

BMW X5 4.4i (E53)

2001 Neiman Marcus Edition / 1 of 50

Production of the first ever BMW X5 Sports Activity Vehicle began in September 1999. As the Christmas season neared, BMW offered the ultimate holiday gift - a limited edition of the new model which could only be reserved through the 1999 Neiman Marcus Christmas Book.

BMW produced 50 2001 X5 4.4i SAVs in an exclusive Impala Brown Metallic exterior color. Luxury and performance were the focus for the exclusive edition.

The Neiman Marcus X5 featured a 4.4-liter V8 engine producing 282 hp. Power was routed through a sophisticated all-wheel-drive system, enhanced by BMW's new Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) system.

Befitting a premium brand like Neiman Marcus, each exclusive X5 was well-equipped with 19-inch wheels, Park Distance Control, satellite navigation, Xenon headlamps and a premium hi-fi sound system with 10 speakers. Rounding out the long list of equipment were a leather interior, privacy glass, and heated front seats.

Customers who reserved the Neiman Marcus X5 were given the opportunity to participate in a three-day, two-night experience starting at BMW's new Performance Center in Spartanburg, SC, which had opened to the public that same year.

Drivers who opted for the experience would start by honing their driving skills in a half-day, high-performance driving program at the facility. Day two allowed new owners to experience an X5 on the beautiful winding roads of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The final day was centered on a special visit to the Biltmore Estate.

The Neiman Marcus edition of the 2001 X5 4.4i carried an MSRP of \$57,995 including destination and handling.

General Data

Length	183.7-in.
Width	73.7-in.
Height	67.2-in.
Weight	4,828 lbs.

Engine (BMW M62)

Engine type	8 cylinder
Valve linkage	DOHC, 4-valves/cylinder
Displacement	4,398 cc
Power output (US)	282 hp @ 5,400 rpm
Torque	324 lb.-ft. @ 3,600 rpm

Drivetrain

Transmission	GM5 5-speed STEPTRONIC
Front Suspension	Struts, double-pivot lower arms, Twin tube gas-pressure shocks
Rear Suspension	4 Link Integral, coil springs, Twin tube gas-pressure shocks
Brakes	4-wheel power ventilated disc ABS
Wheels F/R	19 x 9.0 in/19 x 10.0 in

Chassis

Chassis/Body	All steel unibody
Steering Type	Rack & pinion, variable power assist

Production

Year of Production	2001
Price (2001)	\$57,995