



BMW TwinPower Turbos Take Two Spots on Ward's 10 Best Engines List

New TwinPower Turbo 4-cylinder joins repeat winner TwinPower Turbo Inline-6

Woodcliff Lake, NJ – December 9, 2011... BMW TwinPower Turbo technology takes two spots on Ward's 2012 10 Best Engines Awards list. This year, the all-new 2.0-liter TwinPower Turbo 4-cylinder (N20) joins the repeat winner 3.0-liter TwinPower Turbo inline-6 (N55).

"TwinPower Turbo technology is a perfect example of the BMW EfficientDynamics philosophy," said Ludwig Willisch – President and CEO of BMW of North America, LLC. "With the ground-breaking combination of a twin-scroll turbo, high-precision direct injection and Valvetronic, both the TwinPower Turbo 4-cylinder and the TwinPower Turbo inline-6 offer the performance of much larger engines without the penalty of more fuel consumption."

Early next year, the all-new 2012 BMW 328i Sedan will join the 2012 528i and Z4 sDrive28i as the next model to use the 2.0-liter TwinPower Turbo 4-cylinder. Based on preliminary EPA fuel efficiency estimates of 24 mpg city/36 mpg highway/28 mpg combined, the 328i with 8-speed automatic is the most fuel-efficient BMW model ever sold in the US. With a 0-60 mph time of 5.9 seconds, the 2012 328i is one full second quicker than the previous-generation 328i Sedan.

"BMW's all-new 4-cylinder proves once and for all that we have nothing to fear with the latest downsizing trend," says Tom Murphy, executive editor of *WardsAuto World* magazine. "Our editors loved it in the Z4, a sporty roadster that loses none of its zip with this spectacular turbocharged 4-cylinder. But they liked it even better in a larger, more practical vehicle, the 5 Series sedan."

The 2012 640i Coupe and Convertible are the newest models to receive the TwinPower Turbo inline-6, joining a wide range of BMW cars and Sports Activity Vehicles. With a 0-60 mph acceleration time of 5.4 seconds the 640i Coupe is as quick as the previous-generation 650i Coupe with its 4.8-liter V8. With preliminary EPA mileage estimates of 23 mpg city/33 mpg/26 combined, the 640i Coupe is nearly 45 percent more efficient than that previous 650i.

“No one does inline 6-cylinder engines like BMW, and the turbocharged N55 is the perfect combination of intoxicating power and fuel-saving efficiency,” says Drew Winter, editor-in-chief of *WardsAuto World* magazine. “The N55 sings like no other engine in the world. It is a true benchmark.”

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