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THE **2005 MOTORINGFILE** HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

THE ULTIMATE HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE FOR THE MINI ENTHUSIAST

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

Apple iPod/iPod Nano

Price: \$200-400

MF 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.

Official iPod adapter

Price: \$150

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

MF Recommended Retailer: **Knaus MINI**

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](#)**



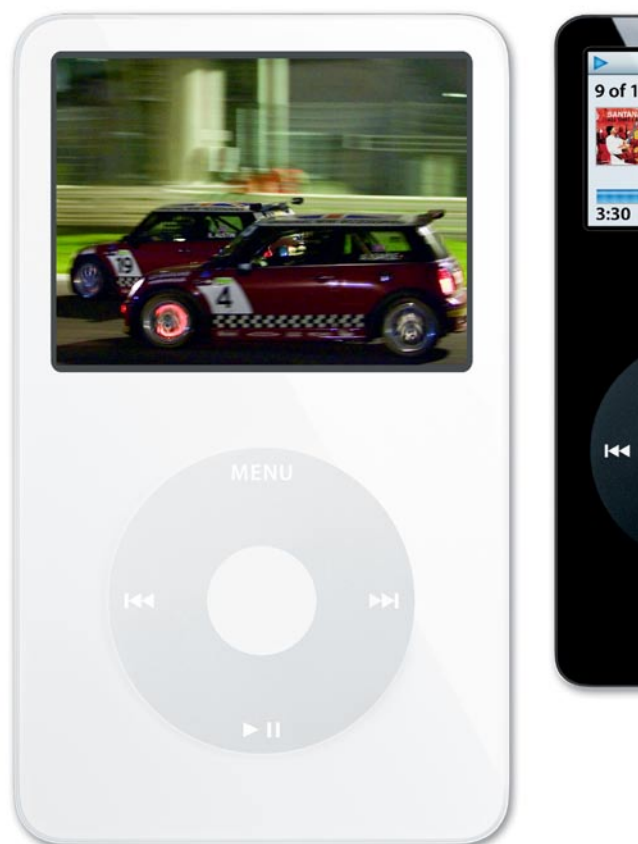
Ice-Link Adapter

Price: \$200 (plus installation costs if needed)

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

MF Recommended Retailer: **New MINI Stuff**

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](#)**



INTERIOR

OutMotoring Arc Armrest

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

MF Recommended Retailer: **OutMotoring**

From what we've seen this is the coolest 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](#)

MyMini Chrome Door Buttons

Price: \$8

MotoringFile Rating: 4/5

MF Recommended Retailer: **MyMini**

For those that just can't stand the look of those expose screws within the door plastic. **[Read the full review](#)**



Schroth Belts

Price: \$299

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

MF 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**

MyMini Driver Knee Pad

Price: \$35

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

MF Recommended Retailer: **MyMini.com**



Few products have gotten such a universal approval by MotoringFile readers as the MyMini Knee Pad received a few months back. One of the best upgrades you can made to your interior. **Read the full review**

Official MINI Armrest

Price: \$250 (plus installation costs if needed)

MF Recommended Retailer: **Knauz MINI**

After years of demand MINI has finally answered the call and brought out an official retro-fit kit for the newly released OEM armrest. This one not only looks great but also gives you added storage.

Driver Side Parcel Shelf

Price: \$80-90

MF 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.

Official Glove Box Organizer

Price: \$32

MF Recommended Retailer: **Knauz MINI**

Another must have. This takes your glove box from useless to useful in about 5 seconds.

MCAW Auto-Up Window Circuit

Price: \$32

MF Recommended Retailer: **MCAW**

It's back! This new version of the always popular auto-up circuit looks well made and promises easy install and operation. Available in several different configurations.



TomTom Go 300/700 GPS

Price: \$642-\$800

MF Recommended Retailer: **Amazon.com**

If you didn't want to give up your beloved center speedo for the factory navigation, but still want a nicely integrated solution, TomTom is the answer. The 700 even can integrate with your bluetooth phone for up to the minute traffic conditions.

MINI Shift Knob

Price: \$80

MF Recommended Retailer: **MyMini**

Brighten up your interior with a color-coded official MINI shift knob. Fits all manual transmission cars.

MINI OEM Bluetooth Kit

Price: \$450

MF Recommended Retailer: **Knauz MINI**

After MINI released the updated bluetooth kit this fall (at \$1250) the first OEM bluetooth kit is starting to look a little better. And while there are countless aftermarket options for bluetooth integration, this is only one that is available from any MINI dealer.



MINI Shift Knob Cover

Price: \$16

MF Recommended Retailer: **Outmotoring**

The Shift Knob Cover does an great job of protecting your palms from getting scorched in the summer and frozen in the winter. Fits all manual transmission cars.



