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## 552bhp for New BMW M6 Gran Coupé

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As certain as day follows night, an 'M' version of BMW's only recently launched Gran Coupé is now in the Bavarian company's catalogue.

The latest coupé-with-extra-doors-and-seats-and-a-powerful-motor is BMW's equivalent of the Mercedes-Benz CLS tuned by AMG, the Porsche Panamera Turbo and Audi's forthcoming RS7. Broadly, it shares the powerplant and running gear of the M5 saloon. So buyers will enjoy a seven-speed, dual-clutch gearbox and a twin-turbocharged, 4.4-litre engine.

With 552bhp, and torque of 502lb ft available between 1500 and 5750rpm, it will be immensely fast. Top speed is limited to the dreaded 155mph – with a 'de-restriction' option that includes special high-speed tyres.







Externally, the looks of what is quite a large car have been beefed up, with extra cooling ducts and wider front wheelarches giving it the 189mph look – even when stationary in Knightsbridge.

The car will be available next spring, at prices we understand to be in the region of GBP 100,000 in the UK.

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