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BMW Z4 Coupé - competition for the Cayman



With the Z4 Coupé concept car shown at Frankfurt today, BMW is clearly demonstrating a likely competitor to Porsche's Cayman S when deliveries of that come on stream next year.

The exterior of the car marries the company's controversial Bangle-era 'flame-effect' styling of the Z4 Roadster (a car that looked the best of the bunch) with a short coupé roof and rear 'greenhouse'. To quote the company "the interplay of concave and convex surfaces merging in powerful and striking lines gives the body of the car not only unique character, but also a touch of clearly perceptible dynamism even at a standstill.". Now you know.



The styling retains BMW's characteristic Hofmeister "kick" on the C-pillar, an effect that is retained even with the rear lid open. The exterior paintwork, in Glacier Silver, was developed exclusively for the Concept Car, giving it the "silky-matt glossiness of a sculpture made of massive aluminium". Nineteen-inch aluminium wheels finished in a dark colour contrasts with the silver paint, and are exclusive to the Z4 Coupé concept.

The interior is a classy combination of soft tan nubuck leather, black leather and polished- and satin-finish aluminium.



The Concept Car is powered by BMW's new 3.0-litre straight-six developing a maximum output of 195 kW/265 hp and peak torque of 315 Nm/232 lb-ft. Acceleration from 0 - 100 km/h is expected to take only about 5.7 seconds, with the car's top speed ending at the 250 km/h (155 mph) mark of all BMW's production models. If (and when) production commences expect to see 'hotter' versions with M-Power engines and uprated suspension and brakes.



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