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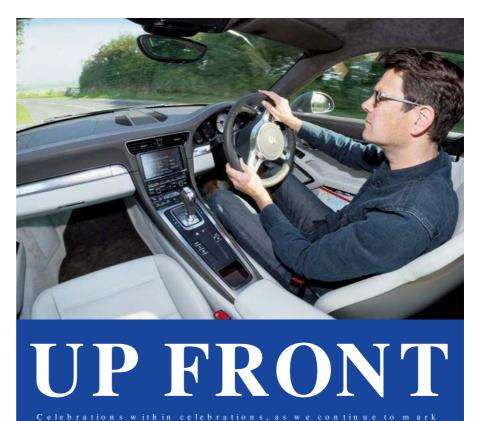






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The Porsche at 70 celebrations continue apace, both in *911&PW* and in the wider world. And of course within those 70 years there are plenty of other anniversaries, one of which being 30 years of the 964. A celebration within a celebration, if you like, and fittingly we're marking the occasion in this issue.

Was the 964 model the first 911 of the modern era? Given that it was the first truly major 911 update, and ushered in four-wheel drive, power steering and coil spring suspension, plus a smoother, more modern look, that question is probably not too far from the truth and it certainly seemed so at the time, when compared to the outgoing impact bumper cars.

The 964 suffered the sticks and stones of detractors

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Like many new, unfamiliar things, it's also fair to say that the 964 rather suffered the sticks and stones of detractors, not helped by a rewiseliability issues, to the point that it became the least-loved and most misunderstood of 911s. It was only the arival of the 996 that brought the 964 some relief!

But 996 owners and would be owners take note, because what goes around, comes around. The 964 was never a bad car, it's a 911 for goodness' sake. It was just waiting for the inevitable realignment of perception and market forces and the demise of a few myths.

And talking of myths, while I'm not saying that the 996's engine issues are a myth, there is proof in this issue that they can go the distance. Check out the 300,000-mile 996 on p72. Great car and a great story, too. Enjoy the issue.

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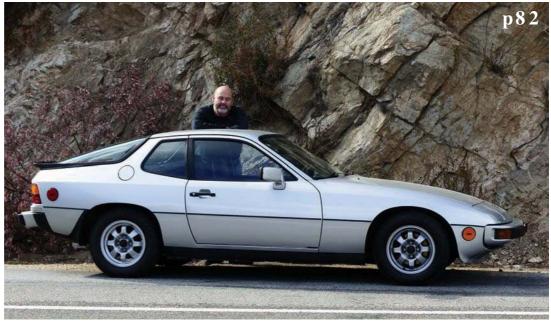
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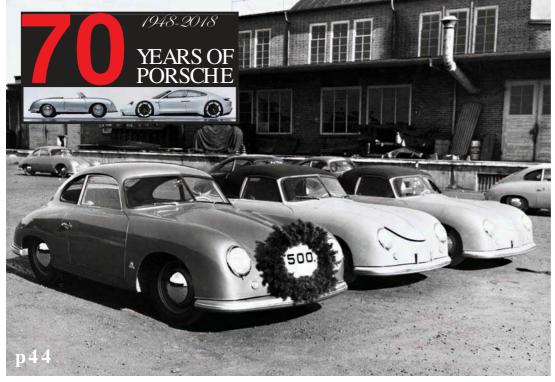
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NEW 911 IS ALMOST READY

Redesigned model range appears later this year. Hybrid model will be most powerful 911 yet, while GT3 could retain natural aspiration

orsche's next 911 is nearly upon us. Codenamed 992, the new model will likely be shown in final production trim at the Los Angeles auto show in November, with UK sales kicking off early in 2019. More power and performance are a given. But it's the 992's broader package of features and technology, from digital instruments to a super-hot hybrid model, that will define what could be the most radical 911 yet.

The least surprising elements of the new 992 range will come at launch in the form of the Carrera and Carrera S models. Powered by a revised version of the 3.0-

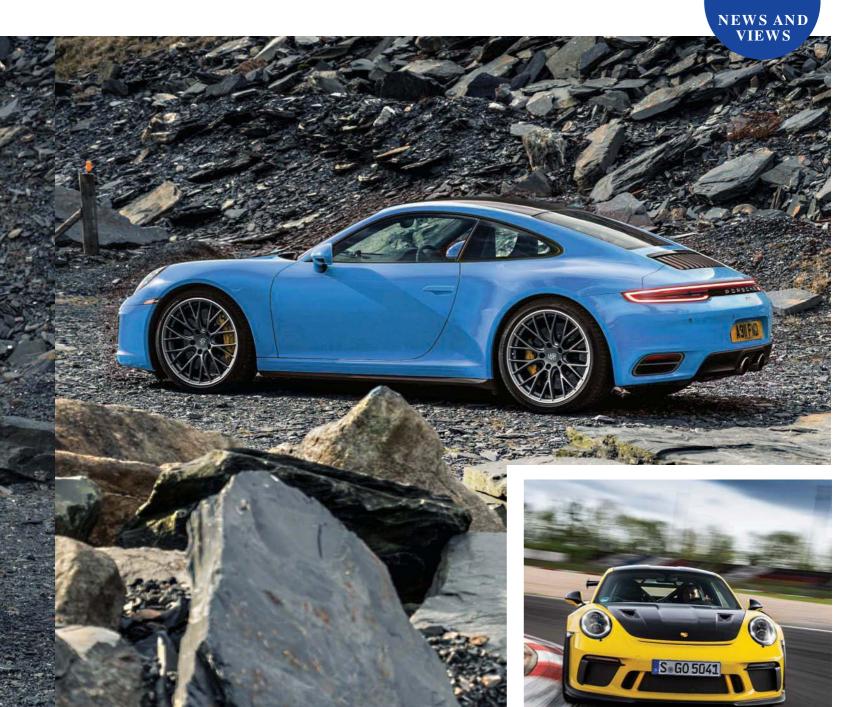
litre motor introduced in the second generation Type-991 911, the new base Carrera's output is expected to swell 20hp to around 390 metric horsepower. The Carrera gets a 30hp boost for a nice, round 450hp - the same output as the current Carrera GTS.

Later in 2019, Porsche will roll out the new 911 Turbo with at least 600hp. Enough to match the outgoing Turbo S with the Exclusive Package, in other words. If all that is fairly predictable, it's everything else that will represent a revolution for the iconic 911. First up are the related topics of hybrid power and platform technology.

Opinions are divided regarding the car's core architecture. The UK's *Autocar* magazine recently published details claiming the 992 is set to be built on a brand new architecture known as SAZ and shared with sibling marques in the larger VW Group, Audi and Lamborghini. Indeed, Autocar reckons the platform sharing has lead to conflict within the group concerning the location of the fuel tank. Traditionally it's up front on the 911, while the Audi R8 and Lamborghini Huracan situate the tank behind the rear bulkhead.

However, *Autocar's* version of events also includes Porsche continuing to use its composite aluminium and hot-formed steel

Above: As ever evolution is the name of the game with the 992 model 911.
Launch models will be the Carrera and Carrera S models, both featuring revised versions of the 3-litre twin-turbo, flat-six. For the big news, expect a range-topping, plug in hybrid model sometime in the 992's life cycle



architecture. That technology applied to the R8 and Huracan would require those models abandon their more advanced, in material terms, aluminium-carbon structures. The more likely alternative, perhaps, is that the 992 is based on a refreshed variant of the current 992 platform, just as the seemingly all-new Type-997 model was actually based on a heavily revised 996 platform. Only when the 992 is itself replaced will Porsche move to a shared architecture. If so, mark the 992 down as the very last 911 to be produced on a bespoke Porsche platform.

But what about hybrid power? Porsche's head honcho Oliver Blume has confirmed in public that the new 992 has been engineered for plug-in hybrid capability. However, he also indicated that the hybrid 992 won't be available immediately at launch but will appear at some point in the model's life cycle. What he did reveal is

that, just like the latest Panamera range, the hybrid model will sit atop the 911 range and be the most 'powerful 911 ever'. Given the existence of the 700hp GT2 RS, that is quite a statement.

Inside, the 992 will feature a combo of throwback design elements and modern features. The driver's instruments are wrapped in a binnacle that recalls the early air-cooled cars, as does a bold horizontal beam right across the dash. That's counterpointed by high tech features like a central analogue rev counter flanked by a pair of high def displays, a further large LCD panel atop the central console and Panamera-style capacitive touch controls panels surrounding the gear selector. Speaking of the latter, 992 development mules have been photographed with manual gear levers, so it seems likely that DIY gear selection will survive at least one more model refresh.

GET READY FOR 9500 RPMThe new 992 won't be turbo-only after all

Question. Will the new 992 series include any naturally aspirated engines? Some suspect the current second-generation 991 will be the last to offer an atmospheric flat six. After all, such engines have already been marginalised to low-volume specials like the GT3 and GT3 RS. Moreover, increasingly strict emissions regs and elements like the new petrol-engine particulate filter are making high-output atmospheric engines impossible, right?

Not necessarily. Head of the Porsche's GT car engines, Thomas Mader, recently said that there's more to come from the 4.0-litre flat six currently implemented in the GT3 and GT3 RS. "We're working on that with our team, we're looking at power, driveability, we're looking towards the future," he said, "development is going on, so we will see." According to Mader, the 4.0-litre engine can be stroked for even greater capacity.

The other alternative is even more revs, with Mader pointing out that the racing RSR uses essentially the same engine as the road GT3, but revs to 9500rpm. Mader acknowledges it won't be straightforward to apply that technology to the road. But his overarching position is what matters. There's a future for naturally aspirated engines.





HYBRID HOTTIE ADDED TO CAYENNE RANGE

Plug-in model gets 462hp and 918 Spyder 'boost' technology

Porsche has added hybrid power to its new to tall system nower of 4.6.2 metric cells grows from 10 8 to 14 1 kW h. H.om.e horsepower with emissions as low as 72g/km. Fuelconsumption on the NEDC cycle is rated at 88.3 mpg the entire range of speeds. This leads to a possible in just 2.3 hours Power comes from the familiar 3.0-litre turbo V 6, tuned for 3 4 0 hp, plus an electric motor good for 136 hp. Porsche also reckons Communication Management (PCM) and that well over 500 lb ft of torque is available from just over tick over. All told, there's on the driving mode. In performance allows adjustment of the heating and air enough thrust available to fling the large petrol-electric SUV to 62 mph in five seconds off, is available as standard and can also be flat. The model's top speed is pegged at individually controlled via smartphone There have been hybrid Cayennes and filter charging stations and set them as before, of course. But Porsche says the so is recharged as quickly as possible. The a navigation destination. The new Cayenne E-Hybrid is available to order at Porsche with this mode. "It ensures that the electric motor can be used in all the driving modes Centres in the UK and Ireland now, priced standard, for an additional perform ance increases pure-electric range and the boost will have taken place in late May

The new Cayenne gets plug-in hybrid power, with the addition of a 136bhp electric motor to complement the 3litre turbo V6

OUR TAKE

ANOTHER FLIPPING PORSCHE

Spy shots of the upcoming new 718 GT4 and Spyder models have been proliferating on the web. These days, of course, with that comes the inevitable matters of allocations, values, resale and so-called flipping. Who is going to get one and how much do they stand to make if they flip the car overnight?

The notion of 'flipping' refers to what might be characterised as a short term strategy in which a car is bought with the express intention of reselling for a profit. For some time now, Porsche reps at various levels have indicated that they do not support or condone such practices. Around the time the market was going nuts for the the unobtainium Type-99191R, Porsche's GT car guru Andreas Preuninger famously said Porsche is not a hedge fund. "We are a company that produces cars," Preuninger said. "We live because we sell cars and we have to make a profit to go on. So we cannot offer cars with a built-in promise to keep value for a small amount of chosen people, this wouldn't be fair."

Canvas views and you'll find quite a lot of lip service being paid to the idea of clamping down on flipping. Future access to cars being denied. Porsche GB tracking outside of the official network sales. The reality, however, is that none of it adds up to much. The cars continue to be flipped, including the latest GT2 RS monster, the R, the new manual GT3, the lot. So long as there's sufficient demand, it will continue. Unless, of course, Porsche actually took real steps to stop it.

Porsche could contractually oblige customers, as for instance, to only sell the car back to the supplying dealer at a maximum of list price in the first two years. In an instant, that would put a very different complexion on the opportunity for quick profits. This kind of measure would not be without precedent in the car industry. But Porsche doesn't do it. Perhaps because it knows that much of the demand for these halo models is tied up in the perception of spiralling values,

free motoring, call it what you will.

However, guarantee there's no money to be made and the merry-go-round might very well stop dead. For now, then, all we can say for sure is that Porsche has decided not to put a stop to the circus. Meanwhile, the measures some claim Porsche does make to marshall the market imply that flipping is fine, just so long as you keep it – and the associated profits – within the official Porsche network.



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PORSCHE GB'S BOXSTER RESTORACE SERIES

986 celebration

Hard to believe it, but it's 22 years since the 986 Boxster first appeared. To celebrate that fact and also tie in with Porsche's wider 70-year anniversary this year, Porsche Centres across the UK network have been locating and restoring Type-986 Boxster S models. The cars will then compete in a mini race series around the UK.

"After three successful restoration competitions, we wanted to do something different in partnership with our Centre network to celebrate 20 years of the Porsche Boxster," says James Tove, Business Development Manager, Porsche Cars GB. "The first generation, Type-986 Boxster is an important car in Porsche history and for many their first step in ownership. Our intention is to illustrate not only how good these cars still are, but also give the Centres a cool opportunity to demonstrate their skill, knowledge and passion for Porsche - and Porsche Classic in particular."

W ith that in m ind, the idea is to run the cars as close to road spec as possible The only concessions involve motorsport safety and driver protection - plus the addition of a hard top. The chassis spec will be the M 030 factory sport option and the engines in standard circa-250hp tune

The Porsche Centres' cars will be judged on various elements of their restoration including mechanical, body and paint preparation. However, the added challenge is not just to restore the car but to prepare a driver and take to the track in an iconic, Porsche-inspired classic livery. The driver line-up is varied, with Centre Principals taking the wheel of some entries alongside junior Technicians. Some will be seasoned competitors, others will be track day veterans, while liveries will include everything from the red and white 'Salzburg' livery of the 1970 Le Mans winning 9 1 7 to the light-hearted 'Pink Pig'identity of 1 9 7 1

The first instalment of the series at Brand Hatch has been and gone. But if you're quick you can catch the action on 2nd June at Silverstone, followed by 2nd September at Brands Hatch. Both events are part of Porsche Club GB Championship weekends. Thus these 16 mechanically-identical Boxsters will be racing among faster categories of Porsche. Straight in at the deep end, then, and a proper challenge for both car and driver. The final event at Brand Hatch also ties in with the Festival of Porsche being held that weekend. One for the diary, for sure.

STRATSTONE CELEBRATES 70 YEARS OF PORSCHE

Sportscar Together Day Cholmondeley Castle in Cheshire

For many Porschephiles, the creation of their favourite car company can be precisely dated to 8th June, 1948, and the birth of the 356 It's that auspicious event 70 years ago that is being celebrated by long-established premium car outlet Stratstone in the form of Sportscar Together Day on the 9th June.

Taking place at historic Cholmondeley Castle in Cheshire, the day brings drivers and enthusiasts together to enjoy an occasion celebrating all things Porsche. There will be a display of over 350 Porsche models, both classic and new

A summer German market will be offering artisan food and drinks to purchase alongside a family entertainment area. Gates will open from 11 am with display cars arriving from midday. Visitors will be

able to see all 350 cars arrive, undertake a lap of the circuit and then park in position on the lawn. In the afternoon, there will be a Porsche 70 Concours d'Elegance, featuring a curated collection of

The concours entrants will parade around the race circuit within the castle grounds and will be judged by a panel of Porsche experts and special quests. A 20-metre screen showing Porsche films will also display pictures of the parade and social feeds from everyone attending the event.For more information please call 01623 725302 or em ail events@ stratstone.com . Entry to the event is free of charge but visitors do need to book in advance to secure

TECHART'S NEW 718 GTS TUNING PACKAGE

Power plus prettifying parts

TechArt has turned its tuning attention towards the 718 twins in GTS trim. A new package of performance upgrades and parts is set to include a power upgrade of 50 hp, taking the flat-four models to 415hp. That's precisely the same as a first-gen 997 GT3.

TechArt says its range of new carbon-fibre parts add motorsport highlights to the 718 models. Along with the front splitter, Tech Art carbon is available for the airblades, side mirrors, side air intakes, diffuser, trims and the rear wing profile. A range of carbon trim items for the 718's interior is also available.

TechArt's new front axle lift system is also part of the package. Porsche says the SportDesign Package fitted to the factory GTS reduces ground clearance significantly. To help mitigate that, Tech Art's Noselift system provides up to 60 mm of additional space at the front spoiler at the push of a button. The system includes two front axle springs), two rear axle sport springs, two hydraulic cylinders, and a compact and space-

As for the engine upgrades, a similar package is already available for the non-GTS 2.5-litre 718 models. For the 718 GTS, the powerkit is planned to be available by mid-2018. Full technical specs are not yet finalised yet, but total power output is expected to clim b to 415hp. For more info and pricing, head for w w w .te c h a rt.d e /7 1 8



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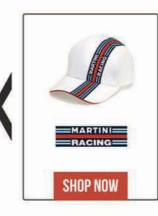


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Porsche is struggling to detach itself from association with the Dieselgate scandal and no longer produces any diesel cars, like the Panamera, pictured

PORSCHE IN 'DIESELGATE' RAIDS AND ARRESTS

Scandal rumbles on as further Porsche operatives implicated and arrested

The tentacles of the so-called Dieselgate emission cheating scandal that has engulfed the VW Group continue to extend further into Porsche. In late April, German prosecutors raided a number of sites associated with Porsche including the homes of Porsche employees. Later in the month, Porsche's head of powertrain development, Jörg Kerner was reportedly arrested. Meanwhile, Porsche's former R&D boss and the man many call the father of the 918 Spyder, Wolfgang Hatz, has remained in custody since September last year having been arrested in the wake of Dieselgate.

