

2004 BMW M3

Lot sold	USD 103 761 - 117 595 GBP 75 000 - 85 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	2004	Condition	Used
Mileage	9 000 km / 5 593 mi	Location	
Chassis number	WBSBL96080JC9830	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	616	Car type	Other
		Engine number	60693125

Description

A stunning right-hand-drive example with only 9,000 miles from new Presented in Silver Grey metallic with an immaculate black interior One of only 1,383 examples produced during the 2004 production run The CSL's unique body panels, including the roof, were all crafted from carbon fibre Powered by a modified version of the usual 3,246cc S54 inline-six producing 338bhp Exclusive SMG II transmission with launch control. 'M Track' mode on the DSC When a company with one of the greatest saloon car racing histories of all time and an engineering department with the greatest minds and billions at its disposal produces a car designed to be the best, you better believe it is. With only 1,383 produced during its 2004 production run, the E46 M3 CSL, the L stood for Leichtbau, was the definitive 'Touring Car' for the road. Available in only two colours, Silver-Grey metallic and Black Sapphire metallic, the CSL was powered by a modified version of the usual 3,246cc S54 inline-six, mated to the exclusive SMG II transmission. This state-of-the-art transmission featured a launch control mode that automatically shifts at the optimum point for maximum acceleration, and this, in turn, was mated to the standard E46 M3 final drive and M Differential Lock. Finally, the DSC can be switched to 'M Track' mode with a steering wheel-mounted button, raising the threshold at which the system intervenes to allow for some degree of wheelspin. Zero to sixty is in an incredible 4.6 seconds, totally remarkable in a car with four comfortable seats, electric windows and a boot for the weekly shop. BMW's 'Leichtbau' philosophy in terms of the mass-produced M3 was, not only to reduce weight overall but to distribute the weight savings to retain the E46 3-Series' perfect 50-50 split. To get the centre of gravity as low as possible, the CSL adopted many weight-saving technologies from BMW's Formula

One racing applications. A large proportion of the M3's sound insulation was removed, along with the electric seats and navigation systems. The CSL's unique body pieces, including the roof, were all crafted from carbon fibre, glass-reinforced plastics were used throughout structural points in the car, and the standard rear window was replaced with one made from thinner glass. The results were considerably more effective than the 110kg. weight saving would suggest, as the reduction in mass in conjunction with the lowered height of that mass and less body flex led to a dramatic improvement in dynamics, and the car would turn left and right in a much more eager fashion, which, in fact, was the idea. One of only 422 UK-supplied BMW CSLs, this lovely example has covered just 9,500 miles from new. It was factory supplied with the options of air conditioning, sound system, and Xenon headlights but with a 'factory delete' of PDC (park distance control). It's been fitted with AP Racing brake calipers and KW shock absorbers and has a full main dealer service history from new. It was laid up, accident-free, and with just over 9,000 miles recorded in 2012 as part of the very significant private collection of Mr Graeme Dacre CBE, the former owner of Lind BMW. It was brought out of hibernation just 4 weeks (and 4 miles!) ago and has been subject to a complete service and fresh MOT at Dick Lovett Specialist cars carried out in June 2020. It's supplied with a comprehensive history file, the original service books and hand pack in the original BMW wallet, and presents in outstanding condition today, ready to be enjoyed as one of the most special BMW Coups ever built. 2004 BMW E46 M3 CSL <https://youtu.be/h1vvnwLpQckQfalse>

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