

2013 BMW [F11] 535d M Sport TwinTurbo Touring Review

The class-leader by a country mile. Spec carefully and reap the benefits

Spacious, sporty, refined, desirable, well built, cleverly judged facelift. What a car.....!

If you're after a diesel estate and only the best will do, then the BMW 5 Series estate 535d is the one for you. It's the fastest (0-60 in 5.2 secs) and the most expensive of the range, powered by a 3.0-litre six-cylinder engine with TwinTurbo and close to 310bhp.

The 535d is a powerful car and certainly feels it on the road. A muscular 630Nm of torque means rapid acceleration is only a twitch of your right toe away and the BMW is a superb tool for safe, stress-free overtaking.



Has been one the all-time greats in every age of its existence, the 5-Series Touring seems to have a finger firmly in every pie, with great chassis dynamics, immense carrying ability, superb comfort and wonderful engines. And for the current model 535d M Sport, those dubious looks have been replaced by something far more graceful, stunning and enduring. It's a wonder sometimes that everyone else doesn't just pack up and head off home.

Despite all that performance the engine is quiet and refined and the eight-speed automatic gearbox it's paired with as standard is excellent. It even sounds nice, not just good for a diesel but good full stop. No agricultural clatter here, just a smooth, muted warble.

That power comes at a price though; the BMW 535d Touring costs £50,405 before you add any options. It's available in two trim levels, Luxury and M Sport, both identically priced.

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Here we're testing the car in M Sport guise, which is the racier of the two. That means it comes with a slightly more aggressive bodykit, 18-inch wheels and sports seats. It also features firmer M Sport-specific suspension, though this can be substituted for the regular setup if desired.

Our M Sport-sprung test car rode very well, gliding smoothly over rippled roads with the dampers set to the default 'Comfort' mode and remaining nicely composed over the same surfaces when set to the firmer 'Sport' mode.

Sport mode also turns the digital instrument panel a rather angry-looking bright red, while 'Eco Pro' mode (a setting for optimum fuel efficiency) swaps the rev-counter for a gauge displaying power usage and how economically you are driving. These graphics are either engaging or gimmicky depending on your point of view but the regular layout in Comfort mode is a great example of digital instruments done well: clear, legible and generally nice to look at.



Interior fit and finish is excellent and the control weights and materials feel (just about) worthy of the heavyweight pricetag. The driving position is superb and the M Sport's leather-clad sports seats are supremely comfortable.

It may be expensive to buy but the 535d won't ruin its owner in running costs. It will manage a claimed 47.9mpg on average which is really very good for a car with such performance, and emits 154g/km of CO₂ which means it will cost £175 a year to tax at present – again very good for a car that is capable of getting from 0-62mph in 5.4 seconds.

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Those figures are based on the standard 18-inch wheels – our test car was fitted with optional 19-inch rims.

On the practicality front, there's a boot size of 560 litres which is a little less than the [Mercedes E-Class Estate](#) and on a par with the [Audi A6 Avant](#). Either way, it's hardly small and incorporates tie-down points, a 12V socket and pop-out shopping bag hooks while the tailgate can be opened electronically.

The 60:40-split seats can be dropped via a quick release in the boot and are quite heavy to lift back into place, but then they are covered in thick leather upholstery.

Overall, the BMW 535d Touring is a practical, high-quality car that feels special to drive at any speed – but given its price, so it should.



Not only is the list price lofty but so are some of the options available. In particular, £1,775 for electrically adjustable seats (as part of the Comfort Package) seems rather steep.

Overall our test car carried more than £15,000 worth of options, including an enormous sunroof (£1,250), an upgraded Harman/Kardon speaker system (which sounded superb but costs £895) and a Head-Up display system (£995). If you're happy to pay for the latter, it's a crisp and beautifully designed feature that is genuinely useful.

At over £18,000 more than the base Touring model's £50K price tag the 535d is serious money, but it is a serious car with genuine merit.

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2013[63] BMW [F11] 535d M Sport "Twin-Turbo Diesel" 5 Door Touring Estate, 8 Speed Automatic. 3.0 Litre, 6 Cylinder In-Line 24-Valve DOHC, 306BHP/600Nm, Sequential Twin-Turbo DIESEL.