In the early days of the scandal, it seemed Porsche might avoid direct implication. After all, Porsche does not develop or manufacture diesel engines of its own but rather sources them from elsewhere within the VW empire. However, investigators are said to now suspect that Porsche knowingly fitted engines equipped with devices to defeat emissions tests to their cars.

In an email to staff, Porsche's top executive, O liver Blume, confirmed that an arrest had been made but denied allegations of wrongdoing. "Investigations have been against a member of the executive board, a senior and former employee of Porsche, who now

works at Audi, by the Stuttgart prosecutor's office. The senior staff member was taken into custody," Blume wrote. "Porsche does not develop or produce any diesel engines or diesel software. The prosecution alleges that the three suspects and Porsche were aware illegal software had been installed in engines. We reject this accusation and will do our utmost to bring clarity to this matter."

The backdrop to all this, of course, involves goings on at parent company VW. The man at the helm of the Group proper at the time the scandal broke, Martin Winterkorn, was made the subject of criminal charges in the US in early May. Winterkorn, 70, faces four felony counts, including conspiracy to defraud the United States, wire fraud and violating the Clean Air Act.

Exactly where the scandal will end is anyone's guess. Some analysts note the close relationship between VW and the German goverment and speculate that this may prevent the full extent of the illegal activities from emerging. The State of Lower Saxony, a German region, owns a large stake in VW including 20% of the voting rights. But with the arrests and raids gathering pace, it seems unlikely that Porsche itself will emerge from the scandal entirely unscathed.

PORSCHE PROFITS UP, AGAIN

There is no substitute...

The Dieselgate scandal may be continuing to knock off Porsche employees. But the company itself goes from strength to strength. Porsche's most recent sales volumes, revenues and profits are all up.

In the first quarter of this year, Porsche delivered 63,500 cars, or roughly six per cent more than the same period last year. Revenues were up eight per cent to 5.9 billion euros, though operating profits edged up more narrowly to 976 million Euros, representing a one per cent increase. Porsche's official statement covering results implied that major investment in electromobility, including the upcoming Mission E electric car and other related models and technology, is largely responsible for profit growth failing to match the increase in sales and revenues.

Reacting to the new results, O liver Blume, Chairman of the Executive Board of Porsche AG said, "the new generations of the Panamera and Cayenne have proven popular with our customers, as have our new 911 GT models." For what it is worth, Blume also emphasised the link between profitability and social responsibility. "For us, it is not a question of breaking one record after another. We want to generate value-creating growth — with healthy profits and secure

On that note, even Porsche's workforce is growing fast and now numbers 30,335 staff. That's fully seven per cent higher than the 28,249 employed by Porsche a year ago.

CAYMAN R ACCUSED OF EMISSIONS CHEAT

Owner successfully sues Porsche

A Cayman R owner who successfully sued Porsche over the standard throttle mapping implemented in the model has also uncovered a report that may implicate Porsche in emissions test fiddling.

In the course of investigating a so-called throttle delay coded into the Cayman R's mapping, John Cieslik, 51, from Saintfield, Co Down, eventually took both Porsche and the Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA) to a Freedom of information tribunal. The report that emerged indicated that Porsche reduced the Cayman R's emissions from the 227g/km achieved in other European markets to 221g/km by conducting the test by starting off in second gear.

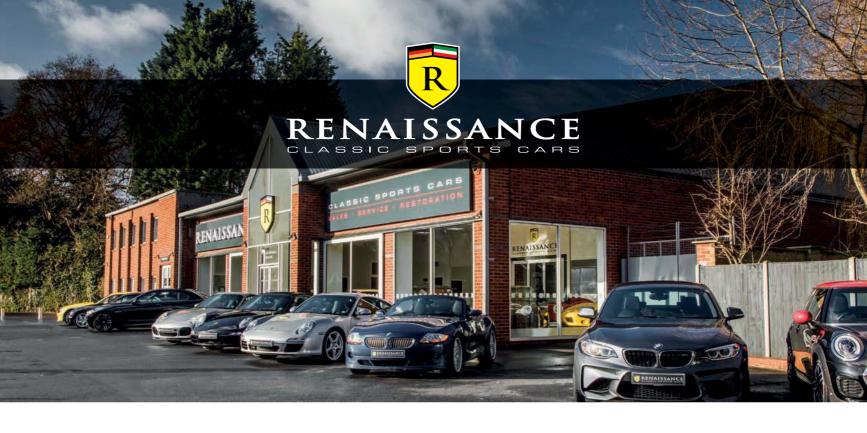
Reducing the official UK emission rating allowed the Cayman R to slip into a lower vehicle tax band of £315 versus the £540 band for which the model would otherwise have qualified. All of this is somewhat tangential to Mr Cieslik's complaint, which involved a dead spot in the Cayman R's throttle mapping, a measure likely also included to improve results in emissions testing but one which Mr Cieslik claims can make the car dangerous to

drive. Porsche reportedly settled the case with Cieslik in February by paying out $\mathfrak{L}36,000$.

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Owner's complaint of a dead spot in Cayman R's throttle response led to rather more in the shape of an emissions dodge for the UK market



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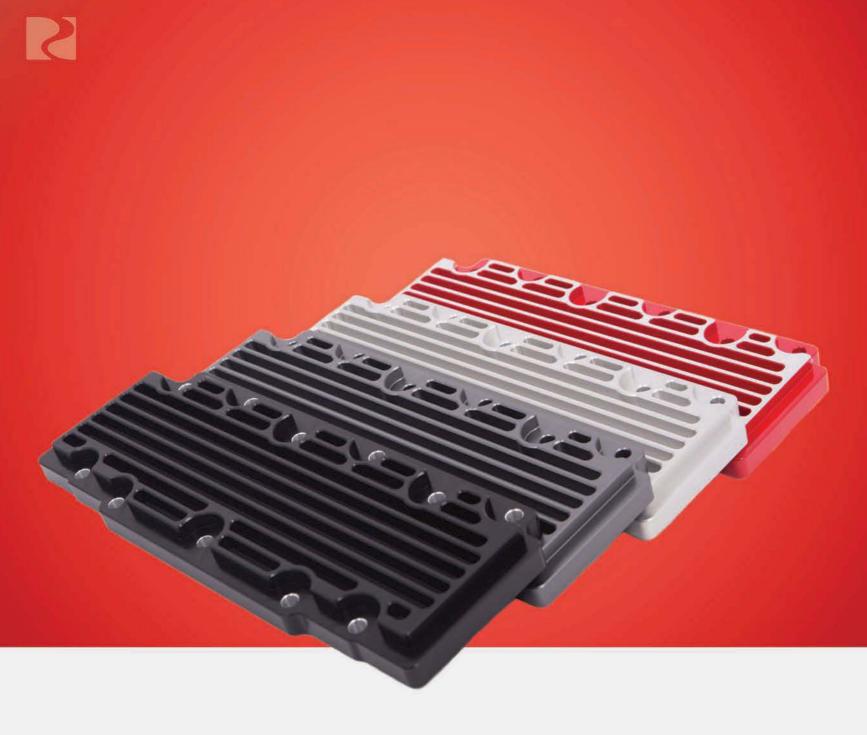


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THE OEM OPTION

Not to put too fine a point on it, but the PCM multimedia system fitted to the first generation 997 and 987 models is now looking a little tired. Most of the upgrade options are expensive, ugly and conspicuously aftermarket in appearance. That's especially true if your car has the Bose option, which requires some pricey additional hardware to get standard double-DIN head units to play nicely with the fibre-optic system. A neater solution is the Zenec Z-E7015S. It's been specifically designed to look absolutely OEM. That includes the silver paint finish, the design of the buttons and knobs and even the backlighting. To that it adds high resolution navigation with up-to-date mapping, a DVD drive, USB support, Bluetooth connectivity and voice recognition. It also connects natively to the factory fibre-optic interface. It's yours for €1200 or £1050 from **shop1.acr.ch**.



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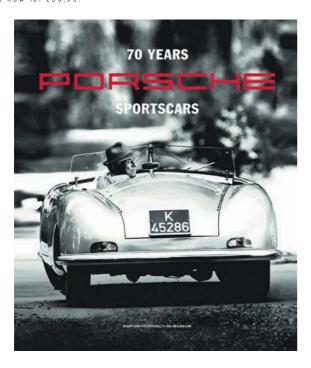


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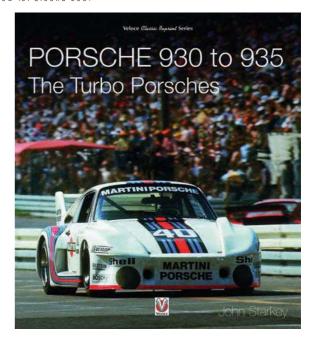
CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

Every Porsche aficionado will no doubt have his or her own take on the company's 70th anniversary celebrations. But this new 300-leaf page turner looks as good a Officially sold by Porsche in the Museum shop in Stuttgart, 70 Years of Porsche Sportscars (ISBN 10:3667113285) by Josef Arweck, Christina Rahmes and and more an intimate photo diary. Inside you'll find sparingly captioned images of $everything\ from\ the\ gritty\ developm\ ent\ days\ of\ the\ earliest\ m\ odels\ to\ glossy\ lifestyle$ snaps involving contemporary Porschephile celebs such as Patrick Dempsey and Jerry Seinfeld. Split into seven chapters covering subjects such as the people behind $Porsche,\,the\,\,technolog\,y,\,m\,otorsport\,and\,\,the\,\,wider\,\,Porsche\,\,com\,\,m\,\,unity,\,the\,\,boo\,k$ is available now for £38.95.



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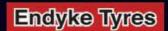
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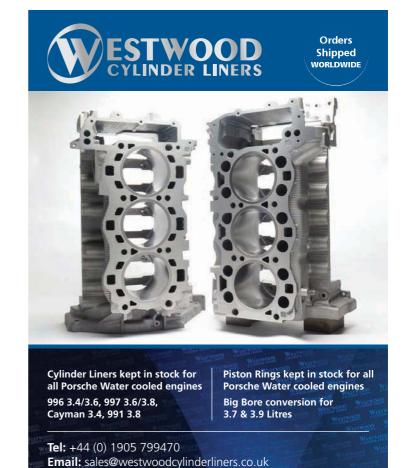


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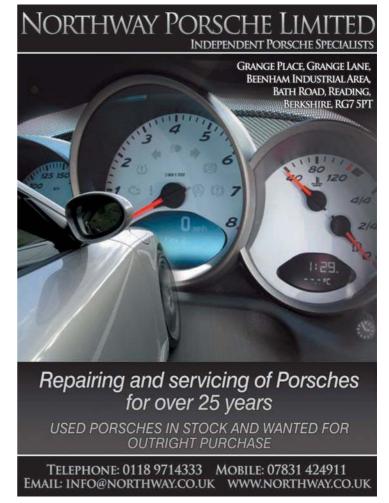


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NO MODS HERE, THANK YOU

As a long term reader of 911&PW, according to Mr Bennett (Up Front, May 2018), I'm now an outcast, a heretic worthy of only a Hotpoint badge on my car, which has to be an autonomous one at that.

Unless I change the original 16in Cup alloys on my beloved, completely original 964 for at least 20in of the black lairy variety and apply go-faster stripes immediately, I am not a proper Porsche enthusiast. It may surprise you to learn, Mr Bennett, some of your

readers prefer Stuttgart's finest just as Ferry and Butzi intended, which is to say completely stock.

I bought my 964 in 2001 against all common wisdom preached at the time by Mr Bennett's predecessors and I still love driving it today. I have made three pilgrimages to Zuffenhausen with PCGB, and my bookcase is stacked with Porsche books. If Mr Bennett continues to write such twaddle in these hallowed pages, I will be forced to defect to another Porsche publication, which would make his little rant a self fulfilling prophecy Mike Miller, Berkshire

issue. All cars are reassuringly standard and I wouldn't mod you car (pictured), either. PORSCHE 944 LUX * 996 GT3 * 997 C2S * BOXSTER 986





WHAT ABOUT INSURANCE?

Whiling away a few minutes here, while waiting at Ramus Porscha (highly recommended BTW) for a small modification to be completed, hence time to write a quick email.

In line with many articles in *911&PW*, I read with great interest in the May issue the feature on modified Porsches. However, one glaring omission seems apparent, and that is the attitude of insurers and obtaining a fair deal, should that ever be possible.

Over the past year, to cope with nasty UK roads/improve 'feel' I have had changed the brake master cylinder, fitted braided hoses, replaced

suspension units with Ohlins and my insurers have demanded near on £400. I dread to think what they would have demanded if I had touched the engine. Perhaps an article less focused on mechanics, but more on getting the best from insurers?

Warmest and best for your magazine.

Steve Bennett replies: No need to be so formal, Mike. The Ed's

tongue-in-cheek and I'm sure you realised that, on this occasion,

my 'rant' about modded Porsches was largely both of those things.

As a 964 owner, I hope that you enjoy the 964 at 30 feature in this

Editorial is designed on occasion to be a bit provocative and

Stephen Smith via email

Steve Bennett replies: Good point, Stephen. Look out for a feature on insurance coming soon

BOXSTER BUSHES

The May issue of 911&PW was, unsurprisingly, dedicated to those whose passion is to modify what Porsche have supplied. My main interest is not so much in modification, but more in maintenance at a reasonable cost, not always a compatible set of goals, when applied to Porsche.

To this end I have just, recently, had all suspension components, which incorporate a ball joint, renewed on my 986 Boxster and wanted to utilise a full set of Polybushes, that I had fitted some years ago to the original components. Please, those of you who might be considering a similar move, be aware that the inner bushes - Polybush 42A - do not fit the Meyle coffin arms that you might, as I did, buy. They are too small by about 0.8mm (my Vernier gauge is best described as a 'very-near' gauge) in diameter for the resulting hole, after the original rubber bush has been pressed out (and destroyed in the process).

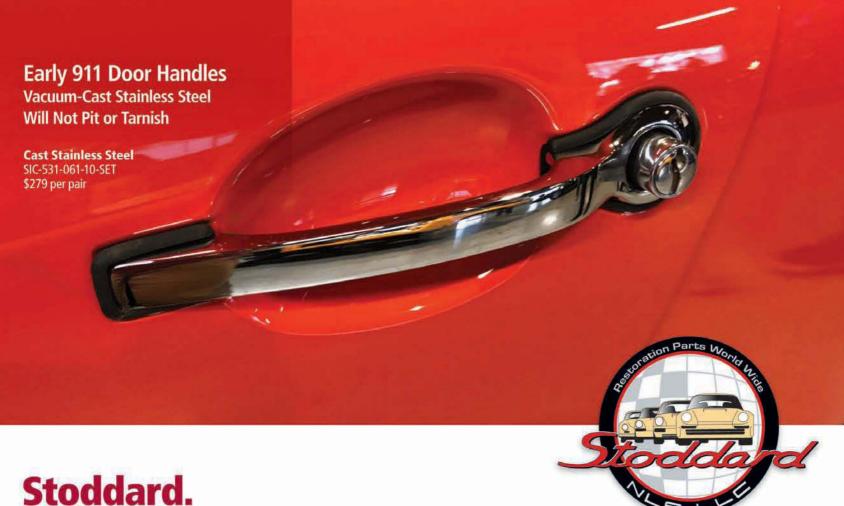
That apart, the overall exercise has proved worthwhile. Having also had new suspension legs, associated fitting kits, road springs and anti-roll bar drop links at each corner, the car handles more consistently and is now much quieter to drive, with creaks and clunks banished - at least for the present.

All brake pipes have been renewed in Kunifer and this did cause one near disaster. The mechanic left his plastic bodied torch magnetically attached to one exhaust manifold and I took the car away for the subsequent alignment check, none the wiser. The torch was discovered, partly melted, and rather more securely attached than I would like anything made of plastic to be. Just as well it was typical Highland weather!

John Thornton,

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Steve Bennett replies: 'Maintenance at a reasonable cost.' I think that's something that most 911&PW readers aspire to, and I hope it's something that we preach, too, in our regular technical/how to features.



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KEITH SEUME Editor, Classic Porsche

As editor of *Classic Porsche* magazine, Keith Seume is naturally concerned about the future of petrol-burning cars, especially with regard to the availability of fuel. Is the answer to convert classics to electric power? Over his dead body, says our man, wincing at the very thought. And then there's the matter of MOT inspections – or lack of them...

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'What are you going to do when you can't buy petrol any more?' Sorry, what was that? 'You know, when they ban the sale of cars fitted with internal combustion engines – there won't be any need for petrol, so all the petrol stations will close and you'll be stuck, won't you? Your Porsche will just become a piece of sculpture sat gathering dust!'

So went a gleeful conversatioin with a guy I know who is, to be honest, a right royal self-opinionated tit. He knows I love cars — especially old 'uns — and knew how to hurt. 'It says in the news that they'll be gone by 2030,' came the final twist of his metaphorical dagger. 'I don't care, I probably won't be around by then,' I quipped, before realising that it was only 12 years away and I'd feel very short changed if my life didn't extend that far.

But what will happen to petrol stations? If, as has been mooted, cars with IC engines will no longer be on sale from 2030, or whatever date is finally settled on (today it's 2040 – I do wish they'd make their minds up), the demand for petrol (and most certainly diesel) will plummet dramatically. By then, old cars – and by that I don't mean true classics, but cars that are 10, 15 or 20 years old – will be the pariahs of the road, considered toxic by all and sundry. People will shake their fists at you, or don their face masks, Japanese-style, as you pull out of your driveway. They'll laugh when they see you return home on the end of a tow rope after you've run out of fuel in the search for a petrol station. The prospect depresses me.

I can see the need for reducing emissions, don't get me wrong, but I still think people are being hoodwinked into believing electric cars are the saviours of the universe. I'm always deeply suspicious when there is a major push like this to drive old technology off the road and see it for what it undoubtedly is: a way of making all we hold near and dear obsolete so we have no option but to buy new. Who wins?

Certainly not the consumer. The manufacturers? Bingo! The government? Of course – you don't honestly believe HMRC will happily give up all that revenue on petrol without grabbing it back somewhere else, do you? You may get seduced by promises of 'free road tax' but you'll soon be asked to dig deep in other areas (road tolls are an obvious solution to the loss of revenue, or pay-as-you-go charges based on a GPS tracker fitted to each new vehicle), and gone will be any special incentives to 'go green' as you'll have no option if you want to buy a new car.

