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Media Release from BMW Australia:

The New BMW M3

Description in Brief:

- Fourth-generation of the BMW M3, all-new, unique high-performance sports car from BMW M GmbH with unprecedented design and technology, developed on the basis of the BMW 3 Series Coupé.

- Unique character and supreme driving dynamics secure leading position in the market segment, unique combination of engine power and low weight ensured by intelligent lightweight technology, power-to-weight ratio 3.8 kg/hp.



- First-ever BMW M3 with an eight-cylinder power unit, all-new V8 displacing 4.0 litres and developing maximum output of 309 kW/420 hp plus peak torque of 400 Nm/295 lb-ft at 3,900 rpm, maximum engine speed 8,400 rpm, optimum power and torque throughout the entire engine speed range.

- Individual throttle butterflies, variable double-VANOS camshaft control, Brake Energy Regeneration, engine weight 15 kg/33 lb less than the six-cylinder in the former model.

- Acceleration to 100 km/h in 4.8 seconds, top speed limited electronically to 250 km/h (155

mph), average fuel consumption in the EU test cycle 12.4 litres/100 kilometres (equal to 22.8 mpg Imp).

- Manual six-speed gearbox with integrated, temperature-related oil cooling, mass inertia-optimised double-plate clutch.

- MDrive for setting and retrieving the driver's specific configuration of the engine control map, suspension and DSC set-up, as well as the Servotronic control map as an additional option.

- All-new suspension with special, weight-optimised components as well as axle





kinematics characteristic of BMW M for a highly dynamic driving experience, forged aluminium track control arms, compound high-performance brake system, optional Electronic Damper Control (EDC) with three freely available control maps.

- First production vehicle in its segment with carbon fibre-reinforced roof, carbon fibre serving to reduce the weight of the vehicle and enhance agility by lowering the centre of gravity, carbon-fibre roof is visible technology symbolising exclusivity and a direct link to motorsport.

- Authentic BMW M design underlining the athletic look of the car, aluminium engine compartment lid with a striking powerdome as a clear signal of supreme power and performance, characteristic front end with large air intake scoops, muscular, powerfully flared wheel arches.

- Air intake gills in the front side panels, M-specific side-sills

accentuating the concept of rear-wheel drive, discreet spoiler lip reducing lift forces at the rear, roof in clearly visible carbon-fibre look, dual tailpipes typical of BMW M.

- High-quality, sophisticated and perfectly appointed interior with a wide range of customisation, innovative colour and materials concept, four seats, BMW Individual high-end audio system tailored to the car as an option, model-specific paintwork and equipment variants highlighting the exclusivity of the new BMW M3.

