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**BMW 335d Sedan Voted “Diesel Car of the Year”**

**Honor bestowed by readers of “The Diesel Driver”**

## New York, NY – Friday, April 22, 2011… At the New York International Auto Show, it was announced that the 2011 BMW 335d was voted the “Diesel Car of the Year” by readers of “The Diesel Driver”.

## “The 335d truly is changing the way Americans feel about diesel,” said Paul Ferraiolo, Manager – Product Planning and Strategy. “Fans of ‘The Diesel Driver’ share our passion for the great performance and efficiency of our BMW Advanced Diesels. They are the embodiment of BMW EfficientDynamics.”

## The BMW 335d received 29.6 percent of the votes cast by readers of The Diesel Driver from 43 countries.  83% of the votes came from readers in the United States. Each year, the Diesel Driver’s readers select the Diesel Car of the Year and recognize the top three diesel automobiles offered in the U.S.  For the 2011 Diesel Car of the Year, readers chose among 12 passenger vehicles and SUVs.  Criteria ranged from fuel economy and greenhouse gas emissions to performance, handling, styling, comfort, and the overall package.

## The sales momentum for the BMW 335d continues. In the first quarter of 2011, sales were up 34 percent over the same period last year. This comes after the 335d posted an impressive gain of 130 percent for calendar year 2010 when compared to 2009.

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