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BMW multiple award winner in 2014. Prizes and awards attest the quality and sustainability of BMW products as well as the company's innovation leadership.

Munich. BMW has concluded the year 2014, in every respect a successful one, with more than 50 national and international awards. The prize winners were chosen by juries comprising readers of trade magazines or by specialized journalists who selected the winners in various different topic areas and categories. The spectrum of distinctions ranges from awards for design, sustainability, sportiness and innovation to intelligent vehicle networking.

International success.

The most important international prizes include the renowned "International Engine of the Year Award", with the winner being determined by a specialized jury consisting of 82 car journalists from 34 countries. The 3-litre straight six-cylinder petrol engine with BMW TwinPower Turbo technology was declared winner of the coveted prize in its respective category for the fourth time now. The same jury twice awarded the BMW i3 the title "World Green Car of the Year", also acknowledging its trendsetting design with the title "World Car Design of the Year". The amalgamation of the "Chicago Athenaeum, Museum for Architecture and Design" and the "European Centre for Architecture, Art Design and Urban Studies" also honoured the BMW 3 Series GT and the BMW Pininfarina Gran Lusso Concept with the "Good Design Award".

The technological leadership of BMW ConnectedDrive in the area of assistance systems was verified by top rankings, both nationally and internationally. BMW received the "Euro NCAP Advanced Award" for the Pedestrian Warning feature with City Braking function, a driver assistant system that reduces the danger of collision with pedestrians in urban traffic. Moreover, the new BMW Laserlight technology was presented with the "Editorial Award for Technology 2014", bestowed by the AutoScout24 magazine within the framework of the Internet Auto Award, Europe's biggest public Internet award for the automotive trade.

Last but not least, the BMW i8 was voted "Top Gear Magazine's Car of the Year" by the British cult journal "Top Gear". In its appraisal, the magazine states that "the BMW i8 is a milestone in the annals of automotive history and a glorious

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statement for an exciting and positive future". In Germany, readers of the trade magazine "auto, motor und sport" were among those who voted the BMW i3, the BMW 4 Series Coupe and the BMW 5 Series "Best Cars".

BMW design at the highest level.

This year witnessed the awarding of the "Red Dot" to several BMW models. The "Red Dot Design Award" is bestowed by an international jury of experts within the framework of a design competition held by the North Rhine-Westphalia Design Centre for products with outstanding design quality. The prize went to the BMW 2 Series Coupe, the BMW 3 Series GT, the BMW 4 Series Coupe and Convertible as well as the BMW i3 in the category "Best of Best". The BMW i8 also received a "Red Dot Award". Moreover, the car was also honoured by the Industrie Forum Design e.V with the "iF product design award 2014" in recognition of its innovative styling.

Major awards for sustainability, efficiency and quality.

BMW's success in the "Green Mobility Trophy" competition held by the "Auto Zeitung" most impressively underscores the brand's strong commitment to environmental and sustainability issues. In 2014, BMW won six out of a total of seven awards. Almost 14,000 readers of the trade magazine cast their vote in favour of sustainable and efficient automobiles and technologies. The BMW i3, the first purely electric premium vehicle, seized two first places as the best electric car made from lightweight materials. The BMW i8 was voted "Best Hybrid Car". Furthermore, the BMW 320d EfficientDynamics Edition was honoured as "Best Economy Diesel" and the BMW 2-litre, 4-cylinder power unit as "Best Downsizing Engine". The BMW brand's unique sustainability clinched victory in the "Green Mobility Trophy" in the category "Environmentally Friendliest Brand". In addition, BMW was awarded the "GTÜ Quality Trophy 2014" for the outstanding technical quality of its vehicles and for good service. The prize was bestowed by the GTÜ (Gesellschaft für Technische Überwachung) based on data obtained from around five million roadworthiness tests (MOT tests).

The BMW i3, the revolutionary concept, which was newly conceived and designed for electromobility and which features a lightweight, high-strength carbon passenger compartment, has enthused trade journalists throughout the world. For example, in addition to national and international design awards, the



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car was also bestowed with the “Paul Pietsch Prize” awarded by the trade magazine “auto, motor und sport” for the most innovative technological concept. The second model by BMW i, the unique BMW i8 hybrid sports car, also received accolades, including the “Auto Trophy” awarded by the trade journal “Auto Zeitung”. Readers voted the BMW i8 both “Best New Vehicle” and “Best Electric/Hybrid Car”.

