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## [BMW 5 Series Touring: New Estate Joins the Range](#)



**BMW has released details of the estate version of its new 5 Series, due to reach the UK on 18 September.**

Interior space is helped by the new **Touring's** 2968mm wheelbase, the longest in its class, giving rise to 13mm more knee room for rear passengers than the outgoing model. More notably, the new model has 60 litres more boot capacity than the previous **5 Series** estate: a very capable 1670 litres with the 40/20/40 flat-folding rear seats down. There's also a luggage load cover that retracts and lowers automatically with the tailgate and a self-opening rear window.

There will initially be a choice of two diesel and two petrol power units, including the 245PS straight-six turbocharged **530d** and the **535i**, the latter offering a 0-62mph time of 6.0 seconds and an electronically limited top speed of 155mph. A six-speed manual gearbox is standard, but customers can opt for BMW's new **eight-speed automatic**, to bring "the luxury and refinement of the **7 Series** to the new **Touring** range". Steering wheel mounted paddles are a further option.



**BMW** claims to have been the first to turn executive saloon cars into practical yet sporting estates, with its first **5 Series Touring** of 1991. Today, the new **Touring** still promises both practicality and driving fun – not to mention good looks – with its 50:50 weight distribution and balanced proportions, short overhangs, flowing roofline and long, contoured bonnet.

Prices for the four new **Touring** models range from **£30,380 for the 520d**, to **£39,650 for the 535i**.

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