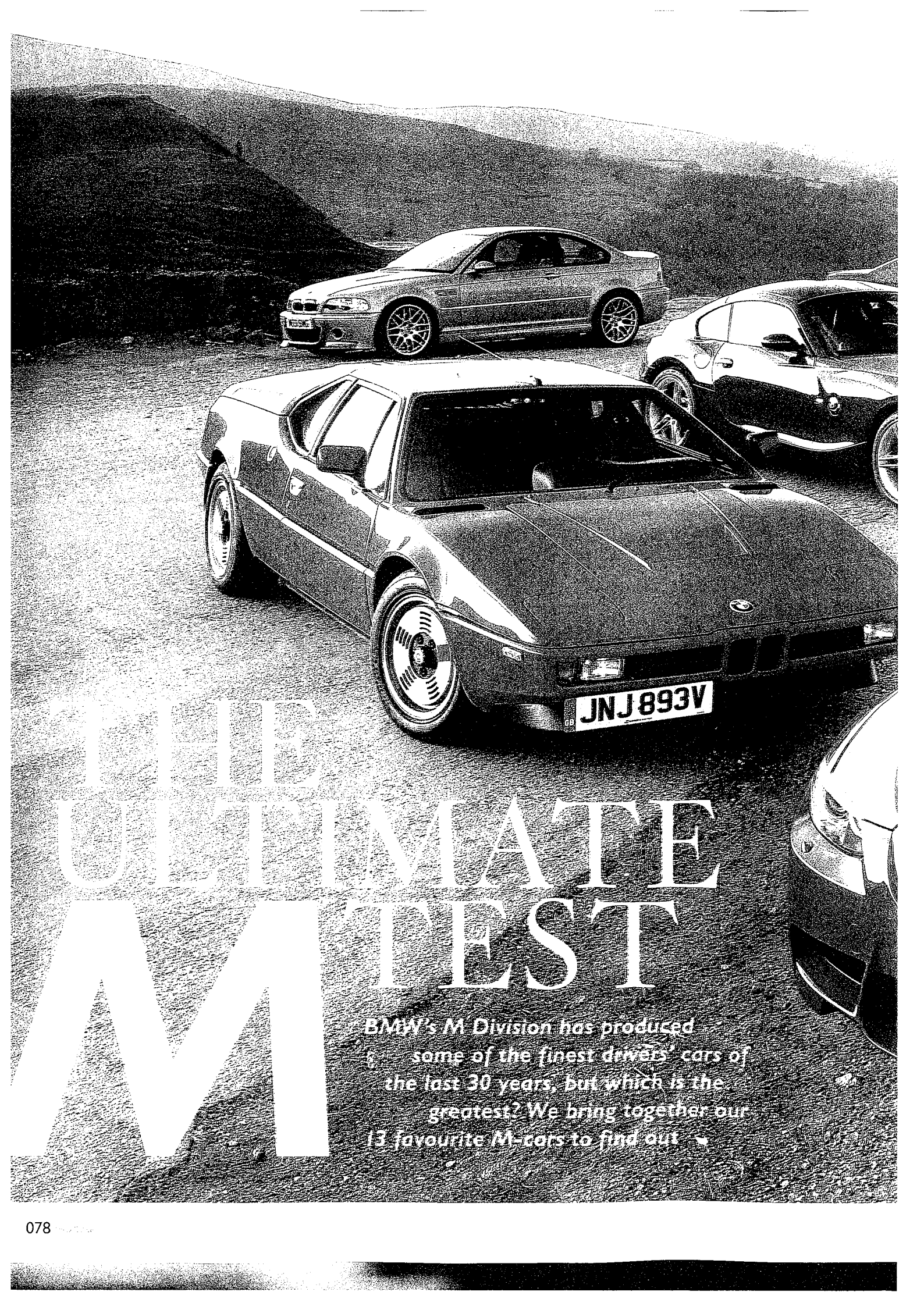
