



BMW E28 M5

Specification

Year 1987 Mileage 76,950
Engine Capacity 3500cc Transmission Manual
Exterior Colour Delphin Grey Interior Colour Pearl Beige Highland Cloth

Service History Full Service History Owners 6 Previous Owners

BMW Motorsport's purpose-built, high-performance saloon is the rarest of all production BMWs. Just 187 examples of the first-generation M5 (E28) were hand-built in right-hand-drive form, and costing close to £36,000 in 1987. Exclusivity was assured.

Just as the Golf GTI marked the birth of the 'Hot Hatch', so it was that Munich's original M5 heralded the arrival of the 'Super Saloon'. Audi, Mercedes and, yes, even Vauxhall with the Lotus Carlton were soon to follow suit but 23 years on the M5 still reigns supreme...always the driver's choice.

Now affectionately referred to as the old 'Square Rigger' this unobtrusive family holdall must surely rank as the ultimate Q-car. Discreet almost to the point of anonymity, the M5's appearance displays little to hint at its 160mph supercar performance.

Not to be confused with the similar looking but more modestly powered M535, this Motorsport classic boasts the legendary 24-valve 3.5 litre engine first seen in the rather more exotic mid-engine M1. This is a car that can be driven with serious enthusiasm and yet is quite happy to potter through the urban crawl at just 30mph in fifth gear. To sum up, this masterpiece of understatement could best be described as a "Ferrari in a Saville Row suit".

For a long time now we have been struggling to supply E28 M5s to an ever growing list of customers keen to get their hands on BMWs ultimate super saloon. Demand continues to outstrip supply.

The remaining superb examples are now mainly locked away in long term ownership and we are unable to prise these special cars away from protective owners. Others are simply too rusty, badly maintained, poorly restored and like all classic cars, went through that period of time when value was almost nothing and the wrong owners got hold of them. Most E28 M5s offered to us for sale would be rejected. They would not be good enough for our collection so certainly not good enough for our customers.

Due to this high demand, it is now necessary to restore cars for clients here at Classic Heroes. This is the only way we can now ensure our customers are going to purchase M5s with proper integrity.

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E28 M5
Delphin Grey
Pearl Beige Highland Cloth
76,950 Miles
Full service history
6 previous keepers
Air conditioning
Rear blind
Headlight wash-wipe
Central locking
On-Board Computer
Electric seat adjustment
Electric sun-roof
Green glass

The current owner had spent a few years looking for an example good enough for his collection and had almost given up. On showing him around our workshop, it was agreed that we should build him an E28 M5 to as new condition.

Once a suitable donor was found with the right integrity, we embarked on this fantastic, zero compromise, no expense spared restoration and the result speaks for itself.

The body shell was stripped and then media blasted as required. O/S/R inner wheel housing, O/S/R wing, both outer sills, front floor pans, front wings, N/S/F inner wing and chassis leg, complete front panel, sunroof panel, all M5 wheel arch extensions were replaced followed by a bare metal respray. All the bumper components were replaced and painted, fitted to the car with all new rubbers. The exterior trim was then fitted back to the car with almost all new trim, badges and weather seals. While away at the body shop the interior was carefully cleaned and detailed.

Mechanically the car wanted for nothing. To summarise, the engine was stripped, inspected and rebuilt with new chains, tensioners, gaskets, oil seals, valve seat relapped and new valve stem oil seals. New differential oil seals and mounting. The suspension, brakes and steering then stripped, blasted, powder coated.

Parts cadmium plated as required, and reassembled with new dampers, all suspension bushes, ball joints, calipers rebuilt, all new handbrake shoes, pads and discs. Every brake, oil, fuel and coolant hose replaced, new prop shaft bearing, hydraulics, clutch, prop coupling, gearbox oil seals, gear-lever bushes, engine mounts, header tank, gearbox mounts, fuel lines, exhaust and rubbers, radiator, alternator rebuilt, belts, wheels refurbished, new tyres, new metal brake pipes, new brake sphere, fuel pump, fan coupling, water-pump battery, thermostat, handbrake cables, alternator bushes and air conditioning rebuilt with new condenser and receiver dryer.

The car will be presented to the new owner with all original tools, period correct radio, converted to iPod connectivity, spare keys, warning triangle, first aid kit, original leather M5 wallet, all handbooks and fully stamped service book.

Please enquire with Barney for full details of this exceptional example