But what of the petrol burners (and diesels, of course) that will still be thronging our highways. There'll be mass scrappage schemes creating even more absurd images of perfectly good cars sitting in seried rows on former NATO air bases while somebody decides what to do with them all – how long before someobody comes up with the bright idea of selling them to underdeveloped nations as a sort of foreign aid scheme. Shift the pollution from our country to theirs – seems like a fair deal to me...

I am still not convinced about the argument that electric vehicles are better for the environment – what about the build process, the generation of electricity necessary to keep those lithium batteries topped up, the matter of 'end of life' disposal? It will take a lot to convince me to give up my IC-engined bolides, especially living in the depths of Cornwall where many of my journeys involve 500-mile round trips 'up country'.

Until I can be convinced that I will still be able to get up at 4.30am, drive to a photoshoot in the Midlands, and then drive home again later that day, I'll stay with what I've got, thank you. At present, I'd have to stop every few hours for a quick recharge before continuing my journey. A one-day trip will become two. Life's too short for all that.



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ELECTRO-CLASSICS? NEIN DANKE!

I'm guessing I'm not the only one here who, despite stating that I probably wouldn't watch the wedding of Prince Harry and Megan, I ended up sneaking a look later that day. Love it or hate it, we Brits certainly 'do' pomp and circumstance in style. No goose-stepping, high-kicking marching troops, no pantomimelike uniforms (well, maybe the odd bearskin and gold braid excepted), just good old Brit tradition at its best.

I love the fact that, among the modern armour-plated Range Rovers and big Jag saloons which generally make up the entourage, there's always a classic Roller or two to be enjoyed - usually some high-roofed conversion design to accommodate Her Majesty's latest hat. All good fun and for a car enthusiast a few minutes' respite from the TV cameras concentrating on the dresses, the page boys' and girls' gap-toothed smiles, and Prince Phillip's scowling face.

After the ceremony and whatever else they needed to do before heading to the reception, the bride and groom drove off in an E-type

Jaguar. And very nice it looked, too. And, being a Jag, it sounded fantastic... except it didn't. The poor thing had had its heart ripped out and replaced with an electric motor.

Gone was the wonderful XK-series straightsix, designed originally by William Heynes and Walter Hassan. Gone was that melodious sound that can only be produced by a sixcylinder engine. Gone was one of the very reasons older Jags are such fabulous cars.

I'm sorry, but I really don't get this obsession with converting classic cars in this way and pretending they're still classics. They're not. A major part of owning an old car is the sound, the smell, the very 'life' that pulses through it. In today's world a classic is far from being the perfect vehicle - noisy, bumpy, unreliable, smelly and fun - but who cares? They have character in spades. character that cannot be replicated in any modern car.

Converting a classic - be it an E-type or a 911 - to electric power is, in my mind, heresy. You might as well buy a glassfibre kit car and



Newly-wed Royals drove away from the wedding in an electric-powered E-type Jaguar. Seume shudders at the very thought...

plonk it on the chassis of a Tesla - or a golf cart. You're fooling nobody but yourself if you think you're still driving a classic.

As I've said elsewhere on this page, I'm not against any efforts to reduce pollution, far from it, but don't let's pretend we can save the world by driving round in fake classics.

If you want to have guilt-free fun in an electric vehicle, buy a car that was designed with that power source from the get-go. Please don't start hacking up the old 'uns...

ON MOT TESTS AND BODGING OLD CARS...

Even though it's a new car as far as I'm concerned, my Cayman needed its MOT a couple of weeks ago and, yet again, I found myself worrying about whether it would pass or not. Well, of course it would pass, after all it's only four years old and has been impeccably maintained. But I always worry.

Naturally, the car sailed through without a problem, although I do wonder how it would have faired had I not changed the tyres from the cracked Pirellis fitted when I bought it. Apparently, as I mentioned in last month's project cars pages, this cracking is a common problem with Pirelli P-Zeros and is not, or so I have been assured, anything to worry about. Whether an MOT inspector would see things the same way is another matter...

In years past, when I was a young lad (honestly, I was young once), MOTs were to be feared. Not because they were incredibly stringent - just the opposite in hindsight - but because, as a young driver running an old car on a tight budget, I dreaded hearing the news that my car had failed. Rust was the big issue, and getting it repaired could be costly.

My first car was a 1964 Austin Mini, bought for the princely sum of £180 in 1972. Although it was only eight years old, it had seen better days - eight years on a car of that vintage was like 28 in modern car terms - and it had already been patched up with filler round the bottom of the windscreen pillars and headlights. The outer sills had been replaced, too. That was a common 'fail' point on a Mini.

On the day of the MOT, I sat in the car on the ramp while the ex-Police mechanic tapped and poked his way under the car. He was a taciturn type, speaking hardly a word. As I sat there nervously, he opened the passenger door and gripped the sills with his bare hands

- and then squeezed hard. I'll never forget the sound as the inner sill gave way beneath his fingers, 'Got a bit of rust here, haven't we?' he uttered. 'Ummm, looks like it,' I replied.

He went round to the driver's side and repeated the 'test' with the same result, 'Got a bit of rust here, too. And in the subframe." (That was the Mini's other Achilles' heel).

My wallet (well, imaginary wallet) curled up and died on the spot. I was distraught at the thought of my first car being condemned after just a couple of months.

Back home, Dad suggested we go and speak to Mr Derbyshire down the road who had a welding torch and was a bit of a dab hand at fixing old cars. £20 later, he'd fitted new inner sills and welded a patch over the rust hole in the rear subframe.

The car then 'sailed' through its MOT and lived another day, Later on, I stuffed it in a ditch, but that's another story. DVLA records

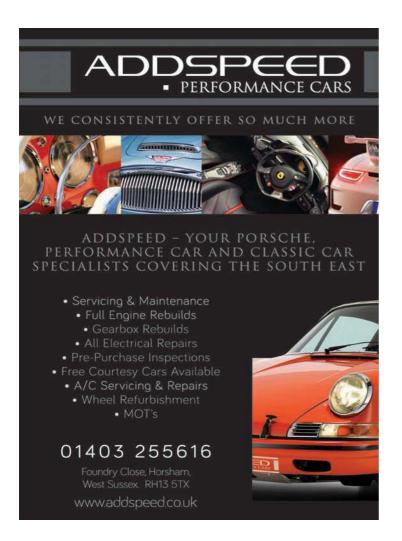
show that CMU 829A no longer lives, but the memory of that first MOT is still etched on mymind. I can still hear those sills giving way.

I probably shouldn't mention the 'repairs' I did to an old Beetle using metal cut from an oil can, which was riveted in place and then covered with a mixture of underseal and dirt (so it didn't look too obvious), or shims cut from the same material poked into place to hide play in the kingpins.

Glassfibre and filler (good old Isopon) were my saviours, as they were for many a motorist in the 1960s and '70s. I'm not proud of my workmanship (ingenuity, yes, workmanship, no...) and such memories remind me how absurd it is that vehicles over 40 years of age are now exempt from MOT testing. Not every owner of an old car is a caring enthusiast. Some might actually still be reparing their cars with hacked up oil cans and a mixture of underseal and dirt...



Not a hint of oil can and filler on the Cayman, but our man Seume still gets nervous every time his cars go in for an MOT. Maybe it's a case of a guilty conscience...







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YOU AND YOURS: MARTIN ADDISON

SECOND TIME AROUND

Following the birth of his first daughter back in 1989, like so many Porsche owners, Martin Addison soon learned that a 911 is not exactly the ideal family car. As there was no room to fit in a pushchair and all the other child-related paraphernalia, he had no option but to sell his pride and joy. Having regretted the sale, when he heard the car was back up for sale some eight years later, Martin seized the opportunity to buy it back

Words & Photography: Paul Knight

ack in 1986, Martin Addison was a hard-working 21-year-old who had saved all his hard earned cash to purchase his dream car, a Porsche 911. Martin commented, 'I spotted a silver '78 SC advertised for sale and immediately fell for it. However, it was priced at £10k, which was absolutely all I could afford...and then some!' He continued, 'To put things into perspective, you could buy a decent house here in Essex for £30k back then, so a £10k used Porsche was quite an investment for a young guy!'

The SC model was launched in '78 and essentially replaced the outgoing 3-litre Carrera 3 and 2.7-litre 911 models hence, despite being 8-years old when Martin picked it up, this was still a relatively freshlooking 911. And, thanks to the 180bhp, 3-

litre motor, the SC was capable of outrunning all but the most serious of sports cars – in short, this was a whole lot of awesome for a 21-year-old!

Over the next few years Martin enjoyed driving his SC as often as possible and maintained it exactly as any doting enthusiast would – it was a well-loved car, which was always polished, buffed and kept in tip-top order.

Martin told us, 'My first daughter, Kirsty, was born in '89 and, despite my best efforts, I simply couldn't make the Porsche work as a family car'. And so, in 1990, Martin decided that he had no option but to sell his beloved Porsche, and to purchase a more sensible vehicle in which to transport his growing young family.

Martin often thought about the Porsche he once owned and always promised himself that he'd own another one day –

perhaps when the children were a little older and he could afford to run a 911 as a second car. Martin explained, 'Some years later, I was by chance having my family car serviced at a local garage when the mechanic said, "Martin, I hear you once owned a Porsche? Well, the guy you sold it to still owns it and is thinking of putting it up for sale" - I was speechless!' He continued, 'This was in August of 1998, which just happened to be when the new 'S' registration had just been launched...and there I was, buying back my 'old S' registration vehicle!' Martin hadn't ever considered the fact that one day the very same car might become available again and he certainly wasn't actively looking for a Porsche at that point - but faced with a once-in-a-lifetime chance like this, he simply couldn't let it pass.

Back at his home in Hornchurch, Essex,

Martin Addison's 911SC second time around. They say you should never look back, but there has to be some exceptions to that rule



Martin parked the SC in his garage and reflected upon his good fortune. He'd always regretted selling the car and now he had been given the opportunity to pick up where he'd left off, hence he was adamant that it would not be leaving him again!

Over the next 15 years Martin continued to enjoy the car and even treated it to some engine work and a stainless steel exhaust etc, however, the bodywork was beginning to show its age, hence he decided that it was time to call on the skills of Bruce Cooper at Sportwagen in Southend. He commented, 'The original plan was to tidy it up and maybe leave the roof in the original paint but, as things progressed, I decided that the car deserved to be treated to a full exterior repaint instead'.

The SC had a few minor rust issues, therefore Bruce fitted a fresh pair of sills and replaced the offside front wing (as the original had some corrosion just below the headlight bowl). Once happy with the metalwork, a fresh coat of the original Z2Z2 silver metallic basecoat was applied prior to several coats of clear, which was buffed to

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Porsche was quite an investment for a young guy back then

perfection. The paintwork was completed in 2013 and, 5-years on, it looks as if it has just rolled out of the 'booth.

By now you'll have noticed the Martini stripes, which certainly make this car stand out from the crowd! Martin explained, 'I really liked the old Martini stripe kit hence I was keen to include them second-time around'. He continued, 'A guy by the name of Rick Cannell at Highgate House came down to Sportwagen and made a complete set of templates around the body of my car, which he used to replicate the 1978 M42-option stripe kit'. Sportwagen carefully fitted the fresh decals, which are most certainly the key talking point whenever Martin bumps into other Porschephiles today!

Martini Racing has been an active motorsport sponsor since the late 1960s, and the link with Porsche was secured thanks to the iconic Porsche 917 race team in the early '70s. When it comes to roadgoing Porsches in Martini livery, most people immediately think of the iconic 911 Turbo cars of the mid–late '70s. However, Turbo models aside, between 1978 and 1983 it was also possible to order a new Grand Prix White or black 911SC with the M42 (World Championship stripes) option. Interestingly, Porsche also listed the stripes as a retro-fit option, hence dealers and

Right: Martin and daughter, Kirsty, today and in 1989 (middle), when Martin soon realised that the SC was never going to cut it as a family car









Above: Don't look at the Pasha trim for too long, it might make you a bit dizzy! Right: Martin's SC is an early example, so has the 180bhp, 3-litre flat-six



HISTORY Launched in 1978, the 911SC has developed something of a reputation for its bullet proof mechanicals and starter 911 status, thanks to its enduring good value. Today it's still one of the most cost-effective ways to get into a classic 911, but of course prices have rather shifted. The Martini stripes applied to Martin's car were an option in the 70s and were most commonly found on the 930 Turbo and even the 924. The Martini/Porsche and is truly one of the most iconic of liveries

Martin had his SC restored and repainted by Sportwagen in Southend

private owners could fit them to vehicles painted in other colours, too.

One thing is for sure, the stripes look great over the silver paint on Martin's SC and really add a unique touch to the overall package. We certainly can't remember the last time we spotted a Martini-striped car on the road and, given the reactions of other road-users as we followed Martin through Hornchurch, it would appear that we're not

all original and in very good shape throughout. Slipping into the car is like entering a time capsule - it looks, feels and even smells just like you'd imagine it would have back in the late '70s/early '80s. And that's a unique trait of a wellmaintained survivor, which you simply can't replicate when overhauling a project from the ground up.

Sure, the seats are clearly used, but the

Martini stripes on the exterior.

Martin said, 'When I bought the car back, the original radio had stopped working and I didn't want to alter the dashboard or fit a more modern unit'. He continued, 'Fortunately I was able to find a local electronics specialist that managed to fix the radio, although the cassette deck was deemed to be beyond reasonable repair but who listens to cassette tapes these days, anyway?' Better still, the original head unit was retro-fitted with an iPod cable, i.e. 53-year-old Martin now has an iPod playlist featuring the same nostalgic 'driving tunes' that 21-year-old Martin had once recorded on a cassette mix-tape...hence, with the windows down on a sunny day and with music playing through the original sound system and speakers, this retro-ride looks, feels and sounds just like it did back in '86!

In closing we asked Martin if he had any future plans for his SC. He told us, 'I think I'll have the fan polished and detail the engine a little, but that's about all...oh, and it's definitely not for sale - this one is a keeper...' PW



This retro-ride looks, feels and sounds just like it did back in '86

alone, as this car really turns some heads!

Chatting with Martin, we were surprised to learn that the 16-in Fuchs (6-in front, 7-in rear) have not been subjected to any restoration or refurbishment work since they were first fitted to the car 40 years ago. Similarly, the interior of this car is practically

leather is in great shape for a vehicle of this age with precious little wear to the bolsters etc. Similarly, the Pasha (also known as 'Schachbrett' or 'checkerboard') seat inserts are far from thread-bare, and that vivid (almost mind-altering!) black and white trim is every bit as alluring as the





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Left: Hopefully the spacesaver now complies with GB law! Martini stripes are a defining feature and were expertly recreated by Porsche decal experts, Highgate House



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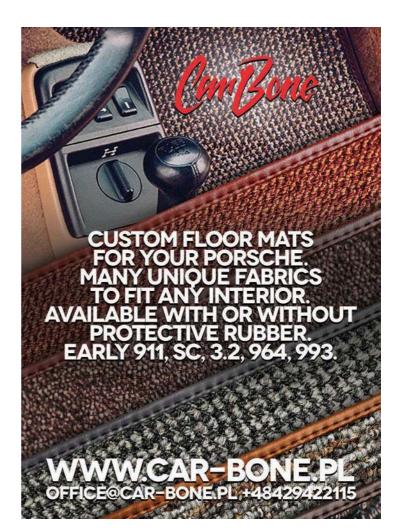






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WHEEL THE WITHING The modern take on the Fuchs-look wheel has

never managed to get the 'dish' of the wheel quite right, until now. Enter Group 4 Wheels' deep-dish 18 in Fuchs-look wheel. We reckon it looks the business



f, as they say, clothes maketh the man, then surely wheels maketh the car? They are a critical factor to the look. Porsche or otherwise, and so easy to get wrong. Fortunately for us Porsche enthusiasts, we have plenty of classic designs to choose from, both modern and from the back catalogue, but there is one wheel that dominates and that's the classic Fuchs design, which was Porsche's signature rim from from 1963 right up to 1989, when the G-Series morphed into the 964, which, thanks to a whole new offset had to make to with the more modern, but rather less inspiring D90 wheel, that had first seen action on the 928 and 944.

And that was that for the Fuchs it appeared. Factory GT and RS model 964s and 993 got BBS or Speedline three-piece

wheels, and then the water-cooled cars came along, with a whole new wheel brief. Fuchs were classic, with no place in the modern world and out of the loop for the best part of 20-years. But then came the whole retro modern look and the Fuchs look was back as first 964s got the backdate treatment and then even the water-cooled 996/997 generation as typified by Porsche's own 997 Sport Classic and in the tuning/aftermarket world with RPM's CSR range. From being out in the cold the Fuchs design was back, with factory and aftermarket versions to fit all variants of Porsche.

Obviously the classic market is catered for, largely with original wheels at ever more stratospheric prices, but the modern market, with its need for bigger wheels and different

offsets, has long been trickier. It's the offset bit that is significant here. Think of a classic, wide Fuchs wheel and it's all about three defining factors: the black, five-spoke, petal centre, the anodised silver rim and the dish of the wheel. The wider the wheel, the deeper the dish and - frankly - the cooler the look. Deep dish Fuchs are all about racing 911s - RSs, RSRs, Turbos et al. The dish of the classic Fuchs is dictated by the offset of the wheel, which in turn is dictated by the position of the wheel hub in the wheel arch. In a modern Porsche the position of the hub dictates a much flatter wheel face, with barely any dish, which is why modern Fuchs-look wheels - whether factory, or aftermarket - have never seemed quite right. Until now, that is...

Now normally we don't get too involved in

Fitment in 18in, with 8.5in front and 10in rear is from 964 onwards. Black centred wheel looks perfect on this lowered 964 RS lookalike







Left and right: Any colour you like. Jonathan has concentrated largely on RS style colours to illustrate the colour potential/palette. He predicts that black and anthracite will likely be the most popular



Suits you sir! Gold centres on one of Paul Stephens' retro rods works with white and the gold decals

projects and concepts, but we couldn't help but be swept along with this modern take on the Fuchs, thanks largely to the enthusiasm of Jonathan Sage of Group 4 wheels. Jonathan has already built up a reputation for low volume, high-quality replicas like his Campagnolo variants for classic 911s and Ferraris. Like us, he knew that the modern Fuchs-look wheels just didn't look right, but together with wheel designer, Chris Biesty, he had the means and the vision to do something about it and, a couple of years ago, we were privy to some CAD images that really fired us up.

