

Euro 1974 BMW 3.0CS 4-Speed Chamonix White



Car Details

- Year: 1974
- Color: Chamonix White
- Car type: 2 Door
- Drive train: FWD
- Interior color: Blue, Leather
- Gearbox: Manual 4 speed
- Engine manufacturer: BMW M30B30
- Engine type: spark-ignition 4-stroke
- Fuel type: gasoline (petrol)
- Fuel system: 2 carburetors
- Charge system: naturally aspirated.
- Valves per cylinder: 2
- Additional features: Solex 35/40INAT
- Cylinders alignment: Line 6
- Displacement: 2986 cm³ / 181.8 cui
- Horsepower net: 132 kW / 180 PS / 177 hp DIN) / 6000
- Torque net: 255 Nm / 188 ft-lb
- Heater / AC
- Mileage: 108.300 km / 67.300 miles
- VIN #: 4300193
- Clean Montana Title



Get to know this car...

This 1974 BMW 3.0CS is a European market gem that exudes a sense of timeless elegance. Its impeccable Chamonix White exterior harmoniously complements the luxurious blue leather upholstery. But this vehicle is not only a visually impressive masterpiece; It has a captivating story that adds an extra layer of appeal.

In the vibrant era of the 1970s, Latin America experienced an unprecedented economic boom, attracting a wave of European professionals and entrepreneurs seeking new opportunities. Among them were Italians, Germans, French, English and Spaniards, all of whom contributed to the flourishing growth of the region. It was during this time and in 1974, that BMW produced a limited production of only 267 units in a version for the European market and manual transmission, of this specific 3.0CS model.

This BMW 3.0CS began its life at the BMW facility in Muenchen, Germany. Destined to meet growing demand in Latin American countries, it was shipped to Panama, to Bavarian Sales Motors

Corp in 1974. From there, it was transferred to Colombia, ready to conquer the hearts of the most demanding automobile enthusiasts.

The first owner to bask in the glory of this BMW was Mr. Hernando Caicedo Toro in Cali, Colombia, Latin America. Anecdotes and automotive records revealed that Mr. Caicedo had a penchant for excellence, and this BMW E9 was no exception. From 1974 to 1989, it is likely that he and his family cherished every moment they spent behind the wheel, infusing their passion and driving this extraordinary machine through the valleys and mountains of Colombia and its surroundings, creating meaningful moments with family and friends. The ownership of this car by the Caicedo family, renowned Latin American businessmen, founders of the respected and thriving multinational COLOMBINA, has awakened the interest of car enthusiasts and collectors, increasing its value compared to others.

After Caicedo, this vehicle passed into the hands of Alfonso Del Corral, another renowned Colombian businessman and avid car collector, established in Bogotá. Three years of ownership allowed Mr. Del Corral to appreciate the beauty, performance, and craftsmanship of the BMW before he too passed the torch to its next custodian.

Mr. Manfred Kraus Schmidt was the next owner, a German businessman based in Bogota, Colombia, a car collector with an unwavering love for German cars. In Bogotá, Colombia, he is the one who meticulously cared for this vehicle within his prized collection, ensuring that it received the utmost attention and proper maintenance. An intriguing addition during Mr. Kraus' ownership was an engine hour meter, a testament to his dedication to maintaining his vehicles. This meticulously installed feature ensured that oil changes and part replacements were not based solely on mileage but also engine running time. The hour meter remains intact, a captivating relic of Mr. Kraus's meticulous care.

In 1999, Mr. Kraus obtained approval from the Automobile Club of Colombia (ACC) to obtain the "Classic & Antique" designation, with a new set of blue and white antique vehicle plates, after obtaining a score of 98%, one of the highest evaluation scores of this prestigious association. The available documentation includes the results of the evaluation and photos of the plates.

In 2021, this BMW found a new custodian: Mr. Alejandro Carvajal Jaramillo, businessman and enthusiastic BMW fan and part of a respected business family among which is the Carvajal company, with a presence in more than 11 countries. He proudly took charge of the iconic 3.0CS, personally tending to its needs in his garage during its brief ownership, adding less than 1,000 kilometers, or approximately 600 miles, to its mileage. A new chapter awaited both the car and Mr. Carvajal... .

In 2022, Carvajal embarked on a new adventure in Europe, saying goodbye to his beloved BMW 3.0CS. It was then that after months of conversations, Carvajal chose his next owner and headed to the United States, finding his current home and last lucky owner: GP Restoworks LLC, a

company established in the state of Montana, owned by Gianfranco Pedretti. Pedretti is an American-based automobile enthusiast, collector, corporate executive, and businessman who has exhibited the car at prestigious auto shows in the New York metropolitan area.

This BMW 3.0CS is considered a captivating piece of automotive history, turning 50 years old in 2024, full of stories and kilometers traveled since the majestic landscapes of Colombia to dazzling places in the United States.

The Karmann-built body has been meticulously maintained. It features quad headlights, chrome bumpers, fender vents, bright moldings, 3.0CS rear badging, and a single exhaust outlet.

The 14" alloy wheels are adorned with BMW center caps and fitted with 195/70 Michelin Energy tires. An original spare wheel that matches the others is located under the trunk floor. An aftermarket stainless steel exhaust system and new front shocks were added in 2023.

Inside the cabin, you'll find blue leather upholstery and wood trim on the dashboard and door panels. The equipment includes front bucket seats with adjustable headrests, front crank and power rear windows, a leather shift knob, and a Europa vintage stereo, that works nicely with its electric antenna.

The three-spoke steering wheel sits in front of the VDO instrumentation panel, which includes a 240-km/h speedometer and a tachometer with a 6,400-rpm redline. The five-digit odometer shows just over 108,000 kilometers (~67,000 miles).

Powering the car is a 3.0-liter M30 inline-six engine, factory-rated at 170 horsepower and equipped with dual carburetors. The rear wheels receive power through a four-speed manual transmission. This is a matching numbers car, free of rust, having spent its entire life in Colombia, Latin America, with low humidity, no exposure to snow, salt, or shore cities at all. It has been carefully maintained and is mostly in its original condition, with a few cosmetic restorations done to preserve its elegance and originality.

This is a preserved vehicle, the odometer shows just over 108,000 kilometers (~67,000 miles), possibly one with the lowest mileage available in the world, in such perfect condition. The car is rust free, having spent its entire life in Colombia, Latin America, with low humidity, no exposure to snow, salt, or coastal cities. It has been carefully maintained, with some cosmetic restorations carried out to preserve its elegance and originality and has complete physical documentation of its maintenance and tradition.

This spectacular 3.0CS carries the spirit of Latin American economic growth, impeccable care, the passion of its distinguished owners, exposure to a global market and the timeless charm and performance of German engineering.