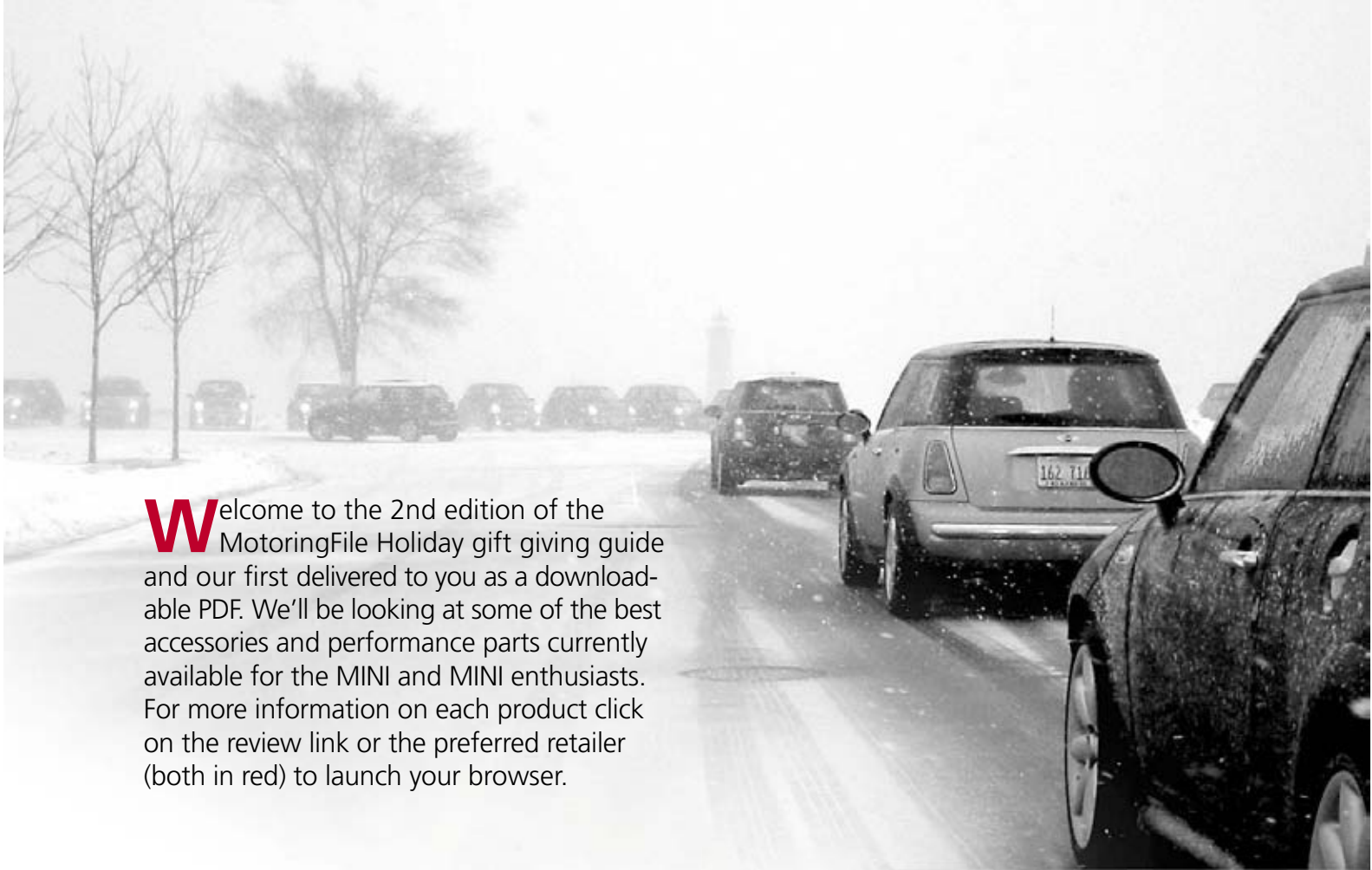




MOTORINGFILE 2004 HOLIDAY BUYING GUIDE



Welcome to the 2nd edition of the MotoringFile Holiday gift giving guide and our first delivered to you as a downloadable PDF. We'll be looking at some of the best accessories and performance parts currently available for the MINI and MINI enthusiasts. For more information on each product click on the review link or the preferred retailer (both in red) to launch your browser.

AUDIO:

Official iPod adapter

Price: \$150
MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5
Recommended Retailer: **Patrick MINI**, local MINI dealer

You've got an iPod and a MINI. You want to listen to your iPod in your MINI but you don't want to scroll through 40 gigs of music while taking a 55mph sweeper. You'll want to get the official iPod/MINI adapter. **Read the full review.**

Ice-Link Adapter

Price: \$200 (plus installation costs if needed)
MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5
Recommended Retailer: **Dr Bott**, Dension

And this is the iPod solution for this that do want to scroll through 40 gigs of music while driving. It gives you full freedom to choose song, album, genre, or playlist on your iPod. **Read the full review.**



Apple iPod

Price: \$300-600
MotoringFile Rating: 5/5
Recommended Retailer: **Apple**

Sure there are other hard drive based MP3 players out there for less money. But the fact of the matter remains that none match the iPod's incredibly intuitive interface and overall ease of use - all important aspects if you're planning on using it while motoring. Add the fact that there are several MINI adapters made specifically for it (including an official one) and it's a no brainer.

