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## **Hypercar with a new look: BMW M Hybrid V8 receives aerodynamic updates for the 2026 season.**

- **The BMW M Hybrid V8 will feature a revised design starting in 2026 for the FIA WEC and IMSA series.**
- **Updates to improve aerodynamics primarily focus on the front and the car's distinctive kidney grille.**
- **Andreas Roos: "With the aerodynamic updates, we are responding to the insights gained from our previous race outings."**

**Munich. New front, smaller kidney grille, improved aerodynamics: starting with the 2026 season, the BMW M Hybrid V8 will feature an updated exterior design and technical optimisations as it competes in the FIA World Endurance Championship (FIA WEC) and the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship (IMSA series). BMW M Motorsport is implementing aerodynamic updates – subject to their final homologation – based on insights gained by engineers during previous race outings.**

The most striking change to the BMW M Hybrid V8 will be its front end. An adjusted splitter optimises airflow, while the BMW kidney grille will be slightly smaller but will retain its unique BMW Iconic Glow contour lighting, making the car an unmistakable highlight in the dark. Additionally, the BMW M Hybrid V8 will receive new headlights.

The aerodynamic updates offer two key advantages. Firstly, they ensure that the BMW M Hybrid V8 performs more consistently across all track layouts. Analysis of past seasons in the FIA WEC and IMSA series revealed strengths and weaknesses, and the updates aim to eliminate those weaknesses. Secondly, the revised airflow around the car improves cooling efficiency.

The development of the aerodynamics, from CFD calculations to the manufacturing of parts, was carried out in close collaboration between BMW M Motorsport engineers and chassis partner Dallara. Following private test



sessions in recent weeks, the BMW M Hybrid V8 will make its first public appearance immediately after the FIA WEC "Lone Star Le Mans" race in Austin (USA) during a joint test at the Circuit of the Americas. Subject to final homologation, its first race will be the 24 Hours of Daytona (USA) at the end of January 2026.

**Andreas Roos (Head of BMW M Motorsport):** "Since we began racing in the IMSA series in 2023 and the FIA WEC in 2024, we have learned a great deal about our BMW M Hybrid V8. After optimising the brakes for the current season, it is now time for an aerodynamically improved version of the car. With these updates, we are responding to the insights gained from our previous race outings. Following the tests we've already conducted, we are confident that the changes to the BMW M Hybrid V8 will allow us to compete more consistently at the front on all types of tracks, taking another step toward the top. A big thank you to everyone involved for their hard work. In the coming months, we will continue to work intensively to ensure we are optimally prepared for the start of the 2026 season at Daytona in January."

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