Jonathan knew that there was no way of changing the offset on the wheel, but he figured that if the shape of the wheel centre was altered, then a dish effect could be achieved. He did this by effectively bending the top of the spoke of the wheel back, thereby creating the dished look, without altering the offset. Simple, but very effective and also giving the wheel a distinct and different take on the Fuchs look.

Drawing the wheel is one thing, investing

in tooling and manufacturing is another. Getting ill for the best part of 18-months is also another thing, but Jonathan was out of action and the wheel project was on ice until he recuperated. Caring souls that we are, we had wondered why he'd gone a bit quiet, but when he got back in touch, we resolved to help out in any way we could.

We discussed options and Jonathan

reckoned that initially an 18in wheel (8.5in

front/10in rear) would satisfy demand from

course, Boxster and Cayman, 944, 968 and

even 928. Way to go. Wheel designer, Chris

Biesty (ex Compomotive and now with his

own B-Star Wheels Ltd), drew the wheel for

964 right up to 997 applications plus, of

the manufacturer. The original Fuchs design was never conceived to be particularly lightweight, and that follows in its modern iteration, but never the less up to date CAD design allows for strength to be added in all the right areas, while keeping weight to a minimum. As such, the Group 4 wheel weighs in at 10.7kg front and 11.3kg rear,



Deep dish Fuchs are all about racing 911s – RSs, RSRs, Turbos et al

which is lighter than, say, an equivalent sized 996 GT3 split-rim BBS. Well, there's no point in adding weight is there?

Jonathan has the wheels manufactured in Italy, using top grade motorsport aluminium and in the same factory that many OE manufacturers use, plus other aftermarket manufacturers, like OZ. The casting and









machining is state-of-the-art and the results do rather speak for themselves, and when Jonathan fired the first pics over of the completed wheels, straight from the factory, we were completely bowled over. There is no question that they look absolutely right and easily the best modern interpretation of the Fuchs wheel yet.

as possible, a job that was made easy thanks to Paul Stephens and his ever eclectic stock, plus a couple of 911&PW staff machines in the shape of editor Bennett's 996 C2 and Dep Ed Fraser's 986 Boxster. And the results? Well, see for yourself. Gold centres on a hot-rod 964? That works. Black on a 964 RS inspired C2 yellow 968? Well, perhaps not quite...

We've enjoyed being part of this project and the wheels are available as of now. Indeed some have already been sold via word of mouth and pre-production pics, with the first set - in gold - going to the owner of a 964 hot-rod, who was less than keen on the £6000 he was quoted to get a set of gold centred BBS split-rims refurbed. Which brings us neatly to perhaps the best bit of all: the price. In a world that seems to have additional tax on anything Porsche related, simply because, somewhere along the line it's become acceptable for Porsche owners to be financially rogered, Jonathan has priced his wheels at an astonishingly reasonable £1250+VAT for black or anthracite centre wheels, or £1450+VAT for coloured centres. Even including a set of decent N-rated boots, you could transform the look of your car for not much more than

We don't think he'll be able to make and sell them fast enough... PW

OK, so it could do with being a little lower, but expect these wheels to fly on 996 retro builds



There is no question that there is that they look absolutely right

Influenced by the various colour options of the RS models, Jonathan had an initial batch of wheels made up with various coloured centres, plus, of course, the more classic option of black and the modern favourite that is anthracite. The next job was to throw them at as many different Porsches in Maritime Blue? Awesome. Black again on Bennett's 996 and Fraser's Boxster (see Projects p106)? Both were visibly moved at the visual effect. Colours? All looked good on a white 964 in an RS way, while anthracite worked nicely on wheel designer, Chris Biesty's, 986 Boxster. Green on a







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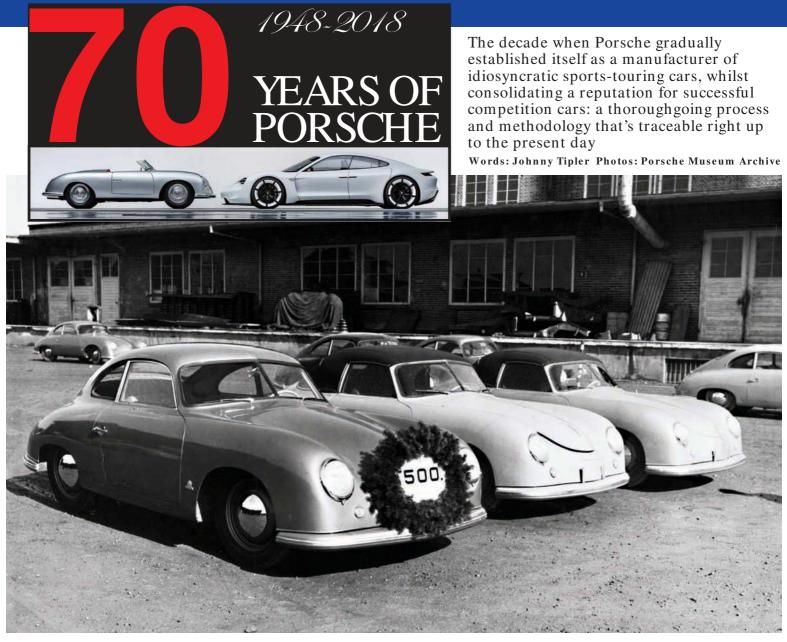
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determination of Ferry Porsche and the coterie of people surrounding him in 1950, who were in thrall to his unjustly incarcerated father, we wouldn't be driving and enjoying the products we do today. The legacy he created in the 1950s after his father's death laid the foundations for today's eclectic range of Porsches, whose lineage can be traced right back to its genesis in 1948 and earlier. And there's a powerful element of serendipity about it all, given the post-war shambles that Europe was in; you just have to consider how lucky Volkswagen was to be effectively rescued and placed in harness by REME officer Major Ivan Hirst, rather than falling prey to other less benign forces. Fittingly, the Porsche family retained their association with VW, rooted in the VW

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fortunate. If it weren't for

the commitment and

ourselves very

So, the new decade begins with a dealer meeting at VW's Wolfsburg HQ, to which Porsche brought along a 356 Coupé and Cabriolet, securing 37 firm orders in the process. There were 53 pre-existing Gmundbuilt 356s, but Reutter had only recently

Beetle, of course, as well as dovetailing into

the Volkswagen service network with a

contract signed in September 1948.

completed the first Stuttgart-built steel bodyshell, signed off just before Easter 1950.

It was also time to establish the company nomenclature: Dr. Ing. F. Porsche GmbH replaced a similar name, skirting an awkward compensation claim by a pre-war director of the firm. However, it took a further two years before the badge deriving from the Stuttgart coat of arms that adorns the front lid of every Porsche product was designed and adopted. Onwards and upwards.

STANDOUT EVENTS AND **EVOLUTIONS:** 1950

- The new company name is instituted: Dr. Ing. F. Porsche GmbH. This replaces the existing Dr Ing h.c F. Porsche GmbH, sidestepping a situation wherein the company was technically still under the control of the occupying Allied forces.
- The Augustenstrasse, Stuttgart-based coachwork manufacturer Reutter completes first 356 coupe body. Ferry Porsche considered that the optimum shape for the front of the car was crucial to driver visibility, hence the 356's sloping front lid and prominent wings, identifying the wheels' location, making it easier to position the car

on the road, especially in corners. Much later, in 1963, the Reutter coachbuilding firm was bought by Porsche, though the Reutter family switched over to making high-end seats: the Recaro brand name is an amalgamation of Reutter and Carosserien.

• The first car is signed off at the Stuttgart plant (rented from Reutter) on Maundy Thursday, Easter 1950. Two years later, this car, nicknamed 'The Greyhound', is written off in a collision when test driver Rolf Wütherich is cut up on the autobahn. Rolf went on to survive James Dean's fatal crash in his 550 Spyder in 1955. We'll meet him again in the '60s.

It didn't take long for production to get going and, in 1951, the 500th 356 rolled off the line at the Reutter (logo below) rented Stuttgart plant Right: Porsche's Le Mans adventure starts in 1951, with two 356 Coupes entered, with characteristic aerodynamic aluminium spats over the wheels.

Nicknamed the 'Aluminium can' by the mechanics, it scored a class win in the 75 lcc—1100cc Class

- The first Beutler 356 cabriolet is built at their workshops on Gwattstrasse in Thun s Dürrenast district in Switzerland.
- Herbert Linge is the first workman to be hired. Born in Weissach, Linge joined Porsche as an apprentice in 1943, and was the first mechanic hired when the firm relocated from Gmund to Stuttgart, where he was involved in the construction of the original 356, which was built by a group of 12 people. In 1952 he was sent to the States to set up the service network for the US franchise.
- · Dr Ernst Fuhrmann designs the four-cam "Carrera" engine. A firm with as exalted a competition history as Porsche was never going to be content to run Volkswagenderived drivetrains, and it was only a matter of time before Porsche came up with a motor of its own. Step forward Professor Ernst Fuhrmann, a Porsche associate pre-war and a Gmund employee from the start. An expert on valve-trains, Prof Fuhrmann came up with the Type 547 Carrera engine, a landmark in the company's early history and the unit that would see it through a decade of competition. Prof Fuhrmann, who later became Porsche Technical Director in 1971 and Chairman from 1972 to 1980, drew up the first blueprints for the Carrera engine during autumn '52. This engine used a complex system of bevels and shafts for the valve-train, as well as a dry- $\verb"sum"\,p-lubrication" system. Further"$ distinguishing it was an aluminium block with chrome-plated cylinder walls and twin-spark ignition. The configuration of the VW-derived flat-four was maintained, though its major evolution was the use of four overhead cam shafts driven by quill-shafts and spiral bevelgears. Each bank of cylinders was fuelled by Solex 40 P11-4 twin-choke carbs, and lubrication was via a dry-sump system with separate oil tank to ensure optimum lubrication during high-speed cornering. The original 1498cc version developed a lusty 100bhp at a soaring 6200rpm, an increase of 25bhp on the most powerful contemporary pushrod of the 1600 Super.
- At the Paris Salon, New Yorker Max Hoffmann comes on board as US concessionaire. His enthusiasm will have a profound impact on Porsche sales across the
- With 298 cars sold by year's end, a production rate of between five and six cars a



week indicates the level of output.

• On 19th November, founder of the dynasty, Professor Ferdinand Porsche, suffers a stroke, from which he succumbs on 30th January 1951, aged 75.

1951

- The 356 spec now includes Ate/Lockheed brakes, instead of the stopgap VW hydraulic system. Engines are built in Stuttgart, incorporating aluminium heads cast by Karl Schmidt at Neckarsulm, with chromed barrels made by Mahle, giving 1300cc.
- On 21st March, work pauses for an hour to mark the production of the 500th car.
- · Le Mans is the inevitable barometer of competition success and, in late 1950, racing driver Charles Faroux invites Ferry Porsche to enter two cars for the 24-Hour race. It's only the third running of the 24 Hours since WW2. and the small Porsche KG race team lease a workshop in nearby Teloché. Two 356 SL (Sport Light) Gmünd Coupés are entered. with aluminium body and bulbous wheel spats, nicknamed the 'Aluminium Can' by the mechanics. The 1086 cc flat-four develops 46bhp, enabling a 160kph top speed. Veuillet and Edmond Mouche win the 751cc to 1100cc class and are classified 20th overall. Their 356 covers 2840km without a problem, averaging 118.36kph, and their class victory secures a grid spot for the following year.
- Long distance rallies are also in vogue;
 Von Guilleaume/von der Muhle are 3rd overall
 and win their class in the Liege-Rome-Liege

- rally with their 356
- On 28th August, the 1000th Porsche comes off the line.
- On 29th September, four drivers led by racing director Huschke von Hanstein set new international records at Montlhéry Autodrome, Paris, in a 356 SL fitted with aero top. Record breaking was a theme that the company returned to several times, since it showcased technical prowess and drew favourable publicity.

1952

- Replacing the two-section bent screen, a one-piece windshield is introduced. The 356 coupé's rear cabin also offers a folding seat.
- The definitive Porsche emblem/logo is introduced, featuring the Stuttgart coat of arms, while the antlers and red and black stripes are taken from the arms of the Free Peoples' State of Wurttemberg. The Stuttgart prancing horse had already been adopted by a certain Italian marque, on account of being handed down by an Italian air ace as a souvenir from a downed WW1 German fighter plane whose pilot hailed from Stuttgart. Reutter's logo also features a rearing equestrian theme, albeit with a mounted rider.
- Three 1086cc 356s run at Le Mans; Veuillet/Mouche place 11th overall and win their class.
- In August, Ferry Porsche sails to New York aboard the SS Queen Elizabeth to present the Type 542 four-door sedan to Studebaker; two prototypes were built with



A styling tidy up in 1952 saw the twopiece bent windscreen replaced with a single curved screen. The rear cabin also gained a folding seat



 $3\,0\,5\,4\,cc$ V 6 engines, one air-cooled, the other water-cooled.

- Two Porsches are entered for the daunting Carrera Panamericana, the 2000-mile road-race along the mountainous spine of Mexico. Competing in the Sport Menor class are a 356 Coupe 1500 and a 356 hardtop Cabriolet 1500 belonging to Prince Alfons von Hohenlohe, the Mexican VW concessionaire, and crewed by Count Constantin von Berkheim and Herbert Linge, and Prince Paul von Metternich and Manuel de Teffé. Prince Metternich finishes 8th overall in the 356 Cabriolet. This Cabriolet, incidentally, was the first Porsche ever to be fitted with a synchromesh gearbox.
 - \bullet The Type 540 America Roadster appears.

1953

• A pair of mid-engined 1.5-litre Type 550 coupés run at Le Mans, where von Frankenberg/Frère come 15th overall, with Herrmann/Glöckler 16th. The 550 Coupes then did a couple of races at the Avus and Nürburgring, driven by Glöckler and Herrmann, then both were sold to the Automobile Club of Guatemala in Central America. Chassis 550-01 was back in action at July 2010's Goodwood Festival of Speed, having been totally restored with original running gear and a fresh bodyshell by the

Naples, Florida-based Collier Collection, and resplendent in its '53 Carrera Panamericana livery.

• Guatemalan Porsche importer Jaroslav Juhan runs the two 550 coupés in the '53 Carrera Panamericana, and Jose Herrarte wins the up-to-1600cc class.

1954

- \bullet On 15th March, the 5000th Porsche was produced.
- · Based on a ladder chassis with $independent\ torsion\ bar\ suspension\ a\, II\ ro\, u\, n\, d\, ,$ the 550 Spyder debuts the four-cam Fuhrmann "Carrera" engine. The chassis is clad in an open-top aluminium body, created originally by Weinsberg and then made by Wendler at Reutlingen. Power comes from the 1498cc Type 547 four-cam flat-four, developing 110bhp at 6200rpm, and the much rarer factory small-bore 1089cc version is good for 72bhp at a screaming 7000rpm None of these 1098cc four-cam engines ever made their way into private hands. W orks cars raced in 1954 at the Mille Miglia, Reims 12-Hours. The Eifelrennen and Le Mans in the hands of Hans Herrmann, Johnny Claes and Richard von Frankenburg, among others, scoring several class wins against form idable opposition from Borgward, E.M.W., OSCA and Maserati. The first cars were delivered to

private owners towards the end of 1954, and the design altered subtly when chassis number 0016 emerged late in the year, with the upright headlights that characterised the preceding run of cars now massaged into a more laid-back position, and the curvaceous hindquarters smoothed out. Only 137 examples of the 550 Spyder were built.

- Porsche takes the first four places in the support race at the Grand Prix of Europe at the N \bar{u} rburgring.
- On the Mille Miglia, Hans Herrmann has a narrow escape in his 550 Spyder (with Herbert Linge co-driving), driving beneath a lowered railway crossing barrier when a train is approaching, going on to finish 6th overall.
- Hans Herrmann places 3rd overall on La Carrera Panamericana, and the Carrera ("Race") name is used thereafter by Porsche to identify sports models.
- A three-piece aluminium crankcase replaces two-piece magnesium for the flatfour engine.
- The Type 597 Jagdwagen jeep was introduced, powered by the rear-mounted 356 flat-four, and capable of tackling a 65-degree incline. Intended for the German military, the Porsche tender was beaten on price by DKW /Auto-Union's Munga. Constructed by Karmann, 71 examples of the Jagdwagen (hunting car) were made, with 49 going into the civilian market.

Origin of the Carrera name (and Panamera to an extent) can be traced back to 1953, when Guatemalan Porsche importer, Jaroslav Juhan, entered two 550 Coupes in the Mexican Carrera Panamericana event, with driver Jose Herrarte winning the up-to-1600cc class

Hans Herrmann and Herbert Linge on the 1954 Mille Miglia. They survived a lowered railway barrier and an oncoming train to finish sixth overall in a 550 Spyder







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1955

•New 110bhp 356 Carrera is unveiled at the Frankfurt show: private owners now have access to a truly competitive Porsche.

- A number of Coupé models carry the name "Continental" on their front wings.
- Movie idol James Dean is killed in his 550 Spyder, *On route* to a race meeting at Salinas, California, when a carpulls out across his path. its driver allegedly blinded by the sun.
- The 550A Spyder of Glöckler/Seidel wins its class in the Mille Miglia, placing 8th overall.
- Despite the notorious tragedy unfolding, the 1498cc 550 Spyder of Polensky/von Frankenberg comes 4th overall at Le Mans, followed by Gendebien/Seidel in 5th and Glöckler/Juhan in 6th.
- The 356A is introduced in October for the 1956 model year: 1300, 1300S, 1600, 1600S and 1500GS Carrera; Coupé, Cabriolet and Speedster versions.
- The 356A Speedster T1 appears in

 A utum n '55 and, like all Speedsters, is built by

 Reutter in Stuttgart, attested by the badge on
 the lower right front wing. Production of this
 series numbers 1850 units, with two 1600cc
 flat-four engines available: the 60bhp 616/2

'Super'. The aluminium-cased 644 gearbox is introduced in 1956, while the steering switches to worm and-peg and the front suspension incorporates eight-leaf torsion bars, all of which are significant upgrades from the VW parts used previously — an inexorable drive towards technical and mechanical independence.

