



BMW Motorsport.

BMW M1 Procar.

History

In parallel with development of the BMW M1 production car, racing versions were built for Group 4 and 5 events. The BMW M1 achieved sporting highlights particularly in the Procar Series created especially for this car. It was staged as a warmup race ahead of the European Formula 1 Grand Prix in the years 1979 and 1980. Alongside the five fastest Formula 1 drivers in the Friday training session, drivers specialising in touring cars and ambitious private drivers competed against each other – a mixture with particular appeal to the public. The M1 built in accordance with the Group 4 regulations generated around 470 hp in the Procar and was capable of a top speed of 310 km/h. Famous Formula 1 drivers like Niki Lauda, Nelson Piquet, Carlos Reutemann, Alan Jones and Clay Regazzoni competed in the races. Niki Lauda (1979) and Nelson Piquet (1980) had podium finishes as overall winners.

Year

1980

Driver

Nelson Piquet

Technical data

Engine	6-cylinder inline engine
Displacement	3498 cc
Bore x Stroke	94 x 84 mm
Power output	470 hp at 9000 rpm
Gearbox	ZF 5-speed racing
Brakes	Inner-vented disc brakes
Weight	1020 kg
Max. speed	310 km/h (193 mph)