

The BMW M2 Really Delivers

by Ian Lynas

Few cars can produce the wow factor; one which most surely does is the M2 from BMW, arguably one of the best ever to wear the coveted M badge.



Recently the opportunity came my way to take the wheel of the M2 and it is very true it is something of a wolf in sheep's clothing.

At first glance its chunky lines does ring a bell that this is just something more than a 2 Series; yet I suspect that a lot of non motoring folks would ever realise just what a power house the car really is.

From under its bonnet you have the opportunity to control 370bhp from the three litre engine; of course this offering from BMW can be driven in a manner which can be described as ordinary.

However depress the accelerator and you get that engine roar so characteristic of the M cars and suddenly you are in control of a car that challenges most sportscars.

In harmony with the power unit is a seven speed double clutch transmission; at first it feels quite heavy in operation, but believe me you soon get used to that as you begin to enjoy one of the best sub £50,000 cars on our planet.

However I must point out that the actual price is just proud of £44,000 if you can resist the array of options that BMW has to tempt you with, it is a motoring bargain.

My test car did have an array of options taking the final tally to £48,260; still a bargain in my book.

If I had to choose from the options on the M2 I tested then I would go for, Harman Kardon Hi-Fi (£600), enhanced Bluetooth wireless charging (£395) and reversing camera (£330).

I was surprised to discover no extra charge for the very sporty Long Beach



Blue exterior paint finish and no charge either for the Black Dakota leather with blue stitching.

Living with the M2; there is no doubt it comes into its own on an open road and in



handling terms it sticks to the road like glue with a very precise steering.

But I have to admit with its suspension set up it is not a fan of rough or bumpy roads and we have those in abundance in the UK.

Oh how I would love to get the opportunity to drive this BMW on an autobahn then I could explore its true performance potential.

Away from the motorways or country roads and driving in an urban environment the M2 is as easy to pilot as your average car.

This is one of the outstanding aspects of this BMW; anyone could hop on board and enjoy the drive experience.

Down through the years there have been various M cars especially the M3s and I feel that somewhere along the way some lost that original feel; not so with the M2 it is a true M car.

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