1956

In March, the company relocates into its former Zuffenhausen premises, only relinquished by the US military on 1st December 1955. The Americans had wanted to turn it into a cholera hospital but the disease was alleviated.

Porsche tractors are in production in the Dornier-Zeppelin factory at Friedrich shafen: four basic models, 1-cylinder, 2-cylinder, 3-cylinder and 4-cylinder versions are available. The Porsche 'Volks-schlepper' tractor was originally devised in 1934 at the behest of Adolf Hitter who sought an agricultural vehicle to match his people's car. The Porsche tractor models succeeded those made by Allgaier, the firm that Porsche took over in 1950, with

the tractors from 1956 to 1963. Porsche

• Engine capacity rose by 100cc when the 356A 1600GS was launched. The 1600 Carrera was technically similar to its sibling, with larger bores, and a one-piece forged crankshaft running in plain bearings. The twinplug ignition and the two twin-choke Solex 40 PJJ-4 carbs were retained, while a few cars were fitted with Weber 40 DCM-1 carbs. The twin distributors were driven from the crankshaft, rather than the intake cam shafts on the 1500 Carrera engine. The four-speed gearbox was available with alternative ratios for 2nd, 3rd and 4th, though final drive was unaltered and a limited-slip diff was a competition option, along with a straight-through exhaust, Rudge centre-lock hubs and air-intake trum pets instead of air filters. The GT's cabin interior was almost identical to the 1500 GS, apart from window lift strap and vinyl carpet, while the electrically heated windscreen was another benefit in a cabin prone to misting up.

enters his 550 Spyder with elevated strutmounted aerofoil wing aim ed at harnessing
downforce, prefiguring later exam ples of lofty

James Deans's association with Porsche and his 550 Spyder serves only to enhance the brand, despite being killed in the car *en route* to a race meeting at Salinas, California in 1955

Left: Ferry Porsche in the Le Mans pits in 1956. Below: Porsche tractors are in production in the Dornier-Zeppelin factory









1957 and the 718 RS debuts at Le Mans, powered by a 1500cc four-cam, flat-four producing 142bhp. Right: Porsche 356A Cabriolet squad cars are in service with police forces in four countries

rear wings such as that of the Chaparral 2F of 1967 and Lotus 49 of 1969.

- Umberto Maglioli and Huschke von Hanstein win the Targa Florio outright in their 550 Spyder. Porsche thereby gains another 'name' to identify its open-top Targa models.
- At Berlin's Avus, Richard von Frankenberg flies spectacularly off the banked North Turn; his 550 Spyder explodes in the paddock below, while he is caught in a tree. Von Frankenburg was thus spared so he could carry on with his day job, which was editing Porsche's in-house *Christophorus* magazine.
- At Le Mans, the 550A coupé of von Trips/von Frankenberg places 5th overall.
- The 356A Speedster is introduced to satisfy the lucrative US market.

1957

- Ferry's son Butzi Porsche joins the company as stylist under Erw in Komenda, producing the first renderings for the 901 soon after.
- In May 1957, Porsche offers two versions of the 356 Carrera Speedster, the GS de Luxe for road use and the GS/GT for competition use. The main differences between the two are weight and performance. The Gran Sport 'de Luxe' version is fitted with a heater and smaller 30mm carburettor venturii for a better torque curve. At the same price, Porsche also offers the GT version, which is more powerful than the GS, having a Sebring sports exhaust, Perspex side windows, but no heater or sound deadening. Up front, an enlarged long-

range fuel tank is fitted. Front brakes are 550 RS units, 10 mm thicker, with cooling scoops. The torsion bars are set up at the rear to provide 1-degree of negative camber. Offered in both Coupé and Speedster format, the GT version was considerably lighter than any previous 356. The first Carrera GTs were raced in 1957 at the Reims 12-Hours by Huschke von Hanstein and Wilhelm Hild, running with larger pistons to make a displacement of 1529cc. They won their class and finished 6th and 7th overall.

- Victory in the 1957 Liege-Rome-Liege rally goes to Claude Storez in a 356
 Speedster Carrera and, in the same car, he and Robert Buchet also place 5th overall in the Tour de France Automobile.
- The spaceframe-chassis 718 RS debuts at Le Mans, driven by Maglioli/Barth. The 718 supersedes the 550 Spyder, and is built on an aluminium-panelled spaceframe chassis, rather than a backbone chassis like the 550's. The 718 weighs just 530kg (1146lb), and is powered by the 1498cc four-cam Carrera flatfour, developing 142bhp at 7500rpm, deployed via transaxle and five-speed gearbox. That helps explain why it was so effective on a twisty circuit or hillclimb. The 718 RSK is a rare car, with just 32 made. It evolved into the RS60 in 1960 when rule changes called for a taller windscreen.
- Porsche 356A Cabriolet squad cars are in service with police forces in four countries.
- A stream lined Speedster Carrera is

attempts at Monza

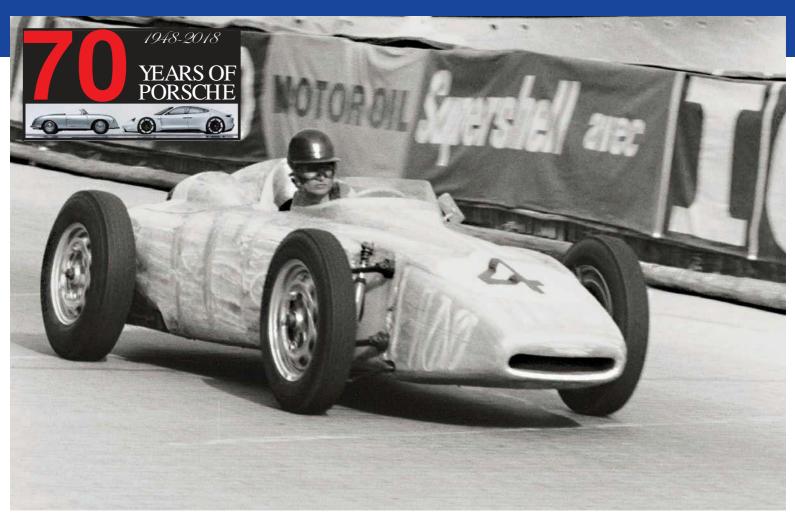
1958

- The 356 Speedster D is introduced for the 1959 model year. It's a cross between Speedster and Cabriolet, with bodies built by Drauz in Heilbronn. The Speedster is subsequently dropped, so the model is redesignated as the Convertible D.
 - The 1300 engine is discontinued.
- A single-seater 550 Spyder with central seating position is entered by French ace Jean Behra in the Formula 2 race at Reims' French Grand Prix curtain-raiser.
- The Type 718 RSK of Behra/Herrmann places 3rd overall at Le Mans, with Barth/Frere 4th in another 718 RSK, and 550A Spyders in 5th and 6th.
- In late 1958 the new T2 body style is released, and Porsche offers an improved version of the Carrera GT, both as a Coupé or Speedster, fitted with aluminium doors and engine lids. With louvres on the rear deck and an opening for the fuel filler cap on the front hood, other refinements include a larger steering box, stronger front spindles and improved transmission. Aluminium is also used for the bucket-seat frames, two-piece wheels with alloy inserts, and aluminium trim strips for the bumpers. We are still in the realms of miniscule numbers: less than ten were fitted with four-cam Carrera engines.
- German nobleman Wolfgang von Trips clinches the European Mountain Climb

Below: Jean Behra in a single-seater version of the 550 Spyder at Reims in 1958. Right: Le Mans, 1958. Jurgen Barth and Paul Frere place fourth in a 718 RSK







Championship in a works 718K Spyder at the Gaisberg hillclimb. Dating back to 1930, the European Hillclimb championship was instigated as an FIA-sanctioned series in 1957, when runs were staged at six different venues across Europe. Porsche annexes the Europa-Bergmeisterschaft as its own happy hunting ground for the next two decades, as we shall see, winning the title 22 years running, from 1958 to 1980.

1959

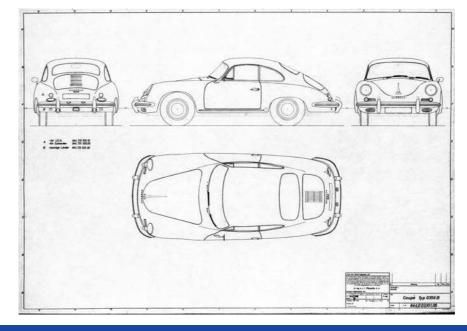
- In September '59, the 356A is superseded by the 356B for the 1960 model year.
- Ferry Porsche celebrates his 50th birthday.
- Reutter is still making 25 bodies a month for the 356 production line for which Porsche pay them $\mathfrak{L}450$ each.
- Optional extras across the 356 range include a chrome luggage rack; bumper bowbars; vent-wings to deflect the airstream when the windows are open; a dashboard clock; mesh headlamp protectors; Sebring competition exhaust.
- Porsche participates in the F1 Monaco Grand Prix – though Wolfgang von Trips parks the F2 open-wheel 718 after just two laps due to a collision. Maria-Teresa de Filipis is the second Porsche driver, but it's the works' only GP outing in '59.
- A Type 718 RSK wins the Targa Florio outright in the hands of Edgar Barth (Jürgen's dad) and Wolfgang Seidel, confirming Porsche's superiority on the 70-mile lap Sicilian road race, which we'll see much more of in the 1960s.
- In the Sebring 12-Hours, 718 RSKs take 3rd, 4th and 5th places, followed by 4th, 6th and 7th at the Nürburgring 1000kms, and 2nd for Wolfgang von Trips and Jo Bonnier in the Tourist Trophy at Goodwood, earning Porsche

3rd place in the World Sportscar Championship standings behind Aston Martin and Ferrari.

• Twenty lightweight 356 Carrera GTLs are ordered from Carlo Abarth. The lightweight Abarth-bodied 356 Carrera is intended to keep Porsche ahead of the contemporary Lotus Elite and Alfa Romeo's Giulietta Sprint GT and SVZ in the up-to-1600cc class on the international racing scene. The prevailing FIA regs allowed a different body to be used, provided it didn't lower the car's weight below the 1712lb limit. So, in mid-1959, Porsche asked Wendler and Milan-based Carrozzeria Zagato to quote for making coupé shells for the 356. Zagato was already producing such bodies for Carlo Abarth's diminutive Fiat-

based racers, and Abarth pursued Ferry Porsche, technical director Klaus von Rücker and sales manager Walter Schmidt at the '59 Frankfurt show, offering to make 20 bodies for a million lire each. Ferry agreed on the condition that Abarth created a prototype by mid-October '59, and interim meetings with Porsche engineer Franz-Xavier Reimspiess identified specific requirements such as engine-bay vents and oil-tank location. Abarth, who also wanted to make and sell the finished product independently of Porsche, hired designer Franco Scaglione to draw the body and engaged Zagato to create them - though in the event they were fabricated by the Torinese Carrozzeria Viarenzo & Filliponi. More on the Abarth-Carreras next month! ${f PW}$

Above: 1959 and Porsche enters the Monaco Grand Prix, with Wolfgang von Trips and Maria-Teresa de Filipis (pictured). Below: Porsche introduces the 356B for the 1960 model year





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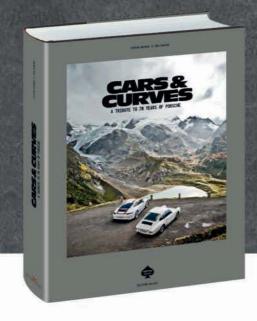
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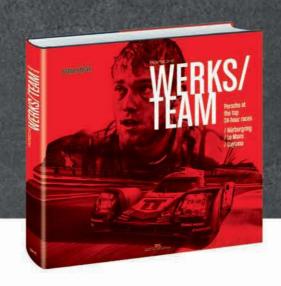
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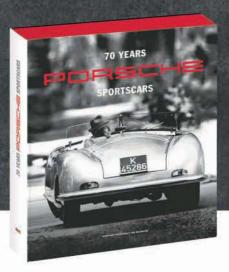


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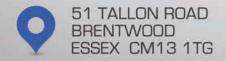


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Arguably one of the big milestones in 911 development, it's 30 years since the 964 first debuted – we celebrate with three chips off a familiar block



0 years is a long time in automotive development but if you parked a line of 911s from 1963 901 through to current 991 most people could trace the path of evolution. But even if you think you know your Porsches the more dramatic moments in that history are sometimes less obvious than the visual ones, the fact casual observers could mistake the 964 for little more than a lightly modernised G-series a case in point.

Yet, along with the switch from air to water cooling, the 964 is one of the decisive moments in 911 history and the 30th anniversary of its first appearance well worth celebrating. Technically and in mindset the 964 is the first modern 911, Porsche realising there were many more profitable ways to skin the same cat and laying the groundwork for the bewilderingly broad line up we see today with its Carrera 2s, Carrera 4s, Targas, narrowbodies, widebodies, Turbos, RS versions and various limited edition specials.

To keep things manageable we've picked examples of the core Carrera, Turbo and RS models on which to pin this celebration. To use a navigational analogy there's a scenic route through the 964 story with all sorts of interesting diversions, cul-de-sacs and paths less travelled. For now we'll be sticking to the trunk roads.

The fact you're reading this magazine probably means you have a better appreciation than most of what the 964 stands for. But it's worth reflecting that for the 21 years leading up to the 964's launch the 911 had remained fundamentally the same. While it gained in wheelbase, power, wings and other adornments for those two decades the fundamental development philosophy was one of if it ain't broke don't fix it. Eventually Porsche realised there was a desperate need to modernise the car without scaring off the fans for whom the fundamental look and layout were sacred. These seemingly opposing influences can be found throughout the 911's history and, in the 964, the conservative visual changes hid





much more radical ones under the skin.

The commonly quoted statistic is that the 964 was 85 per cent new compared with the G-series it replaced. A forensic parts audit would prove that decisively either way but would be a deeply tedious exercise so instead let's look at the more obvious

ventilation system. It might have looked oldschool. But the 964 was a dramatic example of the 911 getting with the times.

Originally inspired by the desire to include a four-wheel drive option the 964 was, literally, new from the floorpan up. This was to accommodate the propshaft and

engine was all-new and featured twin-plug ignition and more sophisticated electronic control. Those still undecided about whether a 911 looked better with or without a wing had their prayers answered by a deployable one that maintained the clean, traditional silhouette at rest but emerged above 50mph for a steadying influence at higher speeds. A manual override meant those equating aero with manhood could park up with the wing extended if a visible demonstration of virility was required.

OK, as a Porsche fan you probably knew all this already. But it's worth digesting and provides an excuse to gather these three cars together and appreciate the 964 where it really counts – from the driver's seat.

Let's start with the Carrera, this of course being the foundation on which any 911 range is built. Keen to promote its new technology, the 964 actually launched in

Dan is the man, particularly when he's at the wheel of a roughty, toughty 964 RS up on Blakey Ridge on the North York Moors

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developments. These include the introduction of a four-wheel drive option, the first proper automatic gearbox on a 911, power steering, ABS and something resembling a fully-functioning heating and

other hardware while the suspension was substantially modernised with coil springs all round and aluminium lower trailing arms at the rear. Powertrain-wise the G50 gearbox was carried over but the 3.6-litre





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1989 as the four-wheel drive Carrera 4, the rear-driven Carrera 2 only following in the 1990 model year. Ideally we'd have a 4 here to start the story but clean, original Carreras are few and far between and this beautiful Tiptronic coupe has interest of its own.

With just over 32,000 miles on the clock it feels remarkably fresh too, its paintwork gleaming and interior impressively unmarked. Of course, anyone buying a 964 these days needs to do so with eyes open to the fact bodywork can make the difference between a dream come true and an expensive nightmare. But fundamentally the car hails from an era when Porsches

were properly over-engineered, obvious in the little tactile details like the slop-free action of the door catches, the thickness of the leather and the unpretentious but solidly screwed together interior fittings.

This car's pre-airbag four-spoke steering wheel is delightfully slim-rimmed, hinting at a delicacy in the driving experience to come. Although the five-dial dash layout is in keeping with Porsche tradition the driving position is more conventional, with less of the skewed, legs to the centre of the car contortion demanded by older 911s.

Although appreciably more comfortable and modern there's little to freak out those coming from a G-series, the clear intention

being to calm any nerves that the 964's mechanical changes were going to dilute the character. So the power-assisted steering still has weight to it. And the view out of the upright windscreen is pure 911, likewise the compact on-road footprint and confidence this inspires in the driver.

The Tiptronic on this car is an important example of how Porsche wanted the 964 to speak to a wider audience. While 911s had sold well in America and other markets where automatic gearboxes are traditionally popular, the failure of Sportomatic to capture the imagination left the 911 without an automatic option for a decade.

These days we're used to instantaneous

They don't come much more original than this 964 C2, in grey and still sporting its 'flag' style mirrors

Interior is solidly put together and the leather generous and thick. And yes it's a Tiptronic, but that's significant because it was Porsche's first modern 911 automatic option









The 3.6-litre flat-six was largely new and featured twin-plug ignition and produced 250bhp, up from the 230bhp of the previous gen Carrera 3.2

Looks good doesn't

it? Front and rear

aprons, plus side

skirts smooth the 911's profile

shifts from fast-reacting PDK gearboxes equally capable of shifting themselves or manually by paddle or stick. Tiptronic was an example of Porsche attempting to put a sporting twist on the conventional automatic gearbox but shows how far transmission technology has come on.

In its day the option to operate as a conventional automatic or offer the driver manual overrides in a separate plus and minus shift plane was about as involving as self-shifters got. There's no escaping it blunts the reactions of the 250ps/246bhp 3.6 though, torque converters and highrevving, naturally-aspirated motors never an especially happy pairing.

