BMW 320 Gr. 5

In 1977 in the motorsports group 5 BMW put their money on the new type 320 that was derived from the production model 320i launched two years previously. In accordance with their custom, BMW followed their usual strategy of using their cars for racing. As always this was done, on the one hand, for publicity purposes and to promote their image and, on the other, to take advantage of the information gained on engineering and handling characteristics for their road-going cars. The 320 had a 2.0 litre, four-cylinders in-line engine that developed 300 bhp. The extreme manoeuvrability of the 320 combined with its low weight of just 800 kg, gave it a substantial advantage on the race track.

The 320 quickly obliged with successes in touring car events. Thus, in 1977, the new BMW junior team, comprising Eddie Cheever, Marc Surer and Joachim Winkelhock, fought their way to eight victories in the German sports car racing championships. Other famous pilots also drove this racing sports car. The 320 in the Jägermeister colours was driven, among others, by Harald Grohs and Hans Joachim Stuck.
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