INTERIOR:

OutMotoring Arc Armrest

Price: \$150 (plus installation costs if needed)

MotoringFile Rating: 5/5

Recommended Retailer: **OutMotoring**

From what we've seen this is the best armrest on the market. It won't give you more storage but it will give you an elegant solution for that tired arm. In fact it's like a piece of art in your MINI.

Q&A on the Arc armrest

Mini Cooper Cargo Storage Case

Price: \$90

MotoringFile Rating: (not yet rated)

Recommended Retailer:

QualityAutointeriors

Looking for a place in your New Mini Cooper to store things where they won't roll around? The Cargo Storage case is similar to the official saddle bag from MINI but is cheaper and offers more storage.

Phone Console w/Universal Holder

Price: \$45

MotoringFile Rating: (not yet rated)

Recommended Retailer: **QualityAutointeriors**

This mobile phone console with universal holder mounts on your dash, providing excellent viewing of your phone's screen and allowing access to the hands free plugs on most phones. It's also a great option for those that don't have bluetooth phones or for those that don't want to spend an arm & a leg on mobile phone integration.

Schroth Belts

Price: \$299

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

Recommended Retailer: **OutMotoring, Promini**

If you autocross you need a set of Schroth Belts. Easy in and easy out plus a heck of a lot more security while on the track. **Read the full review.**

Ian Cull Auto-Up Circuit

Price: \$39

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

Recommended Retailer: **www.gbmini.net**

One of the best upgrades you can do for around \$40. **Read the full review.**



Official MINI Armrest

Price: \$150 (plus installation costs if needed)

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

Recommended Retailer: **Patrick MINI**, local dealer

What's that? You say you need an armrest and more storage? Well this is it.... if you can find one. They should be released in large numbers by 2/05.

Read the full review.

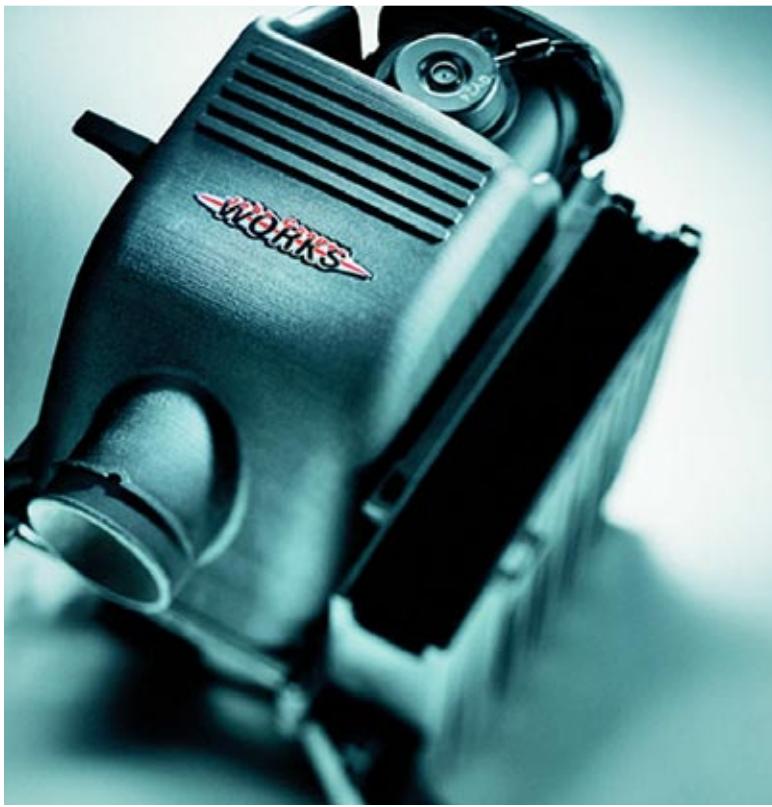
Driver Side Parcel Shelf

Price: \$80-90

MotoringFile Rating 5/5

Recommended Retailer: **OutMotoring.com, MyMINI.com**

This is one of those must-haves for anyone with a US spec car that needs a little more interior storage space.



MyMini Driver Knee Pad

Price: \$30

MotoringFile Rating: (not yet rated)

Recommended Retailer: **MyMINI**

Finally something for that sore knee that some of us get on long trips. Made of black leather.

EXTERIOR:

Short Antenna

Price: \$20

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

Recommended Retailer: **MyMINI**

A great way to personalize your MINI for a low price. We recommend the short black version over silver as it retains the same looks while still offering less "wagging of the tail" effect on the highway.

Chrome Mirrors

Price: \$39

MotoringFile Rating: 5/5

Recommended Retailer: **Patrick MINI**, Outmotoring

We at MotoringFile love the subtle chrome designed into the MINI. And there's no better way to add a touch more of the shiny stuff than with the official MINI chrome mirror caps. Installation is fairly easy and the result is dramatic without looking garish.