Which isn't to damn the experience completely. Because a 964 Carrera of any type is a lovely thing to drive. There's flow and compliance to the suspension that

enhances the good things about the 911's fundamental layout, while smoothing some of the rougher edges. One advantage of the Tiptronic is the ease with which you can use your left foot to trail the brakes into the corners, settling the front end and giving a

but a little slower on the way down through the gears, the larger gaps between the four ratios making it harder to find stabilising engine braking on corner approach. But it's a satisfying machine in its own right, the Carrera's unadorned simplicity and relative

6 6 Manual mode offers a degree more control, upshifting promptly

more decisive turn-in while overlapping your throttle input to make the most of that trademark corner exit traction. The manual mode offers a degree more control, upshifting promptly with a tap of the stick

daintiness compared with modern cars translating to the driving experience as well as the looks.

The Turbo is a very different experience, not least for its mechanical link to the





previous generation of cars and adoption of an evolved version of the 930's 3.3-litre turbocharged six. Fitted with a larger turbocharger and intercooler the 964 Turbo took the 930's 300ps/296bhp and 317lb ft

eke the top speed out to 167mph.

They may be based on the same foundations but the look and feel of the Turbo are chalk and cheese. On its dainty 16-inch wheels the narrow bodied Carrera

on the three-spoke wheel offering a hint you'll need something to hold onto once that turbo spools up. This 43,000-mile example is fresh out of restoration and up for a substantial £200,000, demonstrating decisively that this previously underappreciated model is now chasing its super rare S version and the later Turbo 3.6 into truly collectable status.

It's a Turbo all right! Big, fixed tea-tray rear wing is a Turbo trademark carried over from the 930





The Carrera looks positively meek next to the fat-arched Turbo



and uprated it to 320ps/316bhp and 332lb ft. Although it weighed 130kg more than the final iteration of the 930, the 964 Turbo took a symbolic tenth off the 0-62mph time to record five seconds dead while the newer car's much improved aerodynamics helped

looks positively meek beside the fat-arched and whaletailed Turbo, the 964 picking up from where the 930 left off and putting a sleeker, more modern looking twist on the unabashed muscularity of the '80s classic.

It's the same inside too, the chunky rim

This one has a thrillingly assertive tickover and growls its way around town with a classic boxer six burble. At these speeds it's already a more muscular feeling car than the Carrera, the sense of pent-up force tickling the hairs on the back of your

Once the roads open out the Turbo's engine subsides to a quiet whoosh, impressive flexibility off boost meaning it's effortless to drive at what might be

neck even when just pootling about.

Left: Fat arches cover wide for the era rear wheels. Below: You'll need those wide-bolstered Sports seats when the going gets twisty







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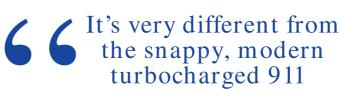
described as a brisk cruise. As with all oldschool Turbos though there's a whole different character once it spools up, the high-pitched whistle from behind you accompanied by an assertive rush of acceleration that always feels like the car is getting just a little carried away with itself. It's very different from the snappy responses of a modern turbocharged 911, that sense of the boost remaining even when you come off the throttle meaning you often arrive at corners carrying just a little more speed than you anticipated.

Strong brakes mean this is rarely a problem, but where in the Carrera you tend to keep a fairly steady speed through the corners the Turbo is a more a process driven experience of bursts of acceleration between them. You don't pitch the Turbo into the turns on its nose, you take your time to settle it, carry your speed through and then hope you've timed your

acceleration correctly to get that rush of boost on exit and up the next straight.

320ps/316bhp isn't a huge amount of power by modern standards but a drive in a Turbo is always rewarding and exciting, albeit one that makes very different demands of you compared with the Carrera. and modern equivalents bristle with NACA ducts, wing vents and race car scale aero appendages, the 964 presents a very different proposition. Parked next to the Carrera its lower stance, the camber of the rear wheels and the way the tyres seemingly scrape the arches are all

Performance is assertive, with 316bhp, although nothing copared with the frankly mind-bending performance of a modern 911 Turbo



A grand tourer with just a hint of menace, it's different enough to feel like a separate car in its own right, not simply a variant within a model range.

And so to the RS. Where its '70s predecessors wore stickers and ducktails

giveaways, likewise the cage visible through the rear screen. But other than that the RS looks pretty much like a standard narrow-bodied Carrera, perhaps one of the reasons it was so misunderstood and undervalued early in its life. Seems

Below: Three-piece Speedline wheel with polished rim added a touch a bling to the Turbo's otherwise understated appearance









The 964 RS got a modest increase in power to 260 bhp but, hooked up to a lightweight flywheel, it felt a lot more rev hungry

Compared to Porsche's current 911 RS offerings, the

964 RS is brilliantly

understated, with

little more than its

ride height as a

visual clue

laughable given what they go for now but there was a time people just thought it was a harsh, noisy and uncomfortable Carrera without a significant enough on-paper performance advantage to make the compromises worth living with.

As a left-hand drive car this one doesn't have the power steering fitted to UK market versions, window winders and a blanking plate where the stereo would normally be proving its credentials as a 'proper' RS and not the optimistically described 'touring' version that offered such indulgences as electric windows and air con. This side of the fully stripped N/GT this is the purist RS and an absolute high water mark for factory-built drivers' 911s.

Against the opulence of the Turbo the interior of the RS is a lesson in neatly finished minimalism, the fixed racing buckets still leather trimmed and the interior

ostensibly complete. But stripped back to the absolute basics, the smaller RS wheel, flat door cards with looped fabric releases and mirror full of roll cage leaving you in no doubt of this car's priorities.

Engaging first gear and releasing the

response is simply magical, the lightweight flywheel meaning there's very little inertia in the engine and nothing to impede its reactions to the pedal.

Don't go looking for the RS's talents on the spec sheet. To appreciate why this car

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The instantaneous throttle response is simply magical

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clutch for the first time is enough to confirm that impression, there being absolutely zero slack in any of the RS's controls. At parking speeds the steering wheel requires a proper heave and there's effort required to get it on the move. But the instantaneous throttle

has, finally, earned its place among the great 911s you need to drive it and understand how sound, sensation and interaction matter far, far more than numbers on a page. There are no flat spots in the engine and it picks up from low revs





with little hesitation. But the further round the rev counter the needle goes the better it gets and it's clear it's happier in the upper reaches of the range where its impatient low-rev clatter opens out into a glorious howl.

The ride is stiff and the wheel hungrily sniffs out camber and surface changes, writhing in your hands and never entirely settled. You could hoover up the miles all day long in the Carrera and do the same with more speed in the Turbo. The RS demands a lot more physical and mental effort to drive at any pace but what you put in you get out. It's so immersive not once do you wish for a stereo or anything else that might distract or dilute the experience of driving it as hard as you dare. And the more you apply yourself the better it gets, pedal placement and hairtrigger throttle response that noisily scold ham fisted attempts at rev matching smoothing out and

inspiring a well-rehearsed choreography of inputs from hands and feet.

Like any 911 driving it properly is best when you're proactive, reading the road, setting the car up for what's coming and making your steering and throttle inputs decisive and timed

truly fast takes real talent and application and here the 964 RS demonstrates a common bond with all Porsches to wear this esteemed badge. And quite what diversity there is within a range of cars many would consider represents the perfect intersection between Getting the best from the 964 RS demands a proactive driving style. It's not a car that flatters, but that's all part of the appeal

Things will get ugly if you try and drive it like a modern car

to perfection. Things will get ugly if you try and drive it like a modern car, arriving at corners with no plan and expecting the car to flatter you despite your lack of foresight. Anyone can go quickly in a modern RS Porsche. But to go

the classic 911 experience and the modern 911 experience.

There are 911s to suit all tastes. The one Porsche launched 30 years ago is in with a shout of being a definitive one though. **PW**

Fixed back buckets as introduced in the 964 Turbo, are another Porsche design classic

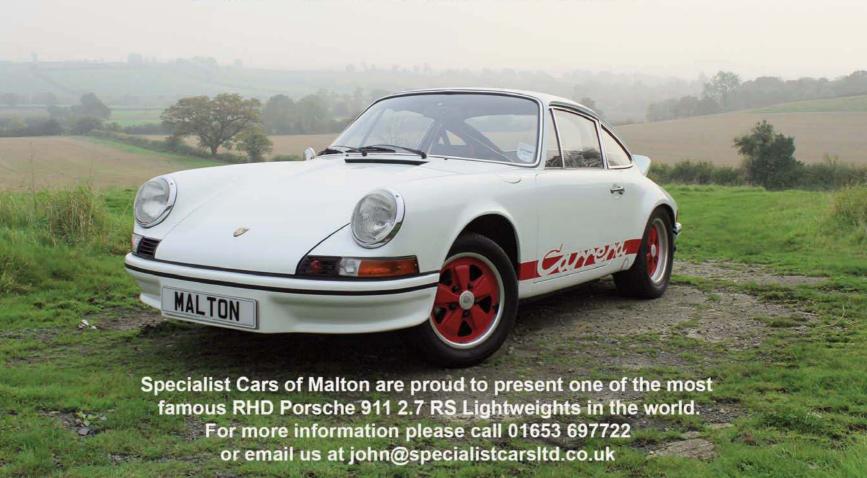




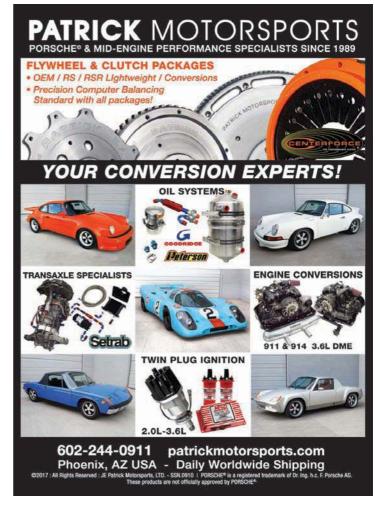


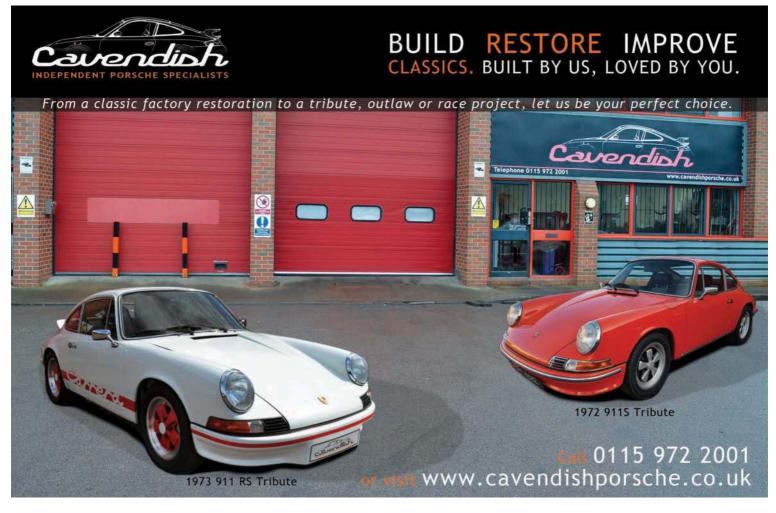
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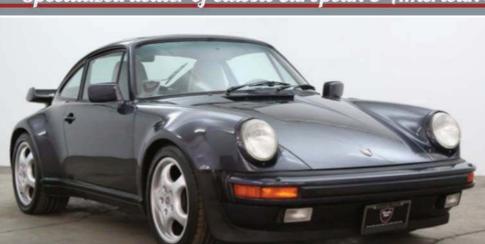








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300,000 MILES AND COUNTING

Forget everything you thought you knew about Porsche's 'chocolate' M96 engine. This 300,000-mile 996 Carrera 4 and its race-engineer owner are rapidly recalibrating decades of horror stories and thousands of forum posts...



orgive the pun, but everyone surely knows the score when it comes to Porsche's M96 engines. Imploding intermediate shaft bearings leading to catastrophic knock-on damage. Open-deck bores with a penchant for going oval and spitting out 'D'-shaped chunks of cylinder liner. Leaky RMS seals. Cracked heads. Snapped chains. Oh, and the minor matter of scored bores.

While the list goes on and on, the implications are always the same. The M96 engine debuted with the 986 Boxster in 1996, found its way into the Type-996 911 the following year and was tweaked to create the M97 upgrade that eventually powered the 987 and 997 facelift cars right up to 2009. And it is irredeemably, unforgivably chocolate. Indeed, in many ways it actually got worse over time. The first of two IMS updates was, if anything, more failure prone than the original bearing design, and bore scoring reached epidemic proportions with the later, larger M97 engines.

At least, all of the above is the usual refrain and the received wisdom that's developed over the last 20 years. But is it entirely accurate? Recently, a more nuanced narrative has begun to emerge regarding Porsche's first attempt at a fully water-cooled flat-six for the road. Maybe, just maybe, the M96 isn't so bad after all. The mega-mile 996 Carrera 4 you see on these pages is surely the poster car for that alternative version of reality. Not only does its physical bearing ooze with weapons-grade purpose. It just so happens to have well over 300,000 miles on the clock, the vast majority of which were accrued courtesy of the original 3.4-litre M96 engine, including the original IMS bearing and indeed the original gearbox. How do you like them apples, air-cooled aficionados?

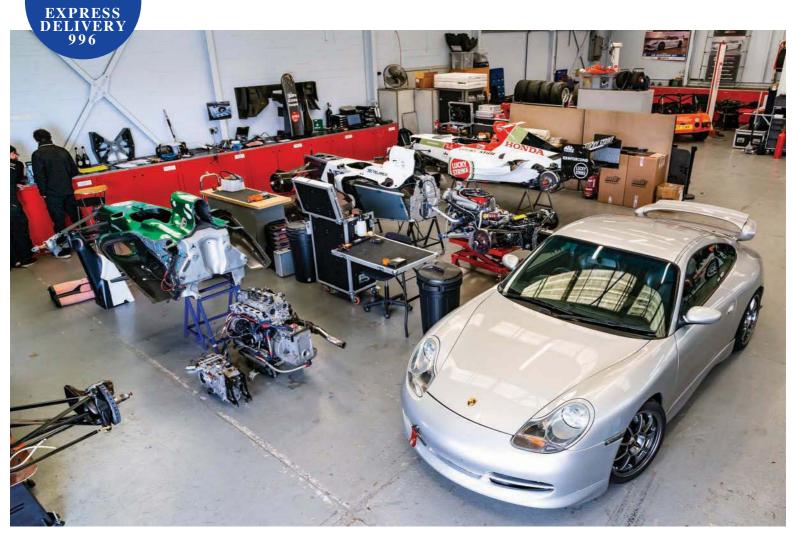
That huge mileage, however, is just part of this very particular Porsche's truly unique story. Conceived primarily to sustain high speeds over very long distances and packed with bespoke features and technology, there is surely no other 996 quite like it. Created by a race engineer based in the UK, the

character of his company's work is extremely specialised and for that reason he and many of his clients prefer to keep a low profile and remain anonymous. But if we tell you that his workshop is not only full of V10-era Formula One cars being prepped for competition by ex-F1 engineers, but also capable of doing everything from engineering gearbox internals to prototyping and 3D printing alloy components and developing engine management systems for major OEMs, you'll get a rough idea of the character of the operation. These boys are fairly serious.

In which context, it's pleasing to report our man is not only self-effacing but also carries himself with an extremely easy humour. Let's just say when you definitely know what you're doing, you often don't feel inclined to prove it. So why did he choose the 996 and what exactly is its remit? Long story short, the car is a glorified delivery van, albeit a fairly quick one.

"We operate all over the world, but most often in Europe," he explains. If something breaks on one of the race cars his outfit is supporting, it's the 996's job to deliver a





replacement, pronto. "We do have a plane and I can fly, but we're often limited by regulations with components like lithium batteries." In short, for things that can't be put on the plane, when there isn't an airfield within a few hundred kilometres of the circuit in question or if it's really urgent, it's time to roll out the 996.

"It gives us the option to get to places quite quickly. It's used as a chase car and a fire tender occasionally. But for the most part, it's a road car and it's set up as a road car, only with the fuel capacity to do 600 kilometres in one go." Achieving that requires a trick fuelling system, just one of many modifications that enable the global-trotting remit. But hold that thought. First, what is it about the 996 that makes for the ideal starting point for this type of project? For starters, packaging. "It's little. It'll go down narrow sideroads in Italy," our man explains, "but it will do that without being

massively compromised in terms of comfort. It's a nice place to sit and do 120mph." The Carrera 4 spec means it'll do that in all weathers, too.

Contrary to the 996's reputation in some quarters as a cost-cutting exercise gone too far, the car's engineering is also a factor. "A lot of the ways the 996 is put together is very 'race car'. Things like the engine installation, the way the suspension is built – it gives you a lot of options. You can easily add strength where you need it. The Carrera 4 shell is shared with the race cars and is very stiff, too. This car is 20-years and 500,000km old, but if you lift it on one corner, you'll lift three wheels. That's a relatively rare thing, especially with something as well used as this."

An example of adding strength involves the front brakes and uprights. The front calipers started as Cayenne items and have been machined and converted from lug to radial

mount. That the ABS has also been recalibrated to suit the new brake setup is an indication of both the thoroughness of the specification and the technical capability brought to bear. But the really clever bit is the uprights. They're laminated in carbon-fibre. "The factory uprights are hollow-cast aluminum. They're super-light, but not the strongest things. Wrapping them in carbon-fibre significantly increases their stiffness and stops them from cracking." Nice.

Back to that increased fuel capacity. Pop the C4's standard 996 bonnet and you're presented with a veritable Aladdin's cave of trinkets, tweaks and gadgets, all designed to help maintain high-speed, on-road uptime. Most obvious is the 33-litre fuel cell with an easy-access fuel filter situated directly on top. Combined with the standard 996 tank, total fuel capacity is 101 litres. That's handy, because this 996 hasn't only been just about

996 in its natural environment, surrounded largely by historic F1 cars of the more modern variety. Its job is to deliver parts all over Europe, at high-speed

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Next up is full data telemetry. A wide range of data is collected and the car can automatically fire off emails if a fault has been detected. The list of kit is extensive, but highlights include an AIM Evo 5 data logger, an AIM GPS08 GPS/GLONAS receiver for positioning, 2D laser ride height sensors front and rear and a tyre pressure monitor with incabin display. Another very funky feature involves the self-sealing tyres. They're filled with ballistic-grade self-sealing gel, the same

stuff that armoured cars run and capable of coping with up to 9mm rounds. "The idea is that it reacts very quickly with heat and air," our intrepid engineer explains. "So long as the tyres are warm, it forms a plug and seal when coming into contact with open air. We've arrived back from Monaco with seven nails in one tyre and not even set the tyre pressure monitoring system off, it loses that little pressure."

