

AC Schnitzer Z3



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made by winners, made for fun.

There's no substitute for experience. It is precisely these qualities which have made us one of the most successful motorsport teams and the largest BMW tuning company in the world.



The Z3 by AC Schnitzer – Cars with the potential for a legend.



A car with the attributes of both a classic roadster and a high-tech vehicle.

Today our lives are more hectic, stressful and externally influenced than ever. Isn't that enough reason to gain some freedom, for example in the form of a BMW Z3? Or a very special freedom and individuality in the case of the Z3 by AC Schnitzer!

This car provides everything you need for more fun in your life. Our engineers - showing perhaps even more commitment and enthusiasm than usual - have taken this car, undisputedly with the power to become a legend in its own right, and improved it still further.

Even in base form, this roadster is set up for 100% driving pleasure - and we've taken it one step further in terms of form, performance and driving behaviour. Of course this development was greatly influenced by our many years of motor racing experience. And if you've ever driven a Z3 by AC Schnitzer, perhaps you'll understand why our engineers and test drivers rushed to test this car even in their free time!



The third generation of this classic design: the AC Schnitzer alloy wheel Type III, shown here with open spokes.



The legend lives. Absolute driving pleasure in the form of a vehicle which combines all the fascinating qualities of a classic roadster.



More power means more freedom and even more driving pleasure.

Based on the 1.8 litre M43 and 1.9 litre M44 engines, the AC Schnitzer 2.1 litre power plants achieve a driving performance which is usually the preserve of exotic sports cars. According to "sport auto", the Z3 2.1 reaches 100 km/h in under 7 seconds and had a top speed of 223 km/h. But we also offer two attractive conversions for the 2.8 litre engine: the intake manifold kit and an adrenaline-surging 3.2 litre power engine.

The road-holding of the AC Schnitzer Z3 is gripping. This is due to the specially developed AC Schnitzer racing and sports suspension, which in combination with wheel/tyre combinations up to 19", guarantees driving pleasure and complete safety in every situation. To visualise the quality of this suspension, according to the "sport auto" test you merely have to imagine the proverbial cornering on rails. This praise from the famously critical testers rewards our dedication in the task of fulfilling our chassis philosophy - sporting, comfortable with maximum possible safety reserves.



The AC Schnitzer Z3 2.1 makes even the 1.8 and 1.9 litre basic engines into very agile sports cars with a clear improvement in performance.



Here the Z3 roadsters by AC Schnitzer are in their element: winding country roads through beautiful countryside.



**The AC Schnitzer
M roadster:
The ultimate kick
for all roadster fans.**

Some people just want that little bit more from their cars. So for everyone searching for pure power and the ultimate driving enjoyment, there's the M roadster by AC Schnitzer. This uncompromisingly styled body contains only the bare essentials, namely two narrow seats and an excitingly long nose. Packed into this breathtakingly bare body-shell is the massed power of 321 HP/236 kW and a torque of 350 Nm. Behind this wheel, even the most level-headed driver can enjoy the driving sensations which normally only come from automotive legends and the dreams of youth.

And if that weren't enough, our development engineers have applied their experience of motorsport and engine building to refine this power plant even further. An exhaust system made of stainless steel both optimises the exhaust gas flow and provides the sound to match the power of this car. Because beauty is perceived in the ear as well as the eye.



A highlight for eyes and ears: the rear of the AC Schnitzer M-roadster with twin sports exhaust.

The first V8 roadster. AC Schnitzer was the first company to show a Z3 roadster with the V8 engine at the IAA 1997 show. This AC Schnitzer concept car, which received superb reviews in the international motoring press, served as a technology platform for our test department.



Other important modifications we have made to the M roadster include the conversion to the AC Schnitzer racing or sports suspension, which as well as lowering the vehicle by approx. 25 mm, also gives more precise handling in all situations. For the safety-conscious enthusiast, we recommend fitting the AC Schnitzer high performance brake system with dual-piston floating calipers and large, grooved, internally vented discs on the front.

Our ambition is to improve even on apparent perfection.

To improve stability, we offer high quality AC Schnitzer aerodynamic components - naturally made from PU-Rim - for the M roadster and all other Z3 models for a noticeable increase in downforce on the front and rear axles.



Inside the AC Schnitzer Z3, the already sporting flair of this car can be emphasised further by the AC Schnitzer Short Shift gear change which shortens the gear travel, and by the carbon fibre trim on the centre console and door panels. Other sporting equipment options are the AC Schnitzer aluminium foot rests for more relaxed driving, and the AC Schnitzer aluminium pedal set.

All AC Schnitzer products undergo extensive tests, partly under realistic race conditions.



We have perfected the claim to individuality.

In the Z3 coupé and M coupé, BMW has created two extraordinary cars which leap out from the humdrum world of everyday design. These vehicles are built for individuals who are not afraid to express their own opinions and preferences.

To emphasise this unique individuality even further, we have developed a whole range of accessories for the Z3 coupé and M coupé, for example aerodynamic components such as spoiler lips, diffusers and rear skirts.