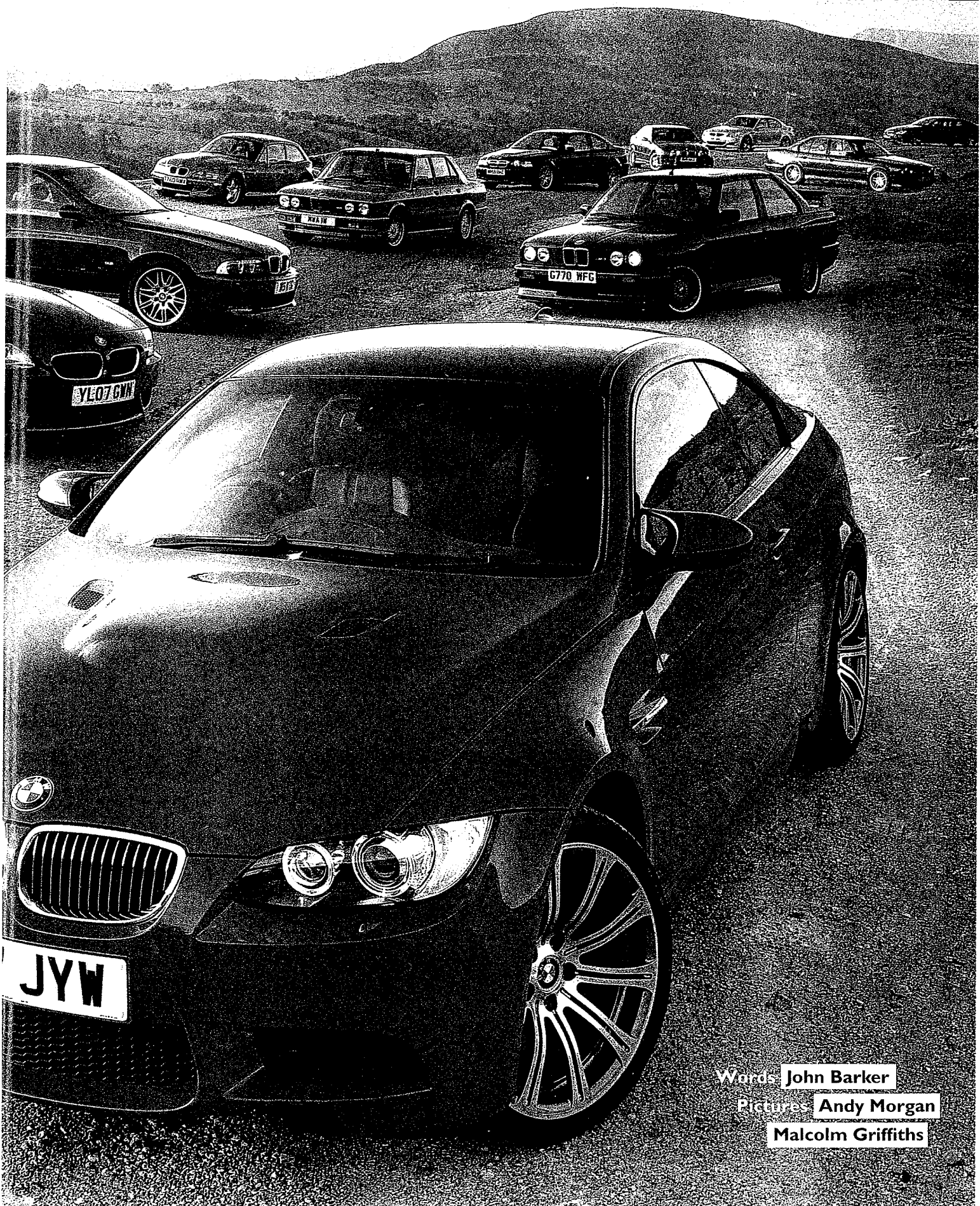