Elsewhere, this 996 has a custom lightweight Facom tool kit and spares package, 48-hour emergency food and water rations, the ability to wade in half a metre of water, extensive underbody protection and a 3.375 litre AFF fire suppression system designed to defeat fuel and engine fires long enough to safely exit the car. Still not quite enough? How about solid titanium brake and steering lines, dash-mounted shift lights that also display the throttle mode and an onboard 240V inverter. If all that gives the likely impression of an overweight lump, the reality is remarkable. Despite all the trick bits and added hardware, this unstoppable 996 tips the scales at a little over 1350kg. It's scarcely more than 10kg heavier than a Type-996 911 GT3. And remember, this is an all-wheel drive

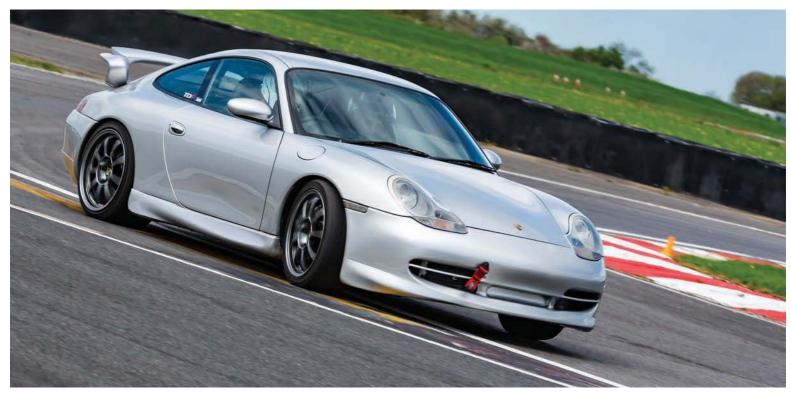
Carrera 4 with a propshaft, forward diff and an extra pair of drive shafts.

Needless to say, plenty of work has gone into packaging and weight reduction. Aside from aircon delete, the sound deadening has been reduced, numerous titanium fasteners are used with excess thread removed, multiple suspension components have been upgraded from cast solids to machined hollow items, the exhaust system is much lighter than standard and the lithium battery alone saves around 15kg over the standard leadacid lump.

At this point, of course, we've barely touched on the kind of kit you'd normally expect to find in a modified 911. You know, stuff like upgraded suspension and a fettled motor. Don't panic, that's all present and accounted for in forensic detail. The dampers are Ohlins R&T with custom valving and spring rates to suit the car's unique specification, plus redesigned lower and upper mounts. The top mounts, meanwhile, are all spherical and specific to the car. Likewise, several other elements of the suspension are fitted with spherical bearings and both the track rods and steering rack mounts have been strengthened.

Left: Hard backed Sports seats are not surprisingly well worn. Above: AIM Evo 5 data logger keeps an eye on vital life signs

Despite carrying some significant extra kit, some clever weight saving across the car means that the express delivery 996 barely weighs any more than a 996 GT3, and that's with additional 4WD gubbins





Then there's that mega-mile M96 engine. Recently rebuilt, it managed over 300,000 miles before being opened. Most remarkable is the relatively low level of maintenance required over that mileage. "It had some new variable valve actuators. We do the water pump every year, because they're a common failure point. We also refresh the exhaust manifolds every year. That is pretty much it."

the end of the bearing life. But, actually, a piece of material had broken away from the timing chain guide and embedded itself in number one bearing, causing it to wear. At that point the bores were still within Porsche spec - at the top end of wear, admittedly, but still just within spec."

Remarkably, the crank was mostly fine and has been reused with only a slight polish

The aim was a "nice, torquey road car engine that doesn't need spinning to 8500rpm to perform. It's GT3 power without having to work so hard for it." It's not a huge surprise to report that the motor delivers precisely what it says on the tin. A quick run out on the public highway reveals an awfully torquey motor. We're told it pulls cleanly in 6th gear from 70mph all the way to 180mph and don't doubt it. As for the rest of the car, thanks to those Ohlins dampers and all the other suspension upgrades, it boasts a sweet and fluid chassis. It's not hard to imagine doing some serious autobahn miles in this car. Not hard at all.

Of course, doing a car like this full justice on paper is almost impossible. The project file alone would fill these pages. But then brevity rather suits the no-nonsense character of this car and its owner. As he rather understatedly puts it, "it's not pretty, this car, but it's got a story." What a story that is and surely one that comprehensively implodes several decades' worth of preconceptions. An early 996 as the weapon of choice for notching up truly intergalactic mileage? You heard it here first. PW

This 996 is pretty sprightly on the track, helped in no small part by the new 3.7-litre motor from Autofarm. Well, the original 3.4-litre had done 300,000-miles



At that point the bores were still within Porsche spec

Indeed, the gearbox is still the original, thanks in no small part to regular oil changes.

"A lot of the problems on these cars are well overblown," he explains. "We run regular oil analysis at every oil change and the only reason we pulled the engine apart was because the copper count went up significantly. We thought we were getting to

required. The rest of the engine was rebuilt by well-known specialist Autofarm, often using standard spec items like valve springs. After all, "if you've got something that's run half a million kilometres and your target is durability, you're pretty sure that's got the durability in it." The exception involves new pistons and liners that achieve a larger 3.7litre capacity and around 360hp.



Left: High-quality, lightweight exhaust manifolds keep weight at bay. Below: Our man Laird at the wheel







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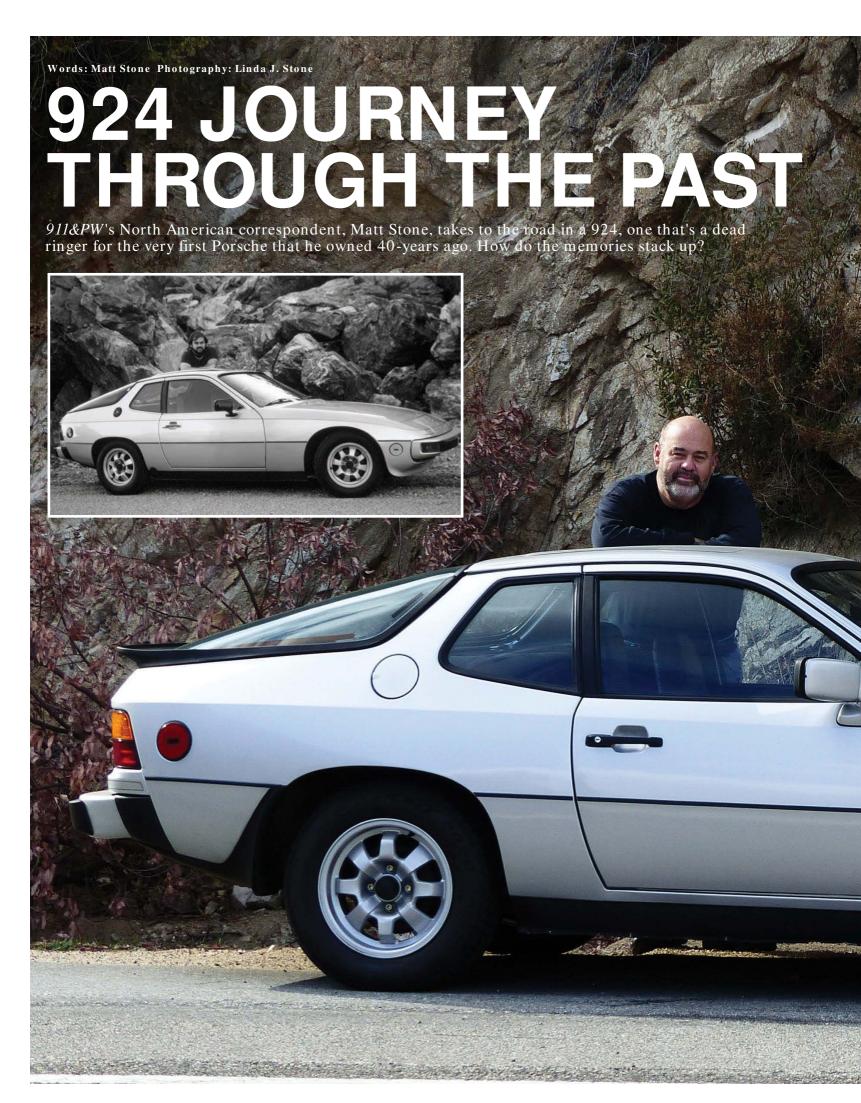


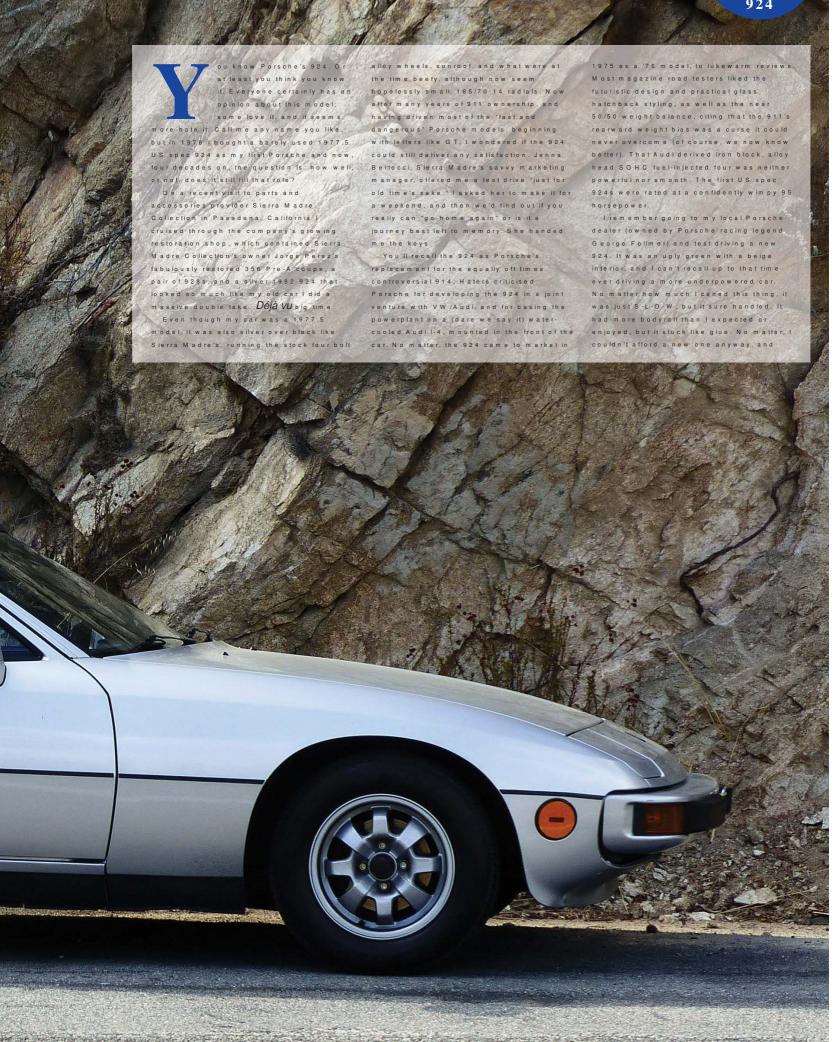
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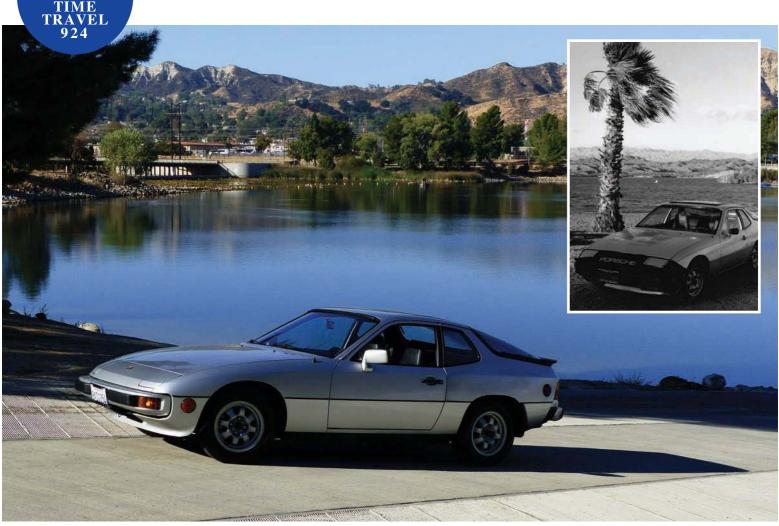
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was put off by the sub 100 horse engine and by my cousin (who had a '73 Carrera RS 2.7) drilling into me that the 924 "wasn't a real Porsche."

A few years later, the son of a man that I worked for drove up to our office in a silver over black 924 that looked great to my eyes, which were hungry for Stuttgart magic. He explained that it was a 1977 "and a half" model with lots of improvements over the originals: More power, flatter handling, lots of small engineering updates, and such. He had just short-term leased it, and said he'd only keep it for a year or so (he was a "flavour of the month" kind of guy who flipped cars every time he turned around). I asked him if I could buy it at the end of the lease, and he agreed.

That was late 1978, and we did the deal. I was now a Porsche owner.

By the time of the 1977.5 model,

horsepower was up to a less depressing 115, but it was still a four-speed (five forward wouldn't come along until 1979). I immediately tossed out the cheap feeling black plastic steering wheel in favour of a Momo Prototipo, which looked great and felt so much better in my hands. The factory exhaust pipe was about the size of a coffee straw in diameter, and made an un-Porschelike tin fizz kind of sound, so that was binned in favour of a "turbo" style muffler (all the rage back then) with a snazzy chrome twin pipe exhaust tip. Much zoomier sounding. The car hadn't been well maintained, so new Michelin tyres, Koni shocks, a black vinyl front end bra, a new battery, upgraded audio system, a few small engine tuning tricks and reupholstered seat covers were also immediately ordered. The single driver's side door mirror was replaced by a one per door pair of full sized

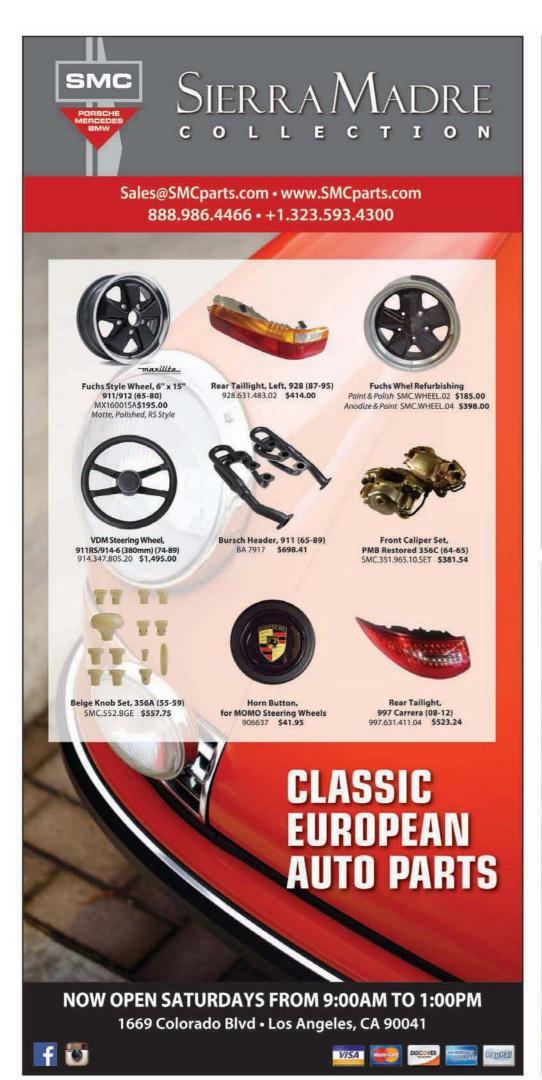
Vitaloni "batwing" Turbo mirrors. And lots of wax and equal amounts of rubbing and polishing, and I had the car that I could be much more proud of. And I loved it. It was my every day runner, and also carried me, a tent, an ice chest and 40 pounds of camera equipment up Highway 1 from my Southern California home to Canada and back with not so much as a burp. I owned it for three years, and sold it for within \$500 of what I paid for it.

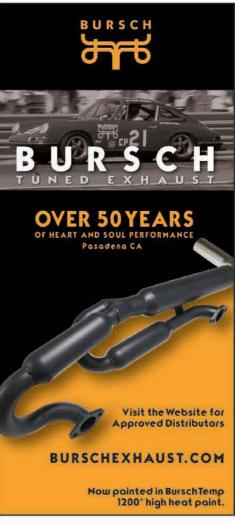
As I contemplated and sized up Sierra Madre's 1982 model, it was clear that it was fundamentally the same car, but had evolved a bit. The most significant difference between it and my old one was the Audi-sourced five-speed manual transmission. It also had a black rubber lip spoiler on that huge bubblicious rear window. Power windows and mirrors (the latter the same as found on 911SCs and

Main pic: 924 now and (inset) then. 911&PW's North American correspondent, Matt Stone, takes a journey through the past with Sierra Madre Collection's dead ringer 924. We have to say, though, that 'car bras' are something that never caught on in the UK, except for with some Cal look VW fans

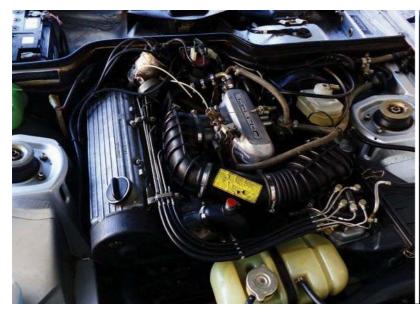














Carreras), plus the black leather trimmed four-spoke wheel that also showed up on the Carrera. A neat little bit of carpet trim added to the center console. PORSCHE logotype branded into the door cards. And a little tiny, swingaway Porsche logo badge over the key slot on the glovebox door. I fell into the seat as if I'd never left it, and of course felt immediately comfortable. Unlike a 911, there's no wheelwell intrusion into the pedal box area, and those pedals are in this instance hung from above instead of floor mounted as they are on the early 911s. Sierra Madre Collection's 924 is a still fresh and original example, showing just over 25,000 miles on the clock, and wearing its original silver paint, which has held up well and still shines.