JCW Intake Kit

Price: \$425 (plus installation)

MotoringFile Rating: not tested

Recommended Retailer: **Patrick MINI**, local MINI dealer

This is the standalone cold air intake from the new 2005 JCW kit.

JCW Upgrade kit

Price: \$525 (plus installation)

MotoringFile Rating: 4/5

Recommended Retailer: **Patrick MINI**, local MINI dealer

So you have the 200hp JCW kit but now feel slighted by the new 207hp (or 210, depending on who you talk to) version? Here's your answer.

Read the full review.

Classic MC/MCS Chrome Badge

Price: \$39

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

Recommended Retailer: MINI Mania

This is one that's been on my personal list for three years. It requires a bit of work to fit but it's a great way to get a touch of old school on the new MINI.

PERFORMANCE:

Dinan Intake

Price: \$249

MotoringFile Rating: not tested

Recommended Retailer: **Patrick MINI**, Dinan.com

Another impressive-looking cold air intake, this time from one of the most trusted names in BMW aftermarket parts.

Supersprint Exhaust (MC or MCS)

Price: \$400

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

Recommended Retailer: **Promini**

For those who want a bump in power while making great music in 3rd gear, let me introduce you to the wonderful world of aftermarket exhausts. The Supersprint makes great sounds without the annoyance at highway speeds. Engineered, designed, and made in Italy. **Read the full review.**

Play MINI Exhaust (MC or MCS)

Price: \$769

MotoringFile Rating: (not yet rated)

Recommended Retailer: **MyMINI**

Quite popular in the UK and Japan, the Play MINI exhaust is made from T304 gauge austenitic stainless steel. Silencers have the inner tube bound with stainless steel wire wool then packed with computer controlled exact weights of E glass acoustic wadding providing sports flowing systems with an attractive sounding exhaust. Oh and it sounds pretty good too.



APPAREL/LUGGAGE:

MINI_Motion Watch

Price: \$165

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

Recommended Retailer: **OutMotoring**,
MiniMotionusa.com

Read the full review.

MINI Logo Denim Trucker Hat

Price: \$18.50

MotoringFile Rating: not tested

Recommended Retailer: MINI Motoring Gear

For all those that have just a little bit of trucker in them.



Puma Speed Cat

Price: \$70

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

Recommended Retailer: Puma

While not as unique as the MINI_Motion shoe designed by Yves Behar, it is the same basic concept. Perfect for autocrossing, karting, or even just spirited driving.

Remus Exhaust (Cooper)

Price: \$400

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

Recommended Retailer: Moss MINI

The Remus, while a bit more subtle than the Supersprint, has one of the best notes to it I've heard from any MINI and any system. Remus also makes an exhaust for the MCS but I have yet to hear much about it. **Read the full review.**

MotoringFile Round-About T

Price: \$19.99-\$21.99

MotoringFile Rating ... it's a t-shirt ...
it says MotoringFile on it ... it's nice!

Recommended Retailer:

www.cafepress.com/motoringfile

Show your support for MotoringFile and get a great shirt! Available in a variety of styles and colors (for both men and women).





MINI Chronograph Watch

Price: \$160
MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5
Recommended Retailer: **Patrick MINI**,
Motoringgear.com

Similar to the MINI_Motion watch and its steel spring core band but with a slightly more conventional fit.

MINI_Motion Driving Shoe

Price: \$165
MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5
Recommended Retailer:
MiniMotionusa.com

Read the full review.

Mandarina Duck MINI Luggage

Price: \$15-\$160
MotoringFile Rating: not tested
Recommended Retailer: MINI Motoring Gear

Mandarina Duck has long been known by the discriminating traveller for well made, good looking luggage. Now they can be known for being the creator of that cool looking orange luggage for the MINI convertible. Oh yeah... it also comes in black.

BOOKS, ETC:

Bentley MC/MCS Shop Manual

Price: \$69
MotoringFile Rating: 5/5
Recommended Retailer: **Promini**

And if you're really planning on doing some work you won't want to be without this book. It's even worthwhile having it to just know more about the inner workings of the MINI.

The New MINI (By Graham Robson)

Price: \$30
MotoringFile Rating: 5/5
Recommended Retailer: **Promini**

Do you want to learn more about the new MINI and its origins? Then you've got to pick-up Graham Robson's book, New MINI. It's packed with more interesting information and insights than any other book out there.

Go Faster

Price: \$30
MotoringFile Rating: 5/5
Recommended Retailer: **Promini**

Go Faster contains competition proven, step by step driving methods of the Skip Barber Racing School. Remember... the cheapest upgrade you can ever do to you MINI (or any car for that matter) is between your ears!

North American Motoring 2005 Calendar

Price: \$16
MotoringFile Rating: 5/5
Recommended Retailer: **North American Motoring**

Made by and for MINI owners, there's no better calendar out there to hang in the office or garage than NAM's 2005 Calendar. Complete with notable days in motoring history, this little calendar is a great, inexpensive gift for any MINI enthusiast.



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