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This incredibly High-Specification F11 is ONE previous owner with a documented warranted 27000miles from NEW and a F/BMW/S/H. She is finished in Imperial Blue Xirallic [A89M] with Venetian Beige Dakota [LCDF] leather with Fine-wood trim Fineline anthracite interior. This mega-spec Twin-Turbo delivers a cool 306BHP with a gigantuuous 600Nm of torque with a 0-60mph in 6.2 seconds. There is currently nothing out there that even comes close to similar in magnitude of spec or stature to this top of the range of all F11 models currently advertised in the UK. She is referred to by BMW as *best vehicle with individual paint & upholstery options*. This brutal yet beautiful F11 BMW creation, is a truly lively and sybaritic phantom-in-motion with a unique style with elegance that is the true and incomparable stealthy estates of all time. Her extensive specification includes: Lashings of Venetian Beige Dakota leather with SPORTS seats/ Front View Colour Camera with auto-switch/ SatNAV Professional with latest updates/ Reverse Assist Parking Aid Colour Camera/ Panoramic glass twin aspect sun roof/ Digi_TV/ Surround Sound system with Multi-Media interface with Digi-DAB Radio / Alarm System (Thacham 1)/ DVD movie player/ Front & Rear parking sensors with colour displays/ Park speed sensitive power assisted steering/ Bluetooth GSM Phone controlled via iDrive interface/ DVD player with MP3 facility/ ABS+ BAS+ ESP +SBC/ Full Auto-Climate Control/ Auto-dimming interior & exterior mirrors/ XENON Headlights with Cornering/Bending Light Function + Wash + Dynamic Range adjustment/ Daylight Running Lights/ 18" M Double-spoke style 613M Diamond Cut alloy wheels in Anthracite Black with Hi-Performance Run-Flat tyres/ Self-Levelling Rear Axle/ Sun Protection Glass/ Carbon-fibre effect finishing to front and rear bumpers/ Interior Motion Sensors/ Electric Heated front seats height + lumbar adjustment/ Carbon-fibre effect finishing to Rear Spoiler/ Electric windows with 1-touch facility/ Extensive "M" badging in cabin, rear tailgate, front wings, front grill and bonnet/ 6-CD/DVD multi-changer/ BMW Connected Drive Assist with TeleServices/ Rain Sensing wipers/ 8-Speed Sports Automatic Transmission with Selectric Gear Change + Tiptronic Paddle-Shift Functions/ Tempomat-Cruise Control with Brake Function/ iPhone & iPod Connections with USB Interface/ Engine Start-Stop button with Keyless-GO and ECO Start-Stop function/ Hill Start Assist/ Adaptive brake lights/ Carbon-fibre effect finishing to door mirrors/ Voice control system/ Tyre pressure sensors/ Height + Reach + Rake adjustment steering column/ LED Front Fog lights/ Luxury M Sport Multi-Function steering wheel/ Carbon-fibre effect finishing to Roof Rails/ SPORT Suspension/ Power operated Tailgate with Open/Close Function/ Comfort heated electric seating with memory functions/ BMW Emergency call with Online & TeleServices/ BMW Applications Interface. Extras list on this car goes on & on - Please click on links below for detailed information on the car including [Specification](#) sheet, [V5C](#) and a captivating [Narrative](#) on this stunner in order to appreciate its incredible value. Do not miss this unique opportunity of experiencing and owning this stupendous driving machine. A car conceived and built for the special in YOU!. An incredible car with an unbeatable value. That is the ingenious of **MUNICH** in living form, which is what makes an everyday reality of this the Ultimate Driving Machine of our modern era.

SPECIFICATION

MAKE:	BMW
MODEL:	[F11] 535d M Sport BiTurbo Diesel TOURING 5Dr ESTATE 8 Speed Auto.
Registration NUMBER:	YJ63 CAA
Date of First Registration:	01 st September 2013
COLOUR [Body / Interior]:	Imperial Blue Xirallic [A89M]/Venetian Beige Dakota Leather [LCDF]
Number of Cylinders & TYPE:	6_In Line 24 Valve, DOHC Bi-Turbo Diesel
Cylinder CAPACITY:	2993 cc
Horse POWER / Torque:	306 BHP [225Kw] / 442 Lbf-Ft [600Nm]
Chassis NUMBER:	WBA5K52090D350307
Engine NUMBER:	34138582
Fuel TYPE:	DIESEL Fuel OIL [SHELL v-Power Diesel ONLY]
Oil TYPE:	CASTROL Edge TurboDiesel [SAE 0W-30; MB229.31/ MB229.51]

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