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### Frankfurt sleeper: BMW X5 4.8iS packs 360-hp, hits U.S. next spring

By GREG KABLE

BMW's facelifted X5 gets a new 4.8-liter V8 as a mid-model year introduction that will replace the discontinued 4.6-liter V8 version. The X5 4.8iS quietly debuted at the Frankfurt motor show and will arrive in the U.S. market next spring with the 360-hp engine, up 13 hp from the 4.6-liter.



Drive is channeled permanently to all four wheels via a seven-speed automatic transmission and BMW's new xDrive system. BMW claims the X5 4.8iS will sprint from 0 to 62 mph in 6.0 seconds and reach a top speed of 154 mph—0.5 second and 4 mph faster than its predecessor.

The X5 4.8iS also gets aggressive body trim, 4.8iS badges and seven-spoke alloy wheels.

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