

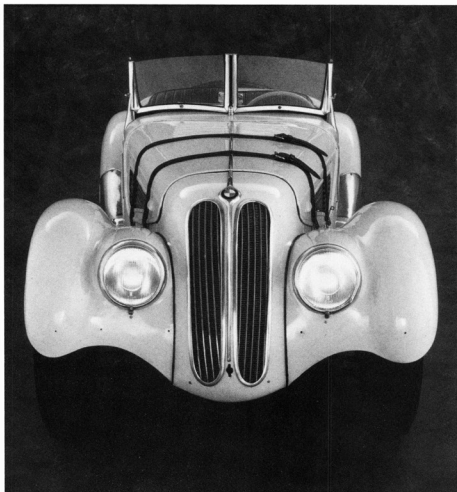


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Although ultimately its victories would be so numerous that recitation of them all might produce ennui, the BMW 328 looked anything but a winner when it first showed up at a starting line in June of 1936. In an era when most racing sports cars were stark or stripped, the new model of the Bayerische Motoren Werke was sleek and stylish—too civilized surely for competition. Then the 328 won the Eifelrennen on Germany's Nürburgring in a romp.

An all-new idea of what a competition car could be, the BMW 328 was powered by a 1971 cc 80 hp six-cylinder engine—supercharging not necessary, thank you. Over a 94.5-inch twin-tube chassis with independent front suspension, a streamlined body was fitted, neither its headlamps nor fenders easily removable (which was *de rigueur* in some racing circles).

Miles Collier's BMW 328 was one of just 459 built. The influence of the car far transcended that small number and the few years of the 328's career. Well beyond the Classic Era, its engine was adapted to other sports cars, and this Bavarian bombshell's look was widely imitated.



1938 BMW Type 328 Sports Roadster

Owner: Miles C. Collier of Naples, Florida