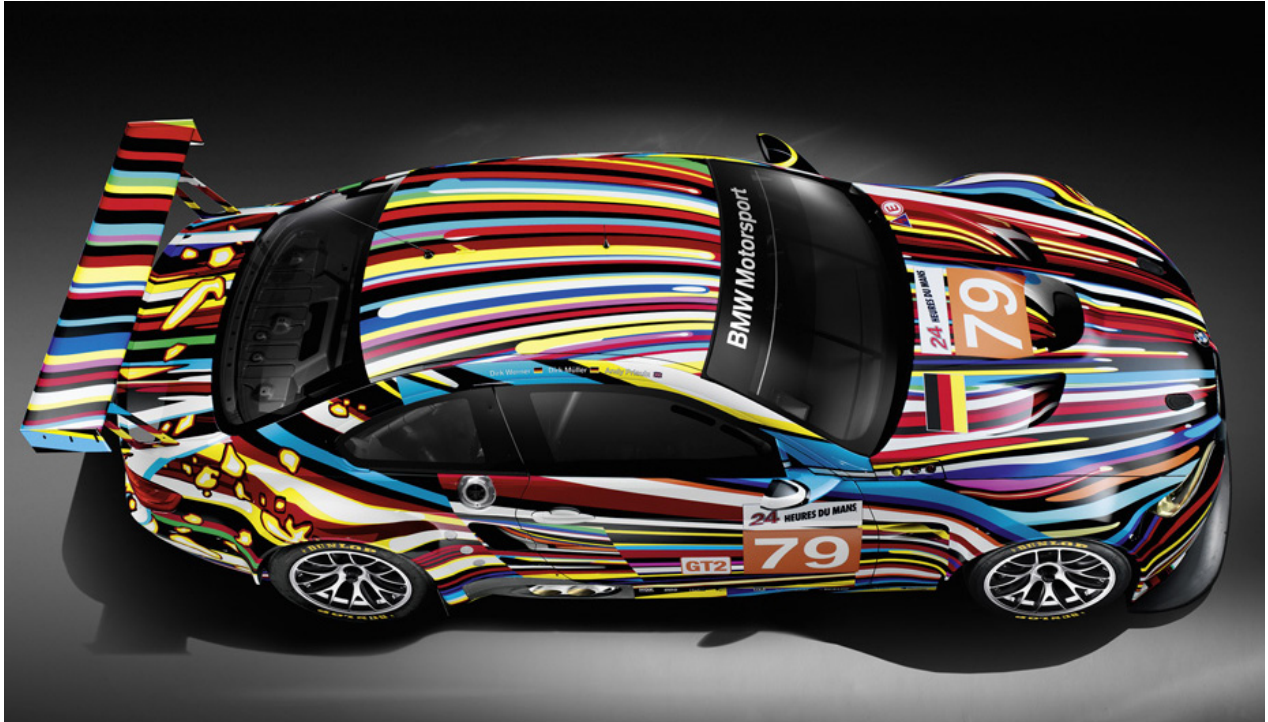




BMW M3 GT2 Art Car - Jeff Koons



BMW have release their latest "Art Car", the 17th in a series spanning 35 years.

American artist Jeff Koons is the featured artist this time and the car is a M3 GT2 that will run at Le Mans this year. The launch was held on the 1st of June at the Centre Pompidou, where Roy Lichtenstein first presented and signed his Art Car in 1977.

Koons' actually approached BMW in 2003, when he expressed his desire to create a BMW Art Car. Koons is known for his appreciation of cars and an ideal candidate to join the illustrious artist that have previously collaborated with BMW on this long running project.

The develop took Koons to Germany

many times during the design process where he worked with the race team to ensure no adverse affect to either aerodynamics or distraction for the drivers. The development utilised CAD models to render the design on. This enabled the artist to view the art from all angles. As part of the development process Koons also spent track time as a passenger in an M! and took an M3 onto the track himself to experience the dynamics Perk.

The Koons car gets number "79" for this years running at Le Mans, a number that pays tribute to the 1979 Andy Warhol car. The Warhol car was assigned the number "76," an homage to the 1976 Frank Stella car, both of which raced at Le Mans.

Rod Halligan

BMW M3 GT2

- 3999 cc 244.03 in³
- P65 V8
- 361.7 kw 485 bhp
- 498.9 nm 368 ft lbs
- 6-Speed Sequential
- 121.3 bhp per litre
- 389.25 bhp per tonne
- 1246 kg 2745 lbs



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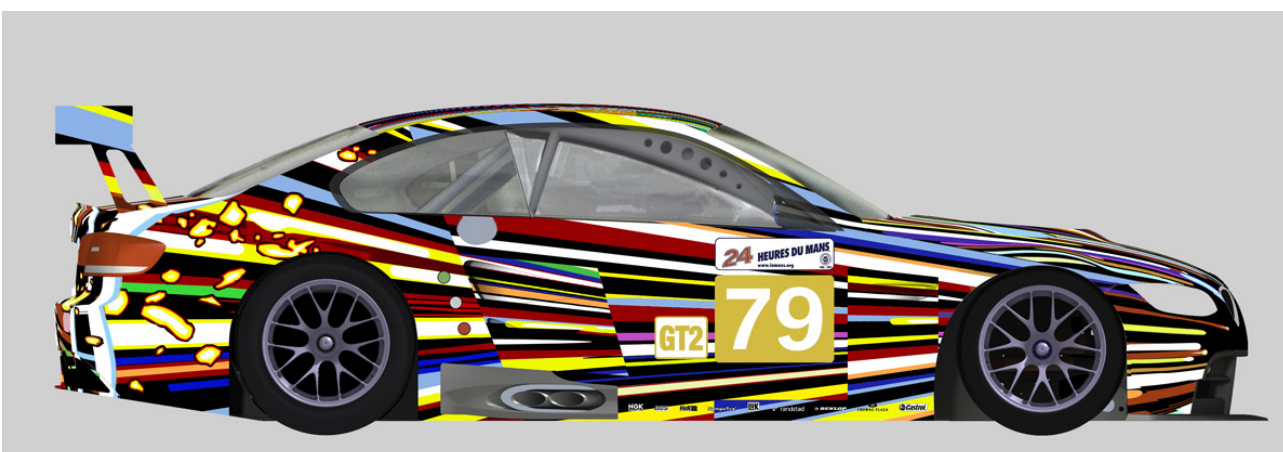
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Race Car



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Art Car - Jeff Koons**

Year 2010
No. in Series 17
Artist Jeff Koons

ENGINE

Configuration P65 V8 - Dry Sump
Layout Front, longitudinally mounted
Valvetrain DOHC, 4 Valves
Displacement 3999 cc 244 in³
Bore 92 mm 3.6 in
Stroke 75.2 mm 3.0 in
Power 361.7 kw 485 bhp
Torque 498.9 nm 368 ft lbs

BODY

Unitary Steel Construction
Carbon Fibre Panels
Weight 1246 kg 2745 lbs

DRIVE

Rear Wheel Drive
Transmission 6-Speed Sequential

BRAKES & SUSPENSION

Brakes front Cast Iron Discs
Aluminum 6-Piston Calipers
Brakes rear Cast Iron Discs
Aluminum 4-Piston Calipers
Suspension F MacPherson Struts, 5-Way
Adjustable Shock Absorbers,
Tubular Stabilizer Bar
Suspension R Five-Arm Multi-Link,
5-Way Adjustable Shock
Absorbers,
Tubular Stabilizer Bar