



Putting the brakes on brake dust

High-performance vehicles, like BMW, use softer brake pads for their superior stopping power. But when they grind against the rotors, they leave a residue. Here are some hints on handling brake dust:

- **Cleaners:** Acid-free cleaners are preferable to acid-based; each has pros and cons. Check the ingredients, and follow the instructions carefully.
- **Dust shields:** Installed between the brake caliper and the wheel, almost like a hubcap, dust shields help to prevent dust from collecting on the wheels – and from becoming a problem in the first place.
- **Harder pads:** Consult your dealer about the pros and cons of installing harder pads, and which ones work best without affecting your braking capabilities.

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10 years down the road

A blend of classic and cutting-edge, BMW's U.S.-built Roadster turns 10!

Ten years strong: The BMW Roadster reaches a milestone in U.S. production



It's a perfect 10 for the BMW Roadster. Not only did the classically inspired vehicle celebrate its 10th anniversary of production in the U.S., its ferocious M sibling just became the millionth vehicle to roll off BMW's assembly line in Spartanburg, SC.

This particular, customized Z4 M Roadster sports an Interlagos Blue exterior, Champagne Leather interior, Ash-Walnut trim, and 18-inch alloy wheels. It also houses an engine that launches the vehicle from 0-60 mph in 4.9 seconds.¹

In light of its historical significance, it will become part of the Zentrum museum's BMW Mobile Tradition Collection, which is fitting: BMW was the first automaker to reacquaint the public with luxury roadsters, with its dynamic Z3 Roadster in 1996.

¹ BMW AG test results. Obey local speed laws and always wear safety belts.

The latest additions to the Z4 family – the updated Z4 Roadster and the Z4 M Roadster – were showcased at the Chicago Auto Show last February, with production of the Z4 Coupe and Z4 M Coupe already underway.

The Spartanburg facility reflects the progress the U.S.-built Roadster has made over the past decade. Ten years ago, the plant added 300,000 square feet of manufacturing space to its Body and Assembly areas. In 2000, BMW built a new 189,000-square-foot shop for the Z4 Roadster, and made numerous other enhancements.

In turn, employment at the facility has also surged. In 1992, BMW pledged to employ 2,000 associates by 2000 – but it exceeded that number, with over 3,000. Today, there are over 4,500 skilled associates, turning out Z4s and X5 SAVs. And ten years from now? If it's BMW, you can expect big things!



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