

How to Get the Most out of Your Car With the Least Amount of Money!

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More with Less

Introduction:

This page is dedicated to those who want to create a special BMW but has a budget or those who do not want to spend too much on their car, hence need to prioritize the work done to the car. Please remember that these are only suggestions. Do not follow them if you do not feel right!

Here, I will share with you my experiences on how to modify your car with the least amount of money. You will find a step by step guide to what can be done to your car to achieve the maximum effect.

Modifying cars takes a lot of effort in terms of time and money. Nevertheless car enthusiasts will want to modify their cars for their passion for their cars.

Before modifying your cars, you will have to consider many factors of time and money that will affect your life:

The time needed to modify your car can be daunting. It can take up so much of your time, it may affect your daily routines and your life!

Consider how much time is needed for your car to be left in the workshop. It can take hours, days and even weeks depending on what you are doing to your car.

- Fitting a sound system may take 1 day for a simple installation to weeks for a complete install.
- Window tinting will take at least a day to get the job done.
- Leather interior will take at least 1 day to 3 days depending on what how customized you want your leather upholstery to be.
- Fitting a bodykit will at least take a week to months depending how far you will want to go.

- Engine and performance modifications takes 2 hours for chip mapping to weeks for a complete engine transplant.
- Re-painting your car will take up at least a week to a month!

All these will take up your time. As we know time is money. You will have to consider this cost of time into your budget not forgetting the parts involved. Why? Remember with your car in the workshop, what is your alternative transportation? I rented a car when my car is in the workshop which cost me quite a bit. Unless you have a family car that you can borrow in the mean time. Remember to take this cost into account of your modifications.

Don't forget to plan well if you want to save on these costs.

1. Order your parts in advance.
2. Call up and check if your parts have arrived before you bring your car to the workshop and call and make sure these companies have set aside the time needed to modify your car.
3. If you have customized parts, make sure they are all ready for fitting and that they will fit well even before you book your car in.
4. Do not forget we usually have to travel quite a distance to get good quality workmanship. Most of the time you will not find all the best installer in your part of town and you will have to travel which costs time and money.
5. When you get your car into the workshop, call them everyday to follow up on your car's progress. These people may have several other projects going at the same time and may not work on your car full time, costing you time and money.
6. Some installer offers pick up and delivery service or even customer service car! So check around, ask for the service! It won't cost you a dime to ask.

7. Set a dateline for these people to make sure your car will be ready on time or else you will have to renew your car rental contracts and you may not even get a car if these car rentals companies are fully booked during peak seasons. I have experience that myself.

Now lets get to the parts you need! Here are some tips on how to get more with less money!

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NOW start Modifying Your Car....

STEP 1 - Colour-Code Bumpers



The first step to creating a attractive BMW is to colour-code your bumper/spoiler for cars that do not come with colour-coded bumpers as standard. Colour-coded bumpers make the car look fuller, lower and much more pleasing to the eye. There is nothing less attractive than a BMW with such attractive colours but has a grey underside (bumpers). Especially if you have a light colour car, you will find huge improvements to the look of your car just by colour-coding your bumpers. However, if you are thinking of changing your spoilers in the very near future, skip this step to save you the cost of painting.

STEP 2 - Lowering springs



Lowering the car is the second step to any modified car. Even a car without any bodykit on can look mean with colour-coded bumpers and a set of lowering springs. They will improve both the look of the car as well as the handling!

STEP 3 - Exhaust System



Exhaust system is next on the list, it makes the rear end much more mean and sound the part too! Especially with twin DTM-pipes. Lesser cars with single tailpipe can upgrade to twin tailpipes which will certainly gain you credits. A full exhaust system should also improve performance by about 5-10bhp.

STEP 4 - Alloy Wheels



This is certainly the wheels. This is the most visual changes you will find on any car. It will change the whole look of the car. The reason it is step four is because there is no point having large alloys that sits high above the ground. Different types of wheels will create a different look. Personally, I think five-spokes alloys look best. They both provide better cooling for the brakes and will also show off your brake discs (if you fit large ones). Some people judges the performance of your car by the size of your brake discs as you need them to stop your car! Fitting larger alloys allow you to fit wider tyres for better grip. There are a large number of designs and offsets to choose from, so choose wisely!

STEP 5 - Clear Lenses

Now, it's time to improve the look of your car further, the most cost effective method is to fit white indicators. White front indicators are the most important. It changes the front of your car totally, making it look wider. It also gives a cleaner look. The rear indicators are more costly but will also improve the look

of your car. Remember, these lenses only come as standard on M3 evolutions. So it will set your car apart from other BMWs.

Step 6 - Bodykits



When you reach this stage, you have spent quite a lot and you will not stop spending until you have created your ultimate car. There are many bodykits to choose from (see www.BOBmodifiedBMW.com for more details). The first step could be to add a rear boot spoiler to add that special touch. If you want to go further, buy a full kit (front and rear spoilers, side skirts and rear wing). Although you could mix and match kits from different manufacturers, it is always advisable to go the set as some manufacturers design their kit to compliment one another, air flow through the car will also have been considered in the design of the kit.

STEP 7 - UNLIMITED



As you have carried out the six steps, you should by now have created a very unique BMW. However, you may want more and I can tell you that there are many more things you can do to your BMW and they are unlimited from interior upgrade, sound system upgrade to engine upgrade. I would do it in the following order, but you may have different views on that. People who like fast cars will certainly upgrade their engines and the interior and the sound department is usually ignored as they only add weight to the car and slow the car down. However, if you want comfort out of your BMW, then by all means upgrade your interior and sound system.

I hope this guide has helped, please do not feel obligated to follow these steps. Plan your own steps according to your budget. Some steps if carried out together will certainly save you on cost of labor and time.

Resource Box:



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