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sale in the States until May, with an estimated price of \$97,200.

So how do you choose between the M5 and M6? If you need space, the M5 is the one. For those who don't, the M6 performs ever so slightly better according to the numbers. According to the seat of our pants,

however, the M6 feels much better, making it the purist's choice (though at a premium of \$16,000). As for styling, well, it's not even a question. Every German we came across gave the M6 a third look, whereas the M5 barely received a passing glance. Germans know their cars, and they love the M6. 

» The 5 Series looks much better in muscular M5 guise, despite our test car's muddy brown color. The M6 (left, background) impresses with its carbon-fiber roof and cool LED taillights.



BMW Advanced M School: The Ultimate M Experience

For BMW enthusiasts, there is no better way to truly appreciate the M prowess than by enrolling in the Advanced M School. This two-day course is designed for drivers who have completed the basic M School or other similar programs.

The Advanced M School takes you to Lowe's Motor Speedway near Charlotte, North Carolina. This venue allows the students to drive in a challenging autocross to improve car control skills and learn how to go fast. A skidpad is set up so extreme oversteering techniques can be learned (think drifting!). The finale of the program is to build upon all the skills acquired and run on the Speedway's impressive oval that's linked to an infield road course. And better yet, the instructors not only are there to lead, they also get right behind you in another car and encourage you to go as fast as you feel comfortable.

My recent experience at the Advanced M School was exhilarating and informative. The instructors were friendly, and gave excellent feedback. For me, the best part was driving on the Speedway's 24-degree banking and feeling the incredible speeds and g-forces. Getting adequate seat time was not a problem; however, getting enough rest was more of a concern. Check out bmwusa.com, or call 1-888-345-4BMW for more details. —Patrick Hong

