

Media Information  
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**Fastest MotoGP™ qualifier: Fabio Quartararo wins the coveted BMW M Award for the second year in a row.**

- BMW M Award presented for the 19th time in 2021.
- Presentation ceremony at the finale at Valencia and Fabio Quartararo wins the coveted award for the second time in a row.
- The 2021 prize car: the new BMW M5 CS (fuel consumption, combined: 11.3 – 11.1 l/100 km [25.0 – 25.5 mpg imp] correspond to NEDC; 11.3 – 10.9 l/100 km correspond to WLTP, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, combined: 258 – 253 g/km correspond to NEDC, 257 – 248 g/km correspond to WLTP)\*.

Valencia. The fastest qualifier of the 2021 MotoGP™ season is once again Fabio Quartararo. The Frenchman, who wrapped up the world championship title with races to spare in October, won this year's coveted BMW M Award, for the second season in a row. The award is an integral component of BMW M's activities as 'Official Car of MotoGP™' and was presented for the 19th time in 2021. The prize for the winner is traditionally a high-performance car from BMW M – this year the new BMW M5 (fuel consumption, combined: 11.3 – 11.1 l/100 km [25.0 – 25.5 mpg imp] correspond to NEDC; 11.3 – 10.9 l/100 km correspond to WLTP, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, combined: 258 – 253 g/km correspond to NEDC, 257 – 248 g/km correspond to WLTP)\* in Brands Hatch Grey Metallic. The prize car was presented at the final race weekend of the season at Valencia by Franciscus van Meel, CEO of BMW M GmbH, and Carmelo Ezpeleta, CEO of MotoGP™ rights holder Dorna Sports.

Having won the BMW M Award for the first time in 2020, Quartararo was unbeatable again in this special competition. The Frenchman secured pole position five times this season on his way to winning his first MotoGP™ World Championship title. In total, he amassed 318 points for the BMW M Award standings and ended the season 15 points clear of his closest rival.

\* The fuel consumption, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, electric power consumption and operating range figures were determined based on the new WLTP test cycle and have been translated back into NEDC-equivalent values in order to ensure comparability between the vehicles. With respect to these vehicles, for vehicle-related taxes or other data based (at least inter alia) on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the CO<sub>2</sub> values may differ from the values stated here (depending on national legislation).

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Quartararo received his new BMW M5 CS after the final qualifying of the season on Saturday. The formal handover by Franciscus van Meel and Carmelo Ezpeleta took place in the MotoGP™ VIP Village at Valencia's 'Circuit Ricardo Tormo'.

"The BMW M Award is of great significance to us. MotoGP is the pinnacle of motorcycle racing and it is very important for us to recognise the outstanding performances of the MotoGP riders over the course of the season," said van Meel. "Every race weekend, they thrill us with breath-taking performances on the track. MotoGP brings together the best motorcycle racers in the world – and the BMW M Award is the fitting reward for the fastest of them all. For the second time in a row, that person is Fabio Quartararo. He has once again shown his skill and speed this season, deservedly winning the world championship, and has also been in a class of his own again in the BMW M Award. We are delighted to present him with the BMW M5 CS in recognition of his qualifying performances. Congratulations, Fabio – on the world championship title and winning the BMW M Award again. Our 23rd season as 'Official Car of MotoGP' draws to a close here at Valencia, and we are now looking forward to 2022. It will be a special year for us at BMW M, as we will be celebrating our 50th birthday – and plans are already being made for an anniversary highlight in MotoGP."

"The BMW M Award has been an important part of MotoGP since 2003, and the presentation ceremony on the Saturday afternoon of the season finale is a nice tradition," said Ezpeleta. "BMW M GmbH comes up with something special every year when selecting the prize car. This shows how much they value the performances of our riders, and how important the partnership is with MotoGP. This was already the 23rd season together in this long-term and close collaboration. In the BMW M5 CS, BMW M GmbH has again provided a fantastic prize car. Congratulations to our new world champion Fabio Quartararo on his second BMW M Award in a row. He has once again thrilled us with his outstanding performances this year. I am sure he will have a lot of fun with the BMW M5 CS."

