

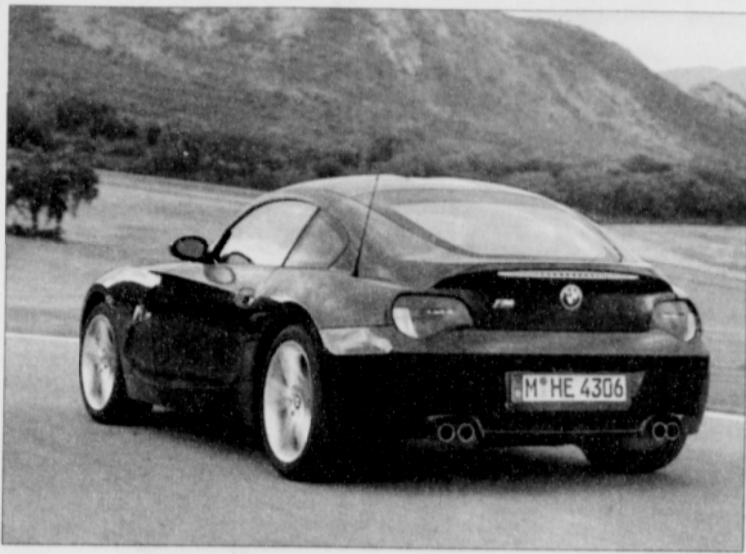
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2006 BMW Z4 M COUPE

BY KATHLEEN CARR
 BMW occasionally lets its hair down and shows its fun side. For 2006, the Z4 Series undergoes its first major evolution. Through the years, BMW's high-performance M cars have become legendary among enthusiasts. 'M' is what BMW puts on its cars to say "MORE." More power, more speed, more style, more for the serious sports car enthusiast to love.

The BMW Z4 M Coupe is a joy to behold. Seen from the side, it appears to have been painted by an artist's single brushstroke. The Z4 Ms sport their own distinctive look. With a deep spoiler, flame-surface bodywork, well-executed roofline, long hood, sophisticated rear end, and the new M-spec front bumper to the sexy 18" wheels, this coupe certainly has a lot of presence. The M Coupe's pent-up aggression screams to be released on the open road.

Inside, more reason to rejoice.



*Engine: 3.2 Liter-DOHC, 24-valve inline 6-cylinder
 Transmission: 6-Speed manual
 MSRP: \$ 49,300.00
 M - Brace the Adrenaline: 0-60mph in 4.8 seconds
 Quarter-mile clocks: 105 mph in 13.6 seconds*

The steering wheel is so massively thick it's more like you're holding one of the tires. The pedals, gear lever and basic controls are all perfectly placed and simple to use and because it's unencumbered by iDrive, the Z4 M Coupe takes only a few moments to make you feel

the sophisticated 3.2-liter, with variable valve timing on both camshafts and 6 individual throttle bodies to help it achieve its phenomenal 100-plus hp per naturally aspirated liter. It doesn't offer up the full 330hp until the needle passes 7900 rpm. The engine has a glorious mechanical and hard-edged sound that actually gave me goose bumps as it zings to the redline. The M Coupe has Normal and Sport driving modes that can be selected from the console controls. In Sport, the throttle opens quicker so the engine seems more powerful, the Normal mode offers slower acceleration, which would probably be more comfortable on a daily basis.

The BMW Z4 M Coupe is a rock steady road warrior, cutting through turns with precision and grace. Feeling raw and 'racecar-ish' when it's wound out, but remaining relaxed and composed when you're not in the mood. This car really makes you want to take a longer way home. Driving the M Coupe is an exhilarating adrenaline rush of speed and performance!

Dear Deanna!
 My husband came in one day and announced that he wanted a divorce. I didn't see it coming and don't understand what happened. We have good kids, our communication is good and our sex life is active. He has been moody at times over the past year but I didn't think anything of it. He hasn't filed for divorce yet but he is already moving out of the house. I asked him many questions but he got very upset when I asked if he was cheating. What do I do? --Torn Wife; Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Torn Wife:
 Relationships don't end overnight and marriages don't operate like a light switch. There's a possibility you've been so tuned into the perfect life that you didn't notice your husband changing. A year is a long time for distractions and there's certainly something wrong. There is someone else especially if he's moving out and getting defensive when infidelity comes up. Don't give up or agree to divorce without

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Dear Deanna!
 My teen daughter has turned into a hip hop groupie and can't focus on her schoolwork or her responsibilities. She is constantly hanging posters, spending money on CD's and listening to the radio trying to win concert tickets. We have tried

discipline, punishment and taking her radio. She has such a one-track mind and we don't know what to do. What are some suggestions to help us change her habits? --Dawn; Los Angeles

Dear Dawn:
 The first step is to realize that you are the parent and your daughter is the child. You should implement some expectations and standards that must be met before other activities. Enforce your guidelines but also offer positive reinforcement for accomplishments. Once things come into balance, introduce family activities and productive hobbies as entertainment. Eventually her interests will broaden and she'll be well rounded and more focused.

Dear Deanna!
 I believe in open relationships and have no interest in being with one man. My primary boyfriend was fine with this in the beginning. At times, he has had several girlfriends and it didn't bother me. Now that I've made the decision to get seri-

ous with someone else, he is having problems. He wants to change me and insist that we become committed and only date each other. I'm not interested in this and I don't want to lose him or my new boyfriend. What do I do? --Renee; On-Line Reader

Dear Renee:
 You were open and honest at the beginning of the relationship so your boyfriend is the one who has to decide. If you agreed to be together on the terms of an open relationship then he is wrong to expect otherwise. However, if you really care about him, take the chance and choose him and see what happens. If being with only him doesn't please you, then let him know you tried and he can stay or leave.

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