EXTERIOR

Short Antenna

Price: \$20

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

MF 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.

Black Aero Grille

Price: \$89

MF Recommended Retailer: **Outmotoring**

This is one of the easiest (and cheapest) ways to set your MINI apart from the rest. Warning - that lower grille install can be tricky!

JCW 18" Wheels

Price: Around \$400 (each)

MF Recommended Retailer: **Knauz MINI**

They look great, they feel incredible, and they cost... well... a lot. But hey, that's okay. It's your MINI. It deserves them!



PERFORMANCE

JCW Cold Air Intake

Price: \$425 (plus installation)

MF Recommended Retailer: **Knauz MINI**

If you're looking for bang for your buck, look elsewhere. If you're looking for the ultimate cold air intake that is truly integrated into your MCS better than any other, look no further.

Alta Supercharger Pulley (or) PROMINI Supercharger Pulley

Price: Alta; \$120 / PROMINI; \$105

MF Recommended Retailer: **Outmotoring, PROMINI**

Cheap Horsepower. The Supercharger Pulley mod is one of the best ways to give your MCS the kick in the pants it needs. Now all you have to do is watch your speed after install!





PROMINI Cooper Intake

Price: \$179

MotoringFile Rating: 4/5

MF Recommended Retailer: **PROMINI**



Ah the beautiful music of a good Cold Air Intake. The PROMINI Intake for the 02-04 Cooper is one of the best out there in both sound and looks. [Read the full review.](#)

H&R Rear Sway Bar

Price: \$162

MF Recommended Retailer: **PROMINI**

Litigation. The reason for warnings on coffee cups and the reason that your MINI didn't come with 19mm sway bar from the factory. So it's up to you to make things right and finally enjoy some neutral handling.

Supersprint Exhaust (MC or MCS)

Price: \$400

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

MF 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. Design, engineered, and made in Italy. [Read the full review \(Cooper\)](#)

MTH ECU Software Remap

Price: Starting at \$170

MF Recommended Retailer: **MTH-USA**

Another way to increase the performance of your MINI for a low price. The MTH ECU remap can work with your previously installed mods to both increase performance and make your MINI run better.

JCW Sport Brakes

Price: \$1065

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

MF Recommended Retailer: **Knauz MINI, Outmotoring**



A great compromise between the ultra expensive big brake kits and quick and cheap pad and rotor replacement. The JCW Sport Brake kit feel great, looks great, and is relatively easy to install yourself. [Read the full review.](#)

APPAREL/LUGGAGE

MINI_Motion Watch

Price: \$165

MotoringFile Rating: 4.5/5

MF Recommended Retailer: **OutMotoring,**
[Read the full review](#)



MINI Denim cap

Price: \$18.50

MotoringFile Rating: not tested

MF Recommended Retailer: **Knauz MINI**

MotoringFile Black T-Shirt

Price: \$19.99-\$21.99

MotoringFile Rating ... it's a t-shirt ...

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Show your support for MotoringFile and get a great shirt! And due to popular demand... now available in black (for both men and women).





MINI Sports Watch

Price: \$160

MF Recommended Retailer: **Outmotoring**

New for 2006 from MINI. The MINI Sports Watch combines a modern look with a more classic shape and analog design. Comes in Hyper Blue or Chili Red.

Puma Speed Cat

Price: \$74

MF Recommended Retailer: Zappos.com

Iconic design, comfortable fit, and a joy to use to drive with, the Puma Speed Cat is a classic driving shoe that doubles as casual footwear.

Mandarina Duck MINI Luggage

Price: \$15-\$160

MF Recommended Retailer: **Knauz MINI**

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.

Bulldog Keychain

Price: \$16

MF Recommended Retailer: **Knauz MINI**



Take your love of the MINI's bulldog stance to the next level with this hand-crafted bulldog keychain (w/MINI sweater).



BOOKS, ETC...

Bentley MC/MCS Shop Manual

Price: \$69

MF Recommended Retailer: **PROMINI**

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

The New MINI (By Graham Robson)

Price: \$29

MotoringFile Rating: 5/5

MF Recommended Retailer: **Amazon**



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. If there was a book version of MotoringFile, this would be it.

North American Motoring 2005 Calendar

Price: \$16

MF 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. This year's calendar features full color and 12 photos (taken by MINI owners) that will blow you away.

INDEX OF PREFERRED VENDORS

MTH-USA / mth-usa.com

PROMINI / PROMINI.com

Cafepress/cafepress.com/motoringfile

MyMINI / myminiparts.com

Outmotoring / Outmotoring.com

Knauz MINI / Knauz-mini.com



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