



Media Information
BMW M in MotoGP
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20 years: BMW M starts anniversary season as “Official Car of MotoGP™”.

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- New BMW M5 MotoGP Safety Car heads the 2018 fleet of safety cars.
- A total of seven BMW M high-performance cars taking care of safety.

Munich. A special MotoGP season gets underway for BMW M GmbH at the “Losail International Circuit” in Qatar this weekend (16th to 18th March): it is BMW M’s 20th season as “Official Car of MotoGP”. BMW and BMW M GmbH have been involved as partners of MotoGP organiser Dorna Sports since 1999. Activities are focussed on providing the safety car fleet. In the 2018 anniversary season, the fleet will be headed by the new BMW M5 MotoGP Safety Car. BMW M GmbH will provide a total of seven BMW M high-performance cars this year to ensure the safety of the race events.

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dorna Sports for the faith they have shown in us for what is now two decades. Rarely do you come across such a long and successful partnership in sport, and we are proud of this special anniversary,” said Frank van Meel, President of BMW M GmbH. “When we partnered with MotoGP organiser Dorna Sports in 1999, our aspiration was to use all our expertise, innovative technology from motorsport and new ideas to serve safety in the MotoGP. That remains the case today. 20 years down the road, Dorna Sports still has a strong partner on board, in BMW M GmbH, for whom the safety of the riders takes top priority.”





The fleet of safety and official cars has always consisted of the latest BMW M models, optimised for use on the racetrack. Celebrating the 20th anniversary, BMW M GmbH remains true with this philosophy and sets a real highlight with the new BMW M5 MotoGP Safety Car.

The new course car is based on the high-performance sedan BMW M5 (combined consumption: 10.5 l/100 km; combined CO₂ emissions: 241 g/km)*, which was showcased to the global public for the first time in August 2017. The BMW M5's technical features ensure perfect handling, even at the limits of driving dynamics. These features include the newly-developed M-specific all-wheel drive M xDrive, which is being used in the BMW M5 for the first time. The 4.4-litre V8 engine with M TwinPower Turbo technology represents another significant increase in performance compared to previous models, with 441 kW/600 HP and maximum torque of 750 Nm in the production M5. Painsstaking manual work at the BMW M Manufaktur in Garching converted the high-performance base car into the BMW M5 MotoGP Safety Car, preparing it to appear as the course car in MotoGP.

In the 2018 season, the fleet of official MotoGP vehicles includes a total of seven different BMW M high-performance cars. Alongside the new BMW M5 MotoGP Safety Car the BMW M3 Safety Car will also be in action. BMW M GmbH will provide the Safety Officer and the Race Director with a BMW M4 Coupé Safety Car with water injection and a BMW M2 Safety Car. In addition, the BMW X5 M Medical Car will take to the track this season and a BMW M6 Gran Coupé Safety Car also stands ready to be in action. Two BMW S 1000 RR, which BMW Motorrad provides as safety bikes, complete the 2018 safety car fleet.

Among the many other activities that make up BMW M GmbH's commitment to MotoGP is the BMW M Award, which will be presented for the 16th time in 2018. This award is presented at the end of each MotoGP season to the rider with the best overall result in qualifying.

* Fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions figures are provisional, based on the EU test cycle and may vary depending on the tyre format specified.

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You can find more information on BMW M GmbH and the “Official Car of MotoGP” involvement in the comprehensive media guide attached and online at: www.bmw-m.com

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*The fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions figures shown were determined according to the European Regulation (EC) 715/2007 in the version applicable at the time of type approval. The figures refer to a vehicle with basic configuration in Germany and the range shown considers the different size of the selected wheels and tires.

The CO₂ efficiency specifications are determined according to Directive 1999/94/EC and the Pkw-EnVKV, and based (for classification) on the fuel consumption and CO₂ values as per the NEDC cycle.

Further information on official fuel consumption figures and specific CO₂ emission values of new passenger cars is 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 free of charge from all dealerships and at <https://www.dat.de/en/offers/publications/guideline-for-fuel-consumption.html>.

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