"It has been a fantastic season for me, winning my first MotoGP World Championship, and my second BMW M Award is the icing on the cake at the end of this special year," said winner Quartararo. "I am delighted to have won the BMW M Award again in 2021, having claimed my 'maiden victory' last year. I really enjoy driving the BMW M2 CS from the 2020 BMW M Award, and I have to say that the new BMW M5 CS obviously caught my eye as

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soon as it was presented as this year's prize car. Even from the outside, you can see how much power and performance it has. It is fantastic that I have actually won it and can take it home with me. Thank you very much to BMW M GmbH, who have been involved in MotoGP for so many years, and who highlight and recognise our performances as riders with the BMW M Award."

The BMW M5 CS is the new top-of-the-range, high-performance model from BMW M and, with its 4.4-litre V8 engine generating 467 kW/635 hp, is the most powerful car in the company's history. The new BMW M5 CS sprints from 0 to 100 km/h in just 3.0 seconds, and from 0 to 200 km/h in 10.3 seconds. The top speed is an electrically governed 305 km/h. The high-performance engine teams up with an eight-speed M Steptronic transmission with Drivelogic and uses the M xDrive all-wheel-drive system, which also offers a 2WD mode for pure rear-wheel drive, to channel its power to the road. With the BMW M5 CS, BMW M GmbH has focussed on consistently lightweight design, with many components made from carbon-reinforced plastic (CFRP). Examples of this include the bonnet, front splitter, exterior mirror caps, rear spoiler, rear diffuser, M Power engine compartment cover and intake silencer. The chassis has also been adapted to the weight of the car, which is lighter than other M5 models, with retuned bearing springs at the front and rear axle, and further refined damper control. Many details of the new BMW M5 CS are a tribute to the close association between BMW M GmbH and motorsport.

The BMW M Award is an important pillar in BMW M GmbH's involvement as 'Official Car of MotoGP™'. Since 2013, the fastest qualifier in MotoGP™ has been recognised at the end of each season with an exclusive high-performance car. The riders score points at each Grand Prix weekend, based on their results in qualifying and using the same points system as in the races themselves. The record winner of the BMW M Award is Marc Márquez, who won the award seven times in a row. Valentino Rossi and Casey Stoner both have three victories in the BMW M Award to their name. Fabio Quartararo and Jorge Lorenzo have both been honoured as the top qualifier on two occasions, while Sete Gibernau and Nicky Hayden have received the award once.

For more information about BMW M GmbH and the involvement as the 'Official Car of MotoGP™', see: [www.bmw-m.com](http://www.bmw-m.com)

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\* The fuel consumption, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, electric power consumption and electric range figures are determined according to the European Regulation (EC) 715/2007 in the version applicable. They refer to vehicles in the German market. Where a range is shown, NEDC figures consider the different sizes of the selected wheels/tyres, while WLTP figures take into account the impact of any optional extras.

All values were calculated based on the new WLTP test cycle. Any NEDC values that are shown have been translated into equivalent NEDC measurements where appropriate. WLTP values are taken as the basis for determining vehicle-related taxes or other duties based (at least inter alia) on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as well as eligibility for any applicable vehicle-specific subsidies. Further information on the WLTP and NEDC measurement procedures can also be found at [www.bmw.de/wltp](http://www.bmw.de/wltp).

Further information on official fuel consumption figures and specific CO<sub>2</sub> emission values of new passenger cars is included in the following guideline: 'Leitfaden über den Kraftstoffverbrauch, die CO<sub>2</sub>-Emissionen und den Stromverbrauch neuer Personenkraftwagen' (Guide to the fuel economy, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and electric power consumption of new passenger cars), which can be obtained free of charge from all dealerships, from Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH (DAT), Hellmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen and at <https://www.dat.de/co2/>.

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