BMW M2 Racing to join BMW Driver Training from 2027

Giving driving enthusiasts the opportunity to experience a real race car firsthand

Shanghai. For BMW M enthusiasts looking to take the next step beyond high-performance driving, a purpose-built race car will soon become part of their training journey. Starting in 2027, the **BMW M2 Racing**, developed by **BMW M Motorsport**, will be integrated into the BMW Driver Training program, offering participants the opportunity to progress from driving high-performance production vehicles to experiencing a genuine racing machine under professional instruction.

Mr. Steven Shao, Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing, BMW Brilliance Automotive Ltd., said: "As more BMW M enthusiasts gain experience on the racetrack, many are looking to advance their skills to a more professional level. The BMW M2 Racing creates a clear pathway from high-performance driving to race car driving, enabling participants to gain a deeper understanding of the technology and driving pleasure that BMW M has developed through motorsport."

BMW M2 Racing: from high-performance driving to the world of real motorsport

Developed for one-make racing series, open-category competition and track-day use, the BMW M2 Racing is a dedicated customer race car built by BMW M Motorsport. It is powered by a B48-based 2.0-liter inline four-cylinder turbocharged engine producing up to **230 kW (313 hp)** and **400 Nm** of maximum torque, with a top speed exceeding **270 km/h**. Its engine management system can also be adapted to meet the requirements of different racing regulations.

Power is delivered through a **7-speed dual-clutch transmission** featuring gear ratios specifically calibrated by BMW M Motorsport, paired with a mechanical limited-slip differential with an independent cooling system. For the driver, this translates into more direct acceleration out of corners, greater precision during shifting, and rear-axle dynamics that closely reflect the demands and rhythm of competitive racing.

To ensure consistent performance during sustained track use, the BMW M2 Racing is equipped with BMW M Motorsport dampers derived from the latest GT3 racing technology, together with adjustable anti-roll bars at both the front and rear axles. The braking system features M Compound brake discs on both axles, racing brake pads and dedicated brake cooling ducts.

The vehicle runs on slick racing tires mounted on forged wheels and secured by racing-spec quick-release wheel studs, allowing for efficient pit-lane operations. A lightweight, high-strength carbon-fiber roof further lowers the center of gravity, enhancing vehicle balance and cornering performance. A welded safety roll cage compliant with the latest FIA regulations, together with racing quick-release fasteners on the hood and trunk lid, clearly underline the vehicle's purpose-built motorsport character.

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From admiring BMW M to understanding a BMW M race car

For many BMW M enthusiasts, the attraction of the racetrack extends far beyond achieving faster lap times. It lies equally in understanding how a vehicle behaves at its limits: how weight transfers under braking, how tire condition influences corner entry speed, and how throttle application affects the racing line on corner exit.

The BMW M2 Racing brings experiences traditionally associated with professional motorsport into the BMW Driver Training environment. Under the guidance of professional instructors, participants will be able to develop a more accurate understanding of vehicle dynamics and build a more comprehensive set of track-driving skills using a genuine race car.

This represents one of the most practical benefits of advanced driver training for BMW M enthusiasts. As vehicle performance increases, so too does the driver's need to understand how to control and fully utilize that performance. Through its progressive training curriculum, BMW Driver Training enables participants to develop their capabilities in a safe and structured environment. With the addition of the BMW M2 Racing, this learning pathway will now extend into the realm of professional race car driving, creating an even more direct connection between drivers and BMW M's motorsport-derived technologies.

Bringing BMW M motorsport expertise into driver training

Driver training has long been an integral part of the BMW brand experience. The program was first established in **1977** and officially introduced to China in **2006**. Today, BMW Driver Training in China offers a comprehensive progression pathway ranging from foundational driving skills to advanced high-performance, ice-driving and track-driving programs.

The addition of the BMW M2 Racing marks the next step in this development, extending the curriculum into the field of dedicated race car driving. Through a structured sequence of training courses and vehicles, BMW Driver Training continues to provide driving enthusiasts with a clear and progressive route for developing their skills and deepening their understanding of performance driving.

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