

BMW Motorsport.

BMW V12 LMR.

History

In 1999, for the third year in succession, BMW entered a works team for the world's most famous but also most arduous long-distance motor race, the Le Mans 24-hour event. With Charly Lamm, the experienced racing strategist from the Schnitzer team, acting as manager, drivers Kristensen/Lehto/Müller and Dalmás/Martini/Winkelhock went to the start in two new open sports cars competing in the prototype class. Soon after the start, the two cars led the field, and held first and second places until more than three-quarters of the race distance had been run. At this point Lehto's car was involved in an accident and retired. The second car took over the lead and became the first factory-entered BMW to achieve overall victory in Le Mans.

Year

1999

Driver

Yannick Dalmás, Pierluigi Martini, Joachim Winkelhock

Technical data

Engine	V12, 2x dohc, 48 valves
Displacement	5990.5 cc
Bore x Stroke	86 x 85.94 mm
Power output	580 hp at 6500 rpm
Gearbox	Sequential 6-speed racing
Brakes	Six piston monoblock aluminium calipers
Weight	900 kg
Max. speed	Over 300 km/h (186 mph)