition.

Three further cars based on the same model finished second, third and fourth in the Front-Wheel-Drive Street Cars category of the Hill Climb. Two MINI JCW Pro Edition models secured second and third place. Their blue-and-red exterior finish was complemented by an aerodynamic upgrade package featuring a JCW roof-spoiler attachment, rear diffuser and JCW winglets, together with red-finished 18-inch John Cooper Works Lap Spoke 2-tone rims. The No. 37 MINI JCW 3-Door finished fourth in a Union Jack-inspired livery that celebrated MINI JCW's racing heritage.

All three cars were powered by the BMW Group's B48 2.0-litre turbocharged engine, delivering 170 kW/231 hp and maximum torque of 380 Nm. They accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h in 6.1 seconds. Front-wheel drive, a seven-speed dual-clutch transmission and JCW-specific chassis tuning—combined with compact dimensions and direct steering—enabled agile, responsive handling throughout the course.



Image: The No. 37 MINI JCW 3-Door with a Union Jack-inspired livery.

The original racing spirit is back on top.

A wide-bodied, race-prepared classic Mini built 47 years ago won the Classic Car category in the Hill Climb. Competing alongside the current MINI JCW line-up, it recalled the classic Mini's celebrated overall victories at the Monte Carlo Rally in 1964, 1965 and 1967.



Image: A classic Mini claims victory in the Classic Car category at the 2026 Goldenwood Festival of Speed.

From Goodwood to Goldenwood: MINI JCW is back in its element.

Held at Jinzhan Forest Park in Beijing, the Goldenwood Festival of Speed is an automotive festival inspired by internationally renowned events such as the Goodwood Festival of Speed. Competition is at its heart, complemented by displays and activities celebrating drifting, classic cars, performance cars and customised vehicles.

With its British heritage, MINI has a natural affinity with the Goodwood Festival of Speed. In 2024, prototypes of the new-generation all-electric MINI John Cooper Works and the petrol-powered MINI John Cooper Works took on Goodwood's iconic 1.16-mile hill climb. In July 2026, the MINI x Vagabund Countryman concept, created in collaboration with Austrian design studio Vagabund, made its dynamic debut at the event.



Image: The MINI x Vagabund Countryman concept at the 2026 Goodwood Festival of Speed.

At one of China's leading gatherings for performance-car enthusiasts, MINI JCW returned to its racing roots and demonstrated the distinctive performance character of its petrol-powered and all-electric models alike.

APPENDIX: A BRIEF HISTORY OF MINI IN MOTORSPORT

- 1962: The classic Mini Cooper claimed overall victory in the International Tulip Rally.
- 1964, 1965 and 1967: The classic Mini secured three overall victories at the Monte Carlo Rally, becoming one of the event's most iconic cars.
- 2013: In the Spanish Tarmac Rally Championship, the MINI John Cooper Works WRC team won five of the opening six rounds and secured the title with rounds to spare.
- 2012–2015: The MINI ALL4 Racing claimed four consecutive overall victories in the Dakar Rally.
- 2020 and 2021: The MINI John Cooper Works Buggy claimed back-to-back overall victories in the Dakar Rally.
- 2023–2025: MINI John Cooper Works and Bulldog Racing reached the podium in the SP3T class at the Nürburgring 24 Hours three years in succession, including a class victory in 2024.

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