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BMW sets two GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ for drifting in the new BMW M5.

- **New BMW M5 sets GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS for the longest drift in eight hours and the longest twin-vehicle drift.**
- **BMW instructor Johan Schwartz completed a sustained drift of 232.5 miles (374.2 kilometres).**
- **Schwartz and BMW Performance Center Chief Driving Instructor Matt Mullins performed a twin vehicle drift over a distance of 49.25 miles (79.3 kilometres) in one hour.**
- **Custom refuelling system developed to allow mid-drift refuelling during world record attempt.**

The new BMW M5 (combined fuel consumption: 10.5 l/100 km*; combined CO₂ emissions: 241 g/km*) is in record fever: on 11 December 2017, instructor Johan Schwartz performed a sustained drift at the BMW Performance Center in Greer, South Carolina, in the new BMW M5, covering exactly 232.5 miles (374.2 kilometres) on a so-called skid pad, thereby setting a new GUINNESS WORLD RECORD for the longest drift in eight hours. Schwartz shattered the previous record by 143 miles (230.1 kilometres).

A custom-built refuelling system developed by BMW in collaboration with the North Carolina-based company Detroit Speed made it possible to drift continuously without a break for the full eight hours as required by the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS. This enabled the BMW M5 to be refuelled during the drift in the same way that fighter jets can refuel in mid-flight – though in this case the operation was performed by hand: a second BMW M5 driven by the Chief Driving Instructor of the BMW Performance Center, Matt Mullins, accompanied the record-breaking M5. Mullins adapted to Schwartz's drifting speed, allowing Matt Butts of Detroit Speed to carrying out the refuelling operation, secured by a safety tether that permitted him to straddle the space between the two moving vehicles by leaning out of the rear window of the second car.



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“Although we practised the refuelling several times before the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS title attempt, there was very little margin for error,” said Butts. “We’re very excited to have played a part in Johan and BMW recapturing this record.”

A second GUINNESS WORLD RECORD was awarded for the longest twin vehicle water-assisted drift: Schwartz and Mullins drifted together for one hour, covering a total of 49.25 miles (79.3 kilometres).

For further details on official fuel consumption figures, official specific CO2 emissions and power consumption of new cars, please refer to the "Manual on fuel consumption, CO2 emissions and power consumption of new cars", available at sales outlets, from Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH (DAT), Hellmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen and at <http://www.dat.de/angebote/verlagsprodukte/leitfaden-kraftstoffverbrauch.html>.

* Fuel consumption and CO2 figures were calculated based on the ECE test cycle, dependent on tyre format.

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