

The BMW 6 Series Convertible

THE new BMW 6 Series Convertible is an extremely handsome car; one which offers high driving satisfaction and sporting performance wrapped in sheer luxury.

The newcomer also leads the way in terms of lowering emissions in its segment with the bonus of delivering very good economy.

Might surprise you to learn that the UK is the third largest market for the 6 Series

Convertible and with the previous generation model and the Coupe version, some 14,000 were sold.

The latest model adds to the earlier model in terms of refinement and standard packaging. Features include a more powerful contoured roof with a sweeping bonnet, set back passenger compartment and the wheelbase has been extended by 75mm and it does make a difference for the comfort to be enjoyed by rear seat passengers.

A stronger on road presence as the new car is lower to the road and its striking lines bring a boldness which sets it apart from its competitors.



The new 6 Series Convertible has the looks there is no doubt, but beneath its body lies the heart of the matter, the engine and transmission.

Choose from two turbocharged units; the 650i gushes forth 407bhp, enough to whisk you effortlessly, as I discovered, from rest to 62mph in a mere five seconds and onto a top speed of 155mph.

The less powerful 640i with 320bhp on tap is no slouch, rest to 62mpg comes up in 5.7 seconds and the top speed like the 650i is electronically controlled at 155mph.

Economy is pleasing looking at the power figures it would be ever so easy to write both engines off as petrol guzzlers. The 650i can return 26.4mpg on the combined fuel cycle with the 640i delivering a wallet pleasing 35.8mpg. Once again the use of Efficient Dynamics is a key feature.

A winner again when it comes to emissions, the 650i has a rating of 249g/km and the 640i has a rating of 185g/km.

Regarding equipment, both versions are to the highest standard. Such are included, Dakota leather upholstery, Xenon headlights, Dynamic Stability Control Plus, part electric seats, child seat ISOFIX attachments, Park Distance Control; this is fitted both to the front and rear which makes parking so trouble free.

Two zone air conditioning is a real comfort aid and in the looks department, alloy wheels with the 640i fitted with 18 inch and the 650i with 19 inch.

There is a host of options to choose from, such as Adaptive Drive, Side View Cameras, Head up Display, this system really impressed me on the press launch and one which I certainly would go for.

Other options, Reversing Assist with Top View, Active Cruise Control, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Change Warning and Speed Limit info.

Just like other BMW models, the new 6 Series Convertible has been designed and engineered to provide a driving experience which is joyful and one which many of its competitors will struggle to equal.

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