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2004 - BMW E46 320i WTCC



Make:	BMW
Model:	E46 320i WTCC
Year:	2004
Location:	Germany
Type:	Other
Chassis Number:	E46/4FL ETCC019
Drive:	LHD
Road Registered:	No
Competition Ready:	Yes
Interior Color:	White
Exterior Color:	Blue & White
Price:	EUR 160.000,-

Key Features

- One of only 24 BMW E46 WTCC cars built by BMW Motorsport
- Roal Motorsport BMW Team Italy-Spain driven successfully by legendary racer Alex Zanardi in the 2005 WTCC
- Fully restored in 2010 and used sparingly since
- In race-ready condition with freshly rebuilt engine
- An appreciating collector's item which can be enjoyed in various historic Touring car races around the world

Description

We have the pleasure to offer for sale this rare 2004 BMW E46 WTCC ex-Alex Zanardi.

BMW was at the start of the 1st Touring car World Championship in 1987 with the successful 320i. With this car, various BMW drivers achieved no less than 36 victories in the FIA ETCC since 2001. For the 2005 season, BMW Motorsport further developed the car and its 2.0 liter six-cylinder-in-line. The front of the car was aerodynamically improved through intense work in the Munich wind-tunnel. Also the handling was further improved thanks to changes to the suspension and damper strengthening coupled with more robust aluminium wheels. Together with AP Racing a larger front brake assembly was developed which also resulted in weight savings while a carbon clutch was installed further enhancing the reliability. Also driver security was enhanced thanks to a new steel roll-cage. In addition to all of these developments, the engine was not forgotten with various optimizations delivering 275 bhp with maximum revs at 9000 rpm as required by the FIA WTCC rules.

This particular car – one of only 24 cars built - is an original E46 WTCC factory car evidenced by its chassis number E46/4FL ETCC019 and was built in 2004 for the Roal Motorsport BMW Team Italy-Spain.

For the 2005 season, it was driven by racing legend Alex Zanardi for whom BMW Motorsport made various driving modifications allowing Zanardi to drive it despite his handicap resulting from his 2001 Champcar accident. True to his reputation and skill, Alex Zanardi achieved remarkable WTCC podium finishes with the car including his phenomenal 1st WTCC win in Oschersleben.

In 2006, the steering modifications made for Zanardi were reversed back to standard and the car was then raced at several hill-climb events before it went into a private collection. Supported by Roberto Ravaglia and his Team Roal Motorsport, the car was completely restored to as-new condition (including engine and transmission) in 2010 after which it was used sparingly in a 2011 hill-climb and two BMW anniversary races. In 2020, the engine was completely rebuilt and – other than a roll-out – has seen no further action so it is still fresh.

With more than EUR 60k spent on the restoration and engine rebuild, the car is technically in the highest state of development and is sold in fresh, race-ready condition. It is offered with an extensive spares package which could even include a spare engine.

This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to acquire a rare BMW WTCC works car which – as a true collector's item - not only has investment potential but can also be driven and enjoyed today in several historic Touring car races around the world.

BMW E46 320i WTCC – chassis E46/4FL ETCC019 - specification



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Year: 2004
Type: WTCC factory Touring car
Length: 4490mm
Width: 1809mm
Height: 1415mm
Engine: BMW P54, 1.990ccm, 6-cylinder in-line engine; 280PS
Gearbox: 5-speed racing gearbox with quick-shift system
Weight: 1140 kg (incl. driver)
Team: Roal Motorsport
Driver: Alex Zanardi

Pictures (For size reasons, we have limited the PDF-file to 10 pictures)





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