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BMW Team Schnitzer in profile.

Munich, 15th July 2011. Back to the future: this could be the motto of BMW Team Schnitzer for the 2012 DTM season. Charly Lamm's team sported BMW colours in this series back in the 1980s and 1990s – and with great success. A Schnitzer driver crossed the finish line in first place in a BMW M3 on 17 occasions, and the team also claimed eight pole positions and set 18 fastest laps.

BMW Team Schnitzer's greatest success in the DTM came in its very first season, when Roberto Ravaglia (IT) won the 1989 drivers' title for the team from Freilassing (DE). BMW Team Schnitzer will make its DTM comeback in 2012, almost 20 years after its last victory in Hockenheim (DE) on 11th October 1992.

"We lined up with the BMW M3 in the DTM for the first time in 1989, and were able to win the title with Roberto Ravaglia at the first attempt," Lamm recalls. "The four seasons up to 1992 were a great time, with spectacular and thrilling races, which will always have a special place in the history of Schnitzer. Even back then, the DTM was extremely popular in Germany. It is now almost 20 years since our last DTM race. We are very well aware the series has changed dramatically. The level of competition is extremely high and the series has a far more international flavour to it. As a result, rookies like us face a huge challenge. However, we will approach the task in hand with great verve."

During the break from the DTM, the Schnitzer team continued to line up for BMW, adding many new chapters to the brand's motorsport success story. In 1999 it claimed outright victory at the legendary Le Mans 24 Hours (FR) with the BMW V12 LMR prototype. In 2001, BMW Team Schnitzer won the drivers', teams' and manufacturers' titles in the American Le Mans Series (ALMS) with the BMW M3 GTR.

The team also has a very special relationship with the legendary 24-hour race at the Nürburgring-Nordschleife (DE). BMW Team Schnitzer finished as overall winner in the "Green Hell" in 1989, 1990, 2004, 2005 and 2010, making it one of the most successful teams in the history of this classic race. Schnitzer also enjoyed success after success in the European Touring Car Championship between 2002 and 2004, as well as the World Touring Car Championship between 2005 and 2009. The team's drivers crossed the finish line as winners on 45 occasions in the European and World Championships.

In the last 50 years, Schnitzer has won 16 championships with BMW – including the 1987 World Touring Car Championship, three European Touring Car Championships, and championships in Germany, England, Italy, Japan and South East Asia. Lamm adds: "We will attempt to readapt to the DTM as quickly as possible. We have great respect for the current manufacturers and teams in the DTM. They have set the bar very high. We will be working on equalling, or even surpassing, the standards they have set as soon as possible."

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Facts and Figures – BMW Team Schnitzer.

Founded: 1963

Team owner: Herbert Schnitzer
Team manager: Charly Lamm
Team headquarters: Freilassing (DE)

Milestones.

1966

1968 – 1972	1 st place European Hillclimb Championship (BMW 2002 ti,
1075	BMW 2002 tii, BMW 2800 CS)
1975	1 st place Formula 2 European Championship (Martini BMW)
1976	2 nd place GT Manufacturers' World Championship
4077	(BMW 3.5 CSL)
1977	German Racing Championship (BMW 2002 turbo)
1978	1 st place German Racing Championship (BMW 320)
1979	3rd place German Racing Championship (BMW 320)
1980 – 2004	12 victories in Macau's "Guia Race" (BMW 320, BMW 635 CSi, BMW M3, BMW 320i, BMW 320si)
1983, 1986, 1988	1 st place European Touring Car Championship
	(BMW 635 CSi, BMW M3)
1985, 1986, 1988	1 st place 24h race Spa-Francorchamps (BMW 635 CSi,
1990, 1995	BMW M3, BMW 320i)
1987 [°]	1 st place World Touring Car Championship (BMW M3)
1989, 1991	1 st place 24h race Nürburgring (BMW M3)
1989 [°]	1 st place DTM (BMW M3)
1989, 1990	1 st place Italian Touring Car Championship (BMW M3)
1993 [°]	1 st place British Touring Car Championship (BMW 318i)
1994	1 st place Asia-Pacific Championship (BMW 318is)
1995	1 st place Japanese Touring Car Championship (BMW 320i)
	1 st place ADAC Super Touring Car Cup (BMW 320i)
1997	3 rd place 24h race Le Mans (McLaren BMW)
	2 nd place FIA GT Championship (McLaren BMW)
1998	1 st place German Super Touring Car Championship (BMW 320i)
1999	1 st place 24h race Le Mans (BMW V12 LMR)
	1 st place 12h race Sebring (BMW V12 LMR)
2000	American Le Mans Series (BMW V12 LMR), 2 wins
2001	1 st place GT class American Le Mans Series (BMW M3 GTR)
2002	2 nd and 4 th place FIA ETCC (BMW 320i)
2003	2 nd and 5 th place FIA ETCC (BMW 320i) 1 st and 2 nd place 24h race Nürburgring (BMW M3 GTR)
2004	1 st and 2 nd place 24h race Nürburgring (BMW M3 GTR)
	2 nd and 4 th place FIA ETCC (BMW 320i)
2005	1st and 2th place 24h race Nurburgring (BMW M3 G1R)
	2 rd and 5 rd place FIA WTCC (BMW 320i)
2006	2 nd and 6 th place FIA WTCC (BMW 320si)
2007	4 th and 7 th place FIA WTCC (BMW 320si)

1st place German Championship (BMW 2002 ti)

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2008	6 th and 7 th place FIA WTCC (BMW 320si)
2009	3 rd and 6 th place FIA WTCC (BMW 320si)
2010	1 st place 24h race Nürburgring (BMW M3 GT2)
	1 st place LM GT2 class ILMC finale Zhuhai (BMW M3 GT2)
2011	2 nd place 24h race Nürburgring (BMW M3 GT)
	3 rd place GTE class 24h race Le Mans (BMW M3 GT)

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