

# 3 Series crucial for BMW to fend off rivals

BMW has sold 12 million 3 Series models since 1975, accounting for a third of global BMW sales. The all-new sixth-generation version boasts technology currently only available in its 5 and 7 series siblings

## Luggage space:

Up 20 litres to 480 litres

**Engines:** All-new aluminium 2.0 litre four cylinder petrol with twin-scroll turbo, 2.0 litre diesel and 3.0 litre petrol engine. Stop-start is standard

**ActiveHybrid 3 engine**  
due by end of 2012



Rear-wheel with optional four-wheel drive

Wheelbase: 2,810mm – 50:50 weight distribution

Brake Energy Regeneration system

Centre console is angled 7 degrees towards driver



Infotainment system can read e-mails aloud

**Transmission:** Eight-speed automatic gearbox or six-speed manual

**Driving Dynamics:** Comfort Sport, Sport+ or ECOPRO – cuts fuel consumption by up to 20%

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