AC Schnitzer aerodynamic conversions have now become synonymous with the successful symbiosis of form and function. AC Schnitzer bodystyling accessories have a high level of functionality: for example the AC Schnitzer front spoilers increase downforce on the front axle and thus improve driving stability considerably. All parts are also made of high quality PU-Rim and have a fitting accuracy usually only achieved in mass production. AC Schnitzer bodystyling components are also designed for maximum aesthetic appeal and individuality.



The AC Schnitzer aerodynamic components give the Z3 coupé the ultimate sports bodystyling. The 3.2 litre engine conversion provides the corresponding performance.



Aerodynamic in a discrete way - the AC Schnitzer rear roof spoiler for the Z3 coupé and the M coupé.



Technology transfer for the interior of an AC Schnitzer: light-weight materials such as carbon fibre and aluminium give a real race car atmosphere.



Aerodynamic in race look - the AC Schnitzer rear roof wing guarantees enormous downforce on the rear axle.



Already classic: AC Schnitzer alloy wheel variants Type II (above) and Type III (top) with variable spoke design.

One accessory essential for all AC Schnitzer Z3 is a set of AC Schnitzer Type II or Type III wheels. AC Schnitzer wheels stand out not just because of their high functionality - the AC Schnitzer Type III alloy is around 30% lighter than a conventional alloy wheel - but by their sophisticated aesthetic appeal. Frequently praised for their styling, the original AC Schnitzer wheel and its two successors have now become accepted design classics. All Z3 can take one-piece or multipiece rims in 17", 18" and 19".

As well as external accessories, other components are also available on request for all Z3, such as complete interiors for example in leather in all colours and designs, and other tailor-made options.

**AC Schnitzer
Alloy Wheels:
classics for a
future classic.**

**AC Schnitzer
Accessories:
technology
born of
motorsport.**



AC Schnitzer suspension spring kit for vehicles with and without M-Technik dampers for BMW Z3 1.8 - 2.8



AC Schnitzer sports suspension including lowering, in sports comfort setting



AC Schnitzer Z3 3.2 engine for BMW Z3 2.8 with M52 TU engine, power increase 31kW (42 HP). Strut brace for Z3 in preparation



AC Schnitzer high performance brake kit with 2-piston floating caliper on the front and internally vented brake discs.



*AC Schnitzer Z3 2.1 power plant for BMW Z3 1.8 with M43 engine, power 108 kw (147 HP).
AC Schnitzer Z3 2.1 power plant for BMW Z3 1.9 with M44 engine, power 129 kw (175 HP)*



AC Schnitzer intake manifold kit Z3 S for BMW Z3 2.8 with M52 engine, power increase 18kW (25HP), strut brace for Z3 in preparation



AC Schnitzer sports suspension including lowering, in sports comfort setting



Listen to the music: AC Schnitzer Vmax module (removal of standard speed restrictor) including sports silencer made of V2A special steel for M roadster and M coupé. AC Schnitzer rear diffuser for M roadster and M coupé optional



AC Schnitzer alloys Type III, silver, in sizes 8.5J x 17", 8.5J x 18", 9.5J x 18", 8.5J x 19" and 9.5J x 19", optional design elements can be painted individually. AC Schnitzer racing alloys Type III, multi-piece silver, in sizes 8.5J x 18", 9.5J x 18", 8.5J x 19", 9.0J x 19" and 9.5J x 19", optional design elements can be painted individually



AC Schnitzer alloys Type II, silver, in sizes 7J x 15", 8.0J x 17" and 8.5J x 18"



AC Schnitzer racing alloys Type II, silver with polished outer rim, in sizes 8.0J x 17", 9.0J x 17", 8.5J x 18", 9.0J x 18" or 9.5J x 18"

AC Schnitzer
individual accessories:
increased individuality
and functionality.



The AC Schnitzer front skirt with integral fog lights and enlarged air inlets to guarantee optimum aerodynamic performance



The AC Schnitzer sports mirror - electrically adjustable and heated - is specially adapted to every variant: Z3 roadster, Z3 coupé, M coupé or M roadster



AC Schnitzer rear skirt design element for the Z3 coupé 2.8 in combination with the AC Schnitzer rear silencer



The AC Schnitzer rear roof spoiler for Z3 coupé



AC Schnitzer front flipper, 2-piece



AC Schnitzer rollover bar of hand-polished V2A special steel for all BMW Z3 roadster with factory-fitted rollover bar



AC Schnitzer carbon fibre interior trim for vehicles with storage compartment or switch panel



AC Schnitzer 3-spoke sports airbag steering wheel in leather with carbon fibre trim



User-friendly technology centre: the AC Schnitzer carbon fibre centre console in the Z3 with AC Schnitzer audio concept incl. VDO Dayton navigation system MS 3000. Individual options on request



AC Schnitzer aluminium gear knob



AC Schnitzer "Short Shift" sports gear change - shorter selector travel as fitted to Touring Cars



AC Schnitzer aluminium pedal set and foot rests, and AC Schnitzer velvet floor mats

Our partners are the best:



Int. ADAC 24h Race Nürburgring 2001:
7th in overall score



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