Double victory for the BMW M3 Sedan and the BMW M4 Coupe.

Sporty models from BMW have always been synonymous with outstanding driving pleasure. Straight after their market launch in June 2014, the two high-performance models BMW M3 and BMW M4 (both with a combined fuel consumption of 8.8–8.3 ltr/100 km; combined CO₂ emissions: 204–194 g/km)* were immediately sent to first place by readers of trade magazines. Both models received the “sport auto Award 2014” awarded by “sport auto” and the accolade “Sportscars of the Year” given by “Auto Bild Sportscars”. Sports car aficionados had never agreed more. The BMW M3 and the BMW M4 Coupe both boast an impressive power output of 317 kW (431 hp). With a DIN unladen weight of just 1,497 kilograms, the BMW M4 Coupe stands for a combination of performance and highest efficiency, maximum driving dynamics and everyday suitability. The low weight is owed mainly to the use of carbon, which underpins BMW’s global leadership in the processing of this high-strength, light material.

Technological leadership in the field of car connectivity confirmed yet again.

As in the previous year, BMW ConnectedDrive was once again honoured in 2014 with the “Golden Computer” for intelligent vehicle networking by readers of “Computer Bild”, the computer magazine with the highest circulation in Europe, and its sister publications “Computer Bild Spiele” and “Audio Video Foto Bild” as well as computerbild.de. Moreover, BMW ConnectedDrive also managed to assert itself in the readers’ vote held by the trade journal “connect” by winning the “connect Community Award 2014” in the category “Car Connectivity”. The system, it was explained, won the vote due to its role as a trendsetter. This success, which was based on a vote cast by almost 100,000 readers, underlines BMW’s leadership in the field of car connectivity.

* Fuel consumption established as per ECE test cycle depending on tyre size.



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The combination of the reading public's automotive and computer competence renders prizes particularly indicative. 42,700 readers of the automotive trade magazine "auto, motor und sport" and the computer magazine "CHIP" have made their decision: The "Car Connectivity Award" goes to the BMW driver assistant system Driving Assistant Plus in the category "Assistance Systems" and to the BMW Head-Up Display in the category "Operating Concepts". "Auto Bild" and "Computer Bild" presented the "Connected Car Award" for multimedia and entertainment solutions from BMW ConnectedDrive and honoured the traffic information system RTTI with the "Pionier Award" for trendsetting innovation.



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Overview of the most important accolades awarded to BMW in 2014:

Accolades bestowed by the World Car Awards:

- World Green Car of the Year for the BMW i3
- World Car Design of the Year for the BMW i3
- Engine of the Year for the BMW 3-litre straight six-cylinder petrol engine

Accolades awarded by Euro NCAP:

“Euro NCAP Advanced Award”:

- Pedestrian Warning with City Braking function
- Driver assistance systems from BMW ConnectedDrive

Accolades awarded by “auto, motor und sport”:

“Best Cars”:

- BMW i3, BMW 4 Series Coupe, BMW 5 Series in each of their respective segments

“Paul Pietsch Prize”:

- BMW i3 for the most innovative technological concept

“autonis”:

- BMW 2 Series Coupe, BMW 4 Series Coupe: as best looking cars in each of their respective segments

Accolades awarded by “Auto Zeitung”:

“Green Mobility Trophy”:

- BMW i3 in the category “Best Electric Car”
- BMW i8 in the category “Best Hybrid Car”
- BMW 320d EfficientDynamics in the category “Best Economy Diesel”
- Four-cylinder petrol engine in the category “Best Downsizing Engine”
- BMW as environmentally friendliest brand

“Auto Trophy”:

- BMW i8 as “Best New Vehicle” and “Best Electric/Hybrid Car”



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“Design Trophy”:

- BMW i3 in the category “Small Cars/City Cars”
- BMW i8 in the category “Sports Cars”
- BMW 2 Series Coupe in the category “Compact Class”

Accolades awarded by “sport auto”:

“sport auto Award 2014”:

- BMW M135i in the category “Compact Cars”
- BMW M235i in the category “Coupes up to 50,000 Euros”
- BMW M3 in the category “Sedans up to 100,000 Euros”
- BMW M4 in the category “Coupes up to 100,000 Euros”
- BMW 335i in the category “Sedans/Estate Cars up to 50,000 Euros”

Accolades awarded by “Auto Bild Sportscars”:

“Auto Bild Sportscars of the Year”:

- BMW M3 in the category “Series Production Sedans”
- BMW M4 in the category “Series Production Coupes”

Accolades awarded by the GTÜ Gesellschaft für Technische Überwachung:

“GTÜ Quality Trophy” for BMW as best brand

Accolades awarded by “Top Gear Magazine”:

“Top Gear Magazine’s Car of the Year”:

- BMW i8 in the category “Car of the Year 2014”

Accolades awarded by the North Rhine-Westphalia Design Centre:

“Red Dot Design Award”:

- BMW i3 in the category “Best of Best” for highest quality of design and for trendsetting design



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- BMW i8, BMW 2 Series Coupe, BMW 3 Series GT, BMW 4 Series Coupe, BMW 4 Series Convertible for high-quality design

Accolades awarded by the German Design Council:

“German Design Award 2014”:

- BMW i3 in the category “Transportation and Public Space”

Accolades awarded by the Chicago Athenaeum, Museum for Architecture and Design and the European Centre for Architecture, Art Design and Urban Studies:

“Good Design™ Award 2013”:

- BMW 3 Series GT, BMW Pininfarina Gran Lusso Concept in the category “Transportation”

Accolades awarded by the iF Industrie Forum Design e.V.:

“iF product design award 2014”:

- BMW i3, BMW i8, BMW X5, BMW 2 Series Coupe, BMW 4 Series Coupe, BMW 3 Series GT, each in the category “transportation design/special vehicle”

Accolades awarded by Automotive Interiors Expo:

“Automotive Interiors Expo Award”:

- BMW i3 in the category “Production Interior Vehicle Design of the Year”

Accolades awarded by “Computer Bild”:

“Golden Computer”:

- BMW ConnectedDrive in the category “Connected Car”

Accolades awarded by “Computer Bild” and “Auto Bild”:

“Connected Car Award”:

- “Best Multimedia and Entertainment Solutions”

“Pionier Award”:

- Real Time Traffic Information (RTTI)



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Accolades awarded by “auto, motor und sport” and “CHIP”:

“Car Connectivity Award”:

- Driving Assistant Plus in the category “Assistance Systems”
- Head-up Display in the category “Operating Concepts”

Accolades awarded by the Berthold Leibinger Foundation:

“Leibinger Prize 2014”:

- BMW Laserlight technology in the category “Laserlight Technology”

Accolades awarded by “AutoScout24 Magazine”:

“Internet Auto Award”:

- BMW Laserlight technology in the category “Editorial Award for Technology”
- BMW i8 in the category “Electric Vehicles”

Further information on official fuel consumption figures, specific CO₂ emission values and the electric power consumption of new passenger cars are included in the following guideline: "Leitfaden über Kraftstoffverbrauch, die CO₂-Emissionen und den Stromverbrauch neuer Personenkraftwagen" (Guideline for fuel consumption, CO₂ emissions and electric power consumption of new passenger cars), which can be obtained from all dealerships, from the Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH (DAT), Hellmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen and at <http://www.dat.de/angebote/verlagsprodukte/leitfaden-kraftstoffverbrauch.html>. LeitfadenCO₂ (Guideline CO₂) (PDF – 2.7 MB)

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The BMW Group

With its three brands BMW, MINI and Rolls-Royce, the BMW Group is the world's leading premium manufacturer of automobiles and motorcycles and also provides premium financial and mobility services. As a global company, the BMW Group operates 30 production and assembly facilities in 14 countries and has a global sales network in more than 140 countries.

In 2013, the BMW Group sold approximately 1.963 million cars and 115,215 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax for the financial year 2013 was € 7.91 billion on revenues amounting to approximately € 76.06 billion. As of 31 December 2013, the BMW Group had a workforce of 110,351 employees.

The success of the BMW Group has always been based on long-term thinking and responsible action. The company has therefore established ecological and social sustainability throughout the value chain, comprehensive product responsibility and a clear commitment to conserving resources as an integral part of its strategy.

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