

BMW Zentrum (visitor center) at the Spartanburg factory, with the "Stars and Stripes" X5 (E53).[1] BMW cars have been officially sold in the United States since 1956[2] and manufactured in the United States since 1956[2] and m United States [5] The BMW manufacturing plant in Greer, South Carolina, has the highest produced at the Spartanburg plant are the X3, X4, X5, X6 and X7 SUV models. In addition to the South Carolina manufacturing facility, BMW's North American companies include sales, marketing, design, and financial services operations in the United States, Mexico, Canada and Latin American headquarters for its large financial services subsidiary is located in Dublin, Ohio and is responsible for the captive lending for BMW automotive, BMW Motorsport, and Rolls-Royce cars, when buyers lease the vehicles or decide to finance directly with the company.[9] Spartanburg manufacturing plant Coordinates: 34°53′35″N 82°10′44″W / 34.89306°N 82.17889°W / 34.89306; -82.17889 BMW Manufacturing Co., LLCTypeLimited liability companyIndustryAutomotiveFounded1992 (1992), Greer, South Carolina, United StatesArea servedWorldwideKey peopleKnudt Flor (President)[10]ProductsBMW X3, BMW X4, BMW X5, BMW X6, BMW X7Number of employees11,000 [7]ParentBMWWebsitebmwusfactory.com The BMW Manufacturing Company, also known as BMW Spartanburg, is the BMW Group's only assembly facility in the United States, and is located in Greer, South Carolina.[11] The plant is currently BMW's major global production site for the X3, X4, X5, X6, and X7 crossover SUVs,[12] whose biggest market is the U.S., while other BMW models sold in the U.S. market are imported. History BMW announced in 1992 that it would build a 1,150-acre (470 ha) manufacturing facility in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, United States to strengthen its international production system. The plant opened in 1994.[6] In 2010 BMW announced that it would spend \$750 million to expand operations at the Greer plant. This expansion will allow production of 240,000 vehicles a year and will make the plant the largest single market is the United States, where 339 dealerships sold 346,023 cars in 2015.[14] The two millionth vehicle built at BMWUSM rolled off the plant in January 2012. It is a vermilion red metallic X3 xDrive35i with Oyster Nevada interior and an M Sport Package, was driven by BMW Associates represent teams from each of the plant's manufacturing technologies: Body, Paint and Assembly. The vehicle was retained on display at the Spartanburg Plant to commemorate the milestone. [15] The \$2.2 billion plant, which employs 23,000 (BMW and contract), is part of the company's global five-plant production network. The automaker announced in 2014 an additional \$1 billion investment in the facility that will make Spartanburg, South Carolina, BMW's largest US factory, with an annual capacity of 480,000 units[16] when including the X7.[17] There were 411,171 vehicles produced in 2016, of which 70% were exported to 140 countries.[6] The plant is the largest BMW plant in the world in terms of vehicle production volume.[18] Another record was set in 2018, around 70% of production was exported to 125 markets. The biggest export market was China, accounting for one-third of all export.[19] That same year, BMW ceased exporting the X3 to China.[19] A nearby dry inland port, 200 miles from the port of Charleston, handles many of the plant's needs for cargo and finished vehicles. In 2015, 250,000 new cars were sent by rail from BMW Spartanburg to Charleston port.[17] Some air freight is also used.[20] Current products X3 X4 X5 X6 X7 Previous products BMW 3 Series (E36) (1994–1996; also produced in Germany and South Africa) 318i Sedan (1994–1995) 318is Coupe (1994–1995) 328i Sedan (1996) BMW Z3 (E36/4) (1995–2002) Roadster M Roadster Coupe M Coupe BMW Z4 (E85) (2003–2008; successive generation produced in Germany) Roadster M Roadster Coupe M Coupe BMW New Six Bavaria: This US-only model offered the more powerful engine in a car with fewer luxury features. [21][22] 2005-2016 BMW M5 manual transmission options: The United States and Canada were the only markets where the E60 and F10 M5 was available with a manual transmission. [23][24] Engines offered Several BMW engines have not been officially sold in the United States, due to emissions regulations. These include: M20: Early versions of the M20 engine, which used Jetronic fuel-injection, were not sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the US at the time, most M52 engines sold in the the US was one of several countries where the N53 was not sold. Instead, its N52 predecessor remained in use in these countries [26][27] S50/S52: For the E36 M3, the United States models used in the US are less powerful than the equivalent Eurospecification S50 engines.[28][29] "Bimmer" and "Beemer" nicknames Some people in the United States prescribe that "beemer" should be used for cars.[30][31][32][33][34][35] Some of these people claim that "true aficionados" make this distinction[36] and those who don't are "uninitiated." [37] Usage in North American mainstream media also varies, for example The Globe and Mail of Canada prefers Bimmer and calls Beemer a "yuppie abomination",[38] and the Tacoma News Tribune says that it is "auto snobs" who use the terms to distinguish between cars and motorcycles.[39] Bottom line: The reason people who call BMW cars Bimmers are "uninitiated" (they're also "uninformed") is because they are unaware of BMW's long and glorious motorcycles were referred to as Beemers in order to distinguish them from Beezers, which was the nickname given to BSA brand racing bikes of British origin. (one of the earliest examples of "disambiguation".)[40] References ^ dead link] ^ "Isetta 300 model selection". www.realoem.com. Archived from the original on 26 October 2017. Retrieved 26 October 2017. ^ "This is how BMW became the top selling luxury car company in the U.S." www.fortune.com. Archived from the original on 28 October 2017. A company in the U.S." www.fortune.com. 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