THE ULTIMATE M TEST

BMW's M Division has produced some of the finest drivers' cars of the last 30 years, but which is the greatest? We bring together our 13 favourite M-cars to find out



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M1

Engine: In-line 6-cyl, 3453cc, 24v

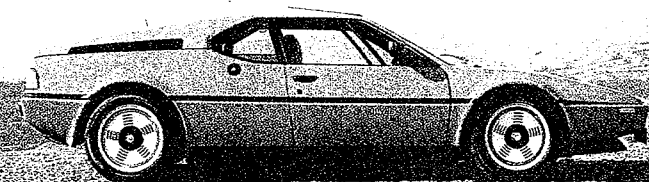
Max power: 277bhp @ 6500rpm

Max torque: 243lb ft @ 5000rpm

Top speed: 162mph

0-60mph: 5.8sec

On sale: 1978-81



E28 M5

Engine: In-line 6-cyl, 3453cc, 24v

Max power: 286bhp @ 6500rpm

Max torque: 251lb ft @ 4500rpm

Top speed: 155mph

0-60mph: 6.2sec

On sale: 1984-87



E36 M3 Evolution

Engine: In-line 6-cyl, 3201cc, 24v

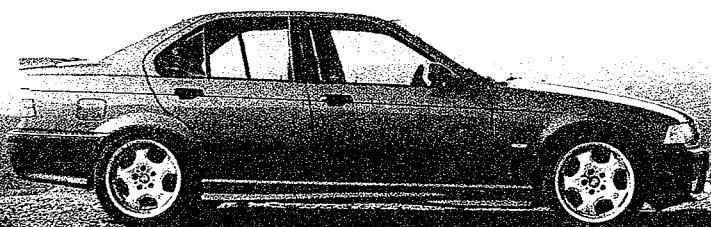
Max power: 321bhp @ 7400rpm

Max torque: 258lb ft @ 3250rpm

Top speed: 155mph (limited)

0-60mph: 5.6sec

On sale: 1996-98



M Coupe

Engine: In-line 6-cyl, 3201cc, 24v

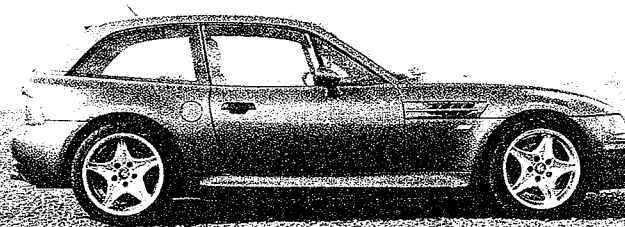
Max power: 321bhp @ 7400rpm

Max torque: 258lb ft @ 3250rpm

Top speed: 155mph (limited)

0-60mph: 5.2sec

On sale: 1998-2002



E60 M5

Engine: V10, 4999cc, 40v

Max power: 500bhp @ 7750rpm

Max torque: 383lb ft @ 6100rpm

Top speed: 155mph (limited)

0-60mph: 4.6sec

On sale: 2005-present



M6

Engine: V10, 4999cc, 40v

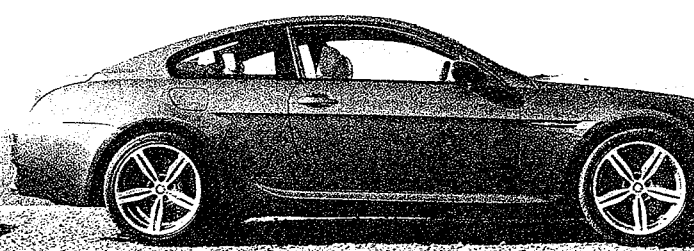
Max power: 500bhp @ 7750rpm

Max torque: 383lb ft @ 6100rpm

Top speed: 155mph (limited)

0-60mph: 4.5sec

On sale: 2005-present



E30 M3 Sport Evolution

Engine: In-line 4-cyl, 2467cc, 16v

Max power: 235bhp @ 7000rpm

Max torque: 177lb ft @ 4750rpm

Top speed: 154mph

0-60mph: 6.1sec

On sale: 1990



E34 M5 (3.8)

Engine: In-line 6-cyl, 3795cc, 24v

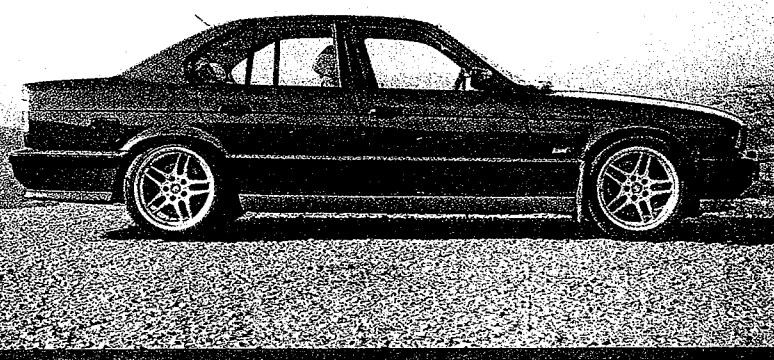
Max power: 340bhp @ 6900rpm

Max torque: 295lb ft @ 4750rpm

Top speed: 155mph (limited)

