

BMW Motorsport.

BMW 328 Touring Coupé.

History

Milan coachbuilder Touring mounted an extremely lightweight "superleggera" Coupé body onto the BMW 328 chassis to produce a car equipped for action in high-speed endurance races. Its improved aerodynamics were expected to enable significantly higher speeds. The first competitive outing for the car came in June 1939 at the Le Mans 24-hour race, Prince Max zu Schaumburg-Lippe and Hans Wencher winning the 2-litre sports car class in a new record time and finishing in 5th place overall. In April 1940 Fritz Huschke von Hanstein and Walter Bäumer piloted the car to a resounding overall victory in the Mille Miglia. Its winning record and overall concept sealed the car's status as a motor racing legend.

Year built

1939

Drivers

Prince Max zu Schaumburg-Lippe, Hans Wencher

Fritz Huschke von Hanstein, Walter Bäumer

Technical data

Engine	Six-cylinder in-line
Displacement	1,971 cc
Bore x stroke	66 x 96 mm
Output	136 hp at 6,000 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed stick shift
Brakes	Alfin brake drums, ventilated magnesium anchor plates
Weight	780 kg (ready to drive)
Top speed	220 km/h