

# CLASSIC DRIVER

## Teutonic twins: BMW M3 & M4 revealed

### Lead

BMW has released details of the 'M' derivatives of its 3 Series saloon and 4 Series coupé – the biggest news being a reversion to six-cylinder power, albeit in a twin-turbocharged format...

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Both cars will be mechanically identical – they'll share the same 3.0-litre, twin-turbo, inline-six engine, which will provide 425bhp and 405lb ft of torque. That not only makes it the most powerful engine ever to be placed in an M3, but also the M division's smallest-capacity unit since the 2.3-litre of the E30 M3 was retired in 1991. It's also the first time that there will be no M3-badged two-door coupé.

Despite the inevitable move to forced induction, M purists will be relieved to hear that a six-speed manual remains the staple gearbox, although a seven-speed double-clutch Getrag 'box with paddle shifters will be an option – featuring launch control and a specific 'smokey burnout' setting for low-speed hooligan antics.



The M3 saloon and M4 coupé will make their official production debuts at the Detroit Motor Show in January, and will go on sale in the spring.

### Gallery