0-60mph: 5.9sec

On sale: 1992-95



E39 M5

Engine: V8, 4941cc, 32v

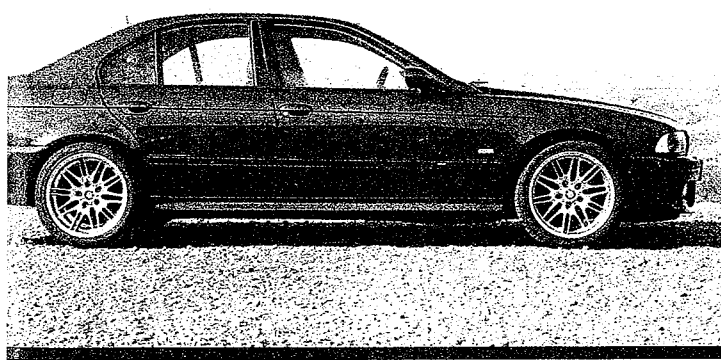
Max power: 400bhp @ 6600rpm

Max torque: 369lb ft @ 3800rpm

Top speed: 155mph (limited)

0-60mph: 4.8sec

On sale: 1998-2003



E46 M3 CSL

Engine: In-line 6-cyl, 3246cc, 24v

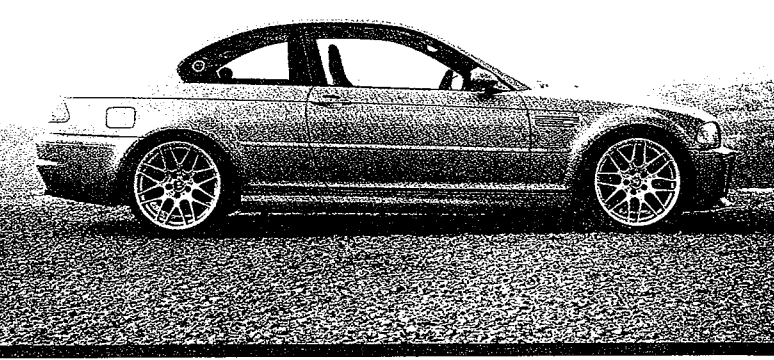
Max power: 355bhp @ 7900rpm

Max torque: 273b ft @ 4900rpm

Top speed: 155mph (limited)

0-60mph: 4.8sec

On sale: 2003-05



E46 M3 CS

Engine: In-line 6-cyl, 3246cc, 24v

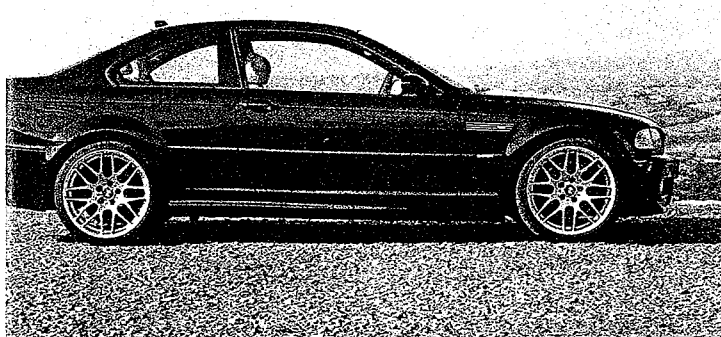
Max power: 338bhp @ 7900rpm

Max torque: 269b ft @ 5000rpm

Top speed: 155mph (limited)

0-60mph: 5.1sec

On sale: 2005-07



Z4 M Coupe

Engine: In-line 6-cyl, 3246cc, 24v

Max power: 338bhp @ 7900rpm

Max torque: 269lb ft @ 4900rpm

Top speed: 155mph (limited)

0-60mph: 4.9sec

On sale: 2006-present

