

## The Sporty New BMW 4 Series Coupe

THE arrival of a new BMW is special, even more so when it is a new Series.

Yes we now have the 4 Series; which as I discovered is much more than a rebadged 3 Series Coupe and it certainly carries on the tradition of coupes from this German manufacturer which can be traced back to the E21.



For BMW this is an important new range and the UK market is the second largest in the world for a coupe in this sector, also xDrive will be available and within the UK Northern Ireland tops the popularity charts for such.

The newcomer is longer and lower than the 3 Series Coupe with a much sportier design, better equipped and after having been behind the wheel of two versions I can state that it is more dynamic.

The newcomer which was designed by a different team as penned the 3 Series; this coupe has a lot of road presence, a

more fluid design with flared wheel arches.

The interior and emphasis has been placed on added quality and style and there is more legroom for rear seat passengers.

From launch there will be three engines on offer, 420d, 435i and 428i and the forecast is that the 420d will be the big seller; certainly here in our Northern Ireland market there is little doubt that the diesel will be a major player.



More engines will soon follow and all will feature Efficient Dynamics thus ensuring the best possible economy, emissions and performance. CO2 emissions will be as low as 121g/km.

Manual and automatic transmissions will be offered; my opportunity came behind the wheel of a 420d and a 435i both equipped with manual transmissions. Cannot wait

to get my driving hands on a 4 Series Coupe with the very special eight speed automatic gearbox which already has many fans.

Going back to x Drive and many drivers particularly in the northern parts of our islands will welcome the news, the additional cost will be £1,500 and if fierce winters return then such an investment would be worth every penny. 420i, 420d and 435d can be ordered with xDrive.

I must admit that I have yet to drive a BMW saloon or coupe equipped with xDrive.

Five trim levels, SE, Sport, Modern, Luxury and M Sport and the latter is most likely to be the big seller; again looking at our market here in Northern Ireland M Sport is extremely popular.



Stepping inside this new BMW and right away you feel at home, the interior demonstrates the sporting intent of this newcomer through its layered surfaces, driver-focused control layout, clear instruments with black-panel display, Sport multi-function leather steering wheel and free-standing 6.5 inch iDrive control display.

There are automatic seatbelt feeders for the front occupants, while the rear bench has been designed with moulded side supports and integrated head restraints to look like two individual seats.

Of course there are many options which allow the owner to personalise their car and on pricing, you can enter the world of the new 4 Series Coupe from £28,280.

Summing up a real BMW in every sense of the word, especially the 435i.

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