A crank of the starter brought the same sound I recall from 1978 as the engine splutters to life, wheezing through the factory exhaust system that was upgraded (beginning in 1978) from the stock one on my car, to a nicer looking, bigger bore muffler and tip, but yielded no zestier a sound. I depressed the clutch, and test shifted the five-speed 'box; it felt crisper than the four-speeder in my '77.5, and

offered the extra bonus gear mine didn't have.

The thing I disliked most about my car was the thundering harmonic imbalance boom between 3–4000 rpm; it vibrated the whole car, setting the shifter abuzz. It passed quickly enough if you drove through it, but it always bothered me that a car built by people and a company known for great engineering would allow a modern engine to be this coarse and rough... I nicknamed it the "throbmaster." Not affectionately.

I'd heard that a running change along the 924's production life included revised motor mounts and other improved bushings that quelled this problem. I took off in the '82 and found it to be immediately much smoother than mine. Not any faster, but not so boomy as to blur my vision. I was reminded that the 924's clutch is light, firm and positive with a clean and progressive release; I headed home to begin poking around the car in more detail and planning my 200 mile test drive for the following day, in an attempt to get to know the machine, and to replicate some of the faded old photos I had of my '77.5 back in the day.

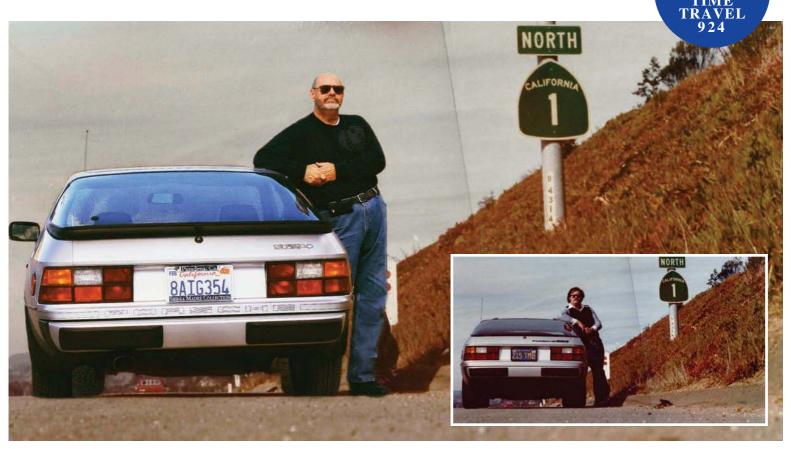
It was supposed to rain that Saturday, but

thankfully didn't, so wife Linda and I saddled up the 924 with plans for the lake, Highway 1 and lunch at Malibu Beach, plus a mountain road or three. I was thrilled to learn that while this engine still isn't uber smooth, the bad old vibration problem had indeed been cured. No more giant sonic boom going through the gears, and that there's some power to be found between 4000 and 6000 revs, territory I too seldom took my old car. And the upgraded trans just shifts a treat; easy to snick between gears, a ratio for every occasion, and finally a Porsche I can heel and toe downshift. The steering is a bit heavy at lower speeds, but lightens with pace, and communicates adequately what the front tyres have in mind. Ride quality is on the sporty side of compliant, and comfortable enough that you could put in a long day behind the wheel and hop out feeling fine. The rest was just like slipping into that favourite old perfectly broken in pair of jeans. It all brought back many memories, most of them good. As the day progressed I found myself smiling and really having a good time.

So as I headed back north up the Coast Highway, with the Pacific Ocean just to my Above left: Matt's recollections are of a wheezy motor, that vibrated rather a lot! This slightly later version benefits from improved engine mounts and (above) a five-speed 'box. This California car has essential air con, too

Immaculate 924 still wears its original paint. No matter what you think about the 924, it was a pretty fresh design back in the mid 70s





With a bit of photo trickery, it's the same place, largely the same car, and the same driver. There's something missing though and we can't quite put a finger on it... left, I wrestled with the notion of the 924 as a good "first Porsche" or – dare I say – a "budget Porsche buy" and I immediately came to: Yes. I'm not yet prepared to trade my '89 Carrera 3.2 for one and a bag of change in return, but it's a car I'd still enjoy

there's no reason to settle for a rusty or previously bent one. I'd advise anyone to stay away from the early, slowpoke models, and that it's worth seeking out the best 1979 or later five-speed example you can find. You'll enjoy it. Fortunately the

For those looking to become Porsche owners, this car still works

Below: 924 logo shows patina. Right: Interior has worn well and has clearly not seen too much of the Californian sun, judging by the split free dash-top owning, and for those looking to become Porsche owners, as I was nearly four decades ago, this car still works. Porsche built just more than 120,000 of them from 1976–85 (not to mention more special variants such as the 924 Turbo, the later 944-engined 924S, and the 924 Carrera GT) so standard models are plentiful and still affordable. And because they are,

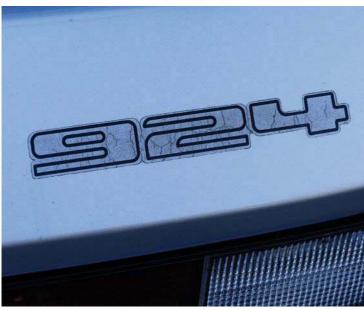
aftermarket provides a ton of goodies that can really amp up the car's performance, and modernise it a bit, if that's your desire. It was eye opening to drive a sports car without an airbag, nav or a single Bluetooth in sight.

Alternatives? There are plenty. Staying within the Porschesphere, you can consider a 914 if you're really set on an air-cooled

mid-engined machine, or with a bit of luck, you might sneak into a clean first gen Boxster for the same sort of money as the best 924s. Lots of hot hatches come to mind as alternatives, but they're not Porsches and thus may or may not scratch that itch.

One obvious alternative, of different nationality and brand, is a second or third gen MX-5. Which is in many ways a better car, newer and more modern, a blast to drive, and a roadster to boot – but again not a Porsche. Those are issues only you can check and balance in your mind.

As of this writing, Sierra Madre Collection's '82 924 five-speeder is for sale at around \$12,000 and, given its condition and low original miles, is a screaming bargain at that. Am I in any way 40 years younger having spent a few days in this memory-inducing ride? No, but maybe I feel that way. Just a little, which can only be a good thing, and isn't that what running a classic car is all about? **PW**









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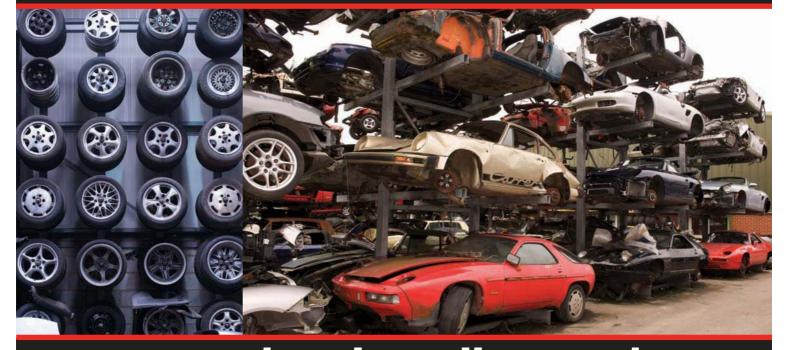
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FULL STRETCH

Unusually, the air-cooled 911, from the very first '901' all the way through to the last-of-the-line 993, has its engine suspended from the two rearmost mounting points on the chassis, rather than bearing down on them as in, say, the 944. This makes them prone to sagging, with obvious effects on the car's refinement and perhaps its on-the-limit handling, but the good news is that they are simplicity itself to remove and replace. Here we tackle a 964. Story and photographs by Chris Horton



t is famously difficult to discern the gradual changes in the behaviour of any car that you drive regularly, unless perhaps you have another against which to compare it.

Which is a compelling argument for an annual roadworthiness test – no longer a requirement here in the UK for cars over 40 years old, although you can still have it carried out if you wish – or at the very least for occasionally having your prized Porsche carefully examined by an objective and dispassionate expert.

This 964 Carrera 2 – itself now approaching 30 years old – was a case in point. Even as he briefly drove the car before servicing it, BS Motorsport's

Rob Nugent could tell from the harshness through the chassis that its two rear powertrain mountings were past their best. If he had had the opportunity of a few circuit laps he would almost certainly have felt the dynamic effects of the slight but none the less unwanted movement of the engine's considerable mass through faster corners. And the service procedure itself clinched it.

'Unusually, the air-cooled 911s' rear engine mounts are in tension rather than compression,' he says. 'So effectively the weight of the motor is suspended from them, rather than bearing down on them. As soon as I put the car on the wheel-free lift and raised it clear of the ground I could see that the rubber centres of the two

mounts were extending too far. And then, when I took the weight of the car under the engine, so that I could swing the lift arm out of the way for access to the oil tank, the mounts simply compressed again, and the body failed to rise as quickly as it should have done.'

Where to source replacements, then? Predictably, a web search throws up dozens of possibly tempting and certainly confusing alternatives, from suspiciously cheap after-market parts to expensive solid jobs designed purely for competition use. It is also said to be possible to fit the equivalent standard 993 components for a small cost saving. No less predictably, Rob chose to fit the standard 964 items, specific to this

A garage lift is useful for raising the car for access to the mounts' main securing nuts, but the work is just as easily done on the floor'. You will still need to raise the car, though, and support it on stands - and then to support the engine with a jack. Inset photo shows how the two original mounts (middle and right) had 'stretched' compared to the new (left) - and this with no weight on them

Engine mounts that show this degree of extension under load might in theory lower the car's centre of gravity, but that will be more than offset by the movement of the entire power unit through fast corners. Imagine driving a front-engined car with a large sack of sand flailing about in the boot space as you change direction. First job was to loosen off the exhaust tailpipe, which had previously been adjusted within its aperture in order to compensate for the sagging mounts – and which would by definition end up too high. Next, remove the plastic plugs in the engine tinware for access to the mounts' main M12 securing nuts. They simply push upward from beneath the car. Plastic undertray has to come off, too where fitted; it was missing from this car



vehicle, direct from Porsche in Reading. 'It's a standard road car,' he argued, 'and our customer wants to keep it that way. We could have used after-market mountings, and I can appreciate why a DIY owner might do so, but here that could be false economy. We need to do any job like this just the once, and to be sure there will be no comebacks.'

Removing and replacing the mountings could hardly be easier. (All you 944 owners, read it and weep...) With the car safely supported clear of the ground, remove the undertray – missing on this vehicle, and so not shown, but an easy enough task – and then take the weight of the engine with a

trolley jack beneath the centre of the crankcase, such that the mounts are more or less fully compressed again. A piece of thick cloth or an old towel, folded over several times, makes a good locating pad for the saddle of the jack.

Remove the plastic plug in the engine tinware, beneath the centre of each mount, for access to the M12 nut screwed on to the stud projecting down through the engine bearer. The plugs have to be pushed up from beneath, and retrieved from inside the engine compartment. Buy new ones from Porsche if they are missing or damaged. Unscrew the two M12 nuts and put them somewhere safe. Up top, undo and remove

the two M8 screws securing the body of each mounting to the structure of the car. On the left-hand side one of the screws is accessed through the hole in the engine-cover slam panel. Note the triangular 'washers' beneath each screw head. It's probably best to remove and replace just one mount at a time, though, to minimise any movement of the engine.

Unsurprisingly, the new mountings go on in a direct reversal of this sequence. They are handed, as denoted by their different part numbers, but here had also been scribed 'L' and 'R' for *Links* and *Recht*, ie Left and Right, with a marker pen. And the fact is that that they are – or should be,

Undo and remove the two M12 nuts - first supporting the engine on your trolley jack, of course - and then the two hex-head screws securing the body of each mount to the car's structure. Probably best to do just one side of the car at a time. Note the thick triangular washer beneath each screw head. After that, the mount simply lifts up and out of its aperture. Mounts in the 964 are handed left and right, as shown by their different part numbers (see text), but also by these crude but helpful factory-applied markings (far right)



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The 964's mounts are handed, such that the square shoulder on the underside fits neatly into the m atching recess in the transverse engine bearer, placing the small tab next to one of the holes for the M 8 securing screws $in \ th \ e \ right \ position$ to locate in the hole in the structure (below, far left). Our understanding is that significantly cheaper 993 mounts can be used, but without that tab (and not being handed left and right) they do need to be positioned with care. Be aware, too, that various grades of stiffness are available for all these devices green, as here, denotes a standard Carrera coupé - and also that, strictly speaking, there are different items for Cabrios and Targas. Note alum inium grease on newly cleaned M 8 screws just in case you ever have to do the job again in the future...

THE KNOWLEDGE

The two new engine mountings shown here were supplied by Porsche Centre Reading, the go-to source for most, if not all, of the independent specialists here in the UK. Part numbers are 964 375 049 01 and 964 375 050 01. (Universally, items for the left side of any Porsche are denoted by an odd number within the group of digits shown in bold type, and those for the right-hand side by an even number.) They cost £267.46 and £249.97, respectively. (All price:

snown nere exclude VAI.) The equivalent 993 parts – 993 375 049 09 for both left and right – cost just £229.54 per pair. (They appear not to be handed, and so for that reason there may be some minor issues in fitting them to a 964, although we believe the difference to be simply the absence of the small locating tab.)

There are various alternatives from Porsche itself – not least for the higher-performance RS models, which by virtue of their stiffness will not present the performance.

different from those for the coupé – so the safest policy is simply to order against the car's VIN. Reckon on about an hour's professional labour to have them fitted (£85 plus VAT at BS Motorsport: 01296 658422; bsmotorsport.co.uk), or do it yourself in no more than about 90 m inutes. Tightening torque for the two M8 screws per mount is 25Nm, and for the M12 nut securing it to the engine bearer 85Nm.

anyway – impossible to transpose. Each mount has a small tab that locates in a matching hole in the body shell, and this will correctly orientate the device such that the square-section shoulder beneath it locates smoothly in the matching recess in the transverse engine bearer.

That said, you might need to 'wiggle' the mount slightly in order to align the two M8

screw holes, perhaps with the help of a tapered bar – or just a screwdriver – pushed down into the hole(s) in the body, but obviously taking great care not to damage the threads. And for the same reason don't tighten the M8 screws until you have fitted and almost fully tightened the M12 nut on the stud beneath the mount.

And that's about it. The last job on this

particular car – no undertray, remember – was to realign the exhaust tailpipe which, since it had previously been adjusted to compensate for the sagging engine mounts, was now too close to the rear apron. And then to take the vehicle for a quick and rather more satisfying test-drive, with the immediately obvious benefit of a dramatic reduction in NVH, or Noise, Vibration and Harshness. **PW**













Fit the M 12 nut (upper row, far left) and the mount is secure. Sam e procedure on the left side of the car, here with one M 8 screw accessible through the hole in the engine-cover slam panel. Here we also found it necessary to adjust the position of the mount very slightly, in order to line up one of the M8 screw holes with the threaded hole in the body. Take care not to damage the threads, of course, or you could be in big trouble. Job done. the new mounts show rather less extension with the weight of the engine on them again (lower row, far left). Last job of all. unsurprisingly, is to adjust the exhaust tailpipe again

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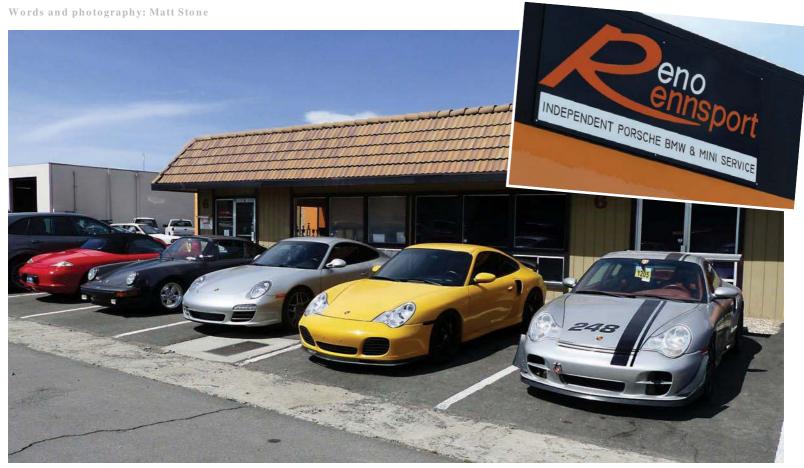
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The Reno and Lake Tahoe areas of Nevada have long been associated with Porsche, what with Porsche's US operations being based there for many years. This has resulted in a number of Porsche specialists taking residence, with Reno Rennsport playing a prominent role in local Porsche expertise, as we find out when we drop in for a shop tour...



here must be something special in the air round the Lake Tahoe and Reno areas of Nevada, as the place is rife with Porsches and Porsche people. Porsche Cars North America was once located there, prior to its move to the current HQ and Experience Centre properties in Atlanta, Georgia. Porsche mega collector Ranson Webster and his world beating, multi-hundreds deep car collection lives there, too. And Porsche specialist shops EBS Racing and Reno Rennsport are each within a few minutes' drive of the Reno Tahoe Airport.

Reno Rennsport opened doors in 2008. There are currently four owner/partners piloting the shop. They are Mat Lowrance (pronounced much more like "Lawrence" than "Low-Rance") began his career in the bay area servicing early air-cooled Porsches. Mat worked on and owned a number of 911 Ss, RSRs, RS and other now highly collectible models. He also helped develop and maintain professional race cars such as the 935s that were campaigned in the IMSA series. He also built and ran his own Porsches in several professional IMSA races throughout the late '80s and early '90s. After IMSA he moved to

SCCA regional racing in which he notched dozens of podium finishes. He is responsible for building a number of front running club racing Porsches in both Spec 911 and GT race classes. Once he relocated to Reno he became the lead Porsche specialist for Sport Haus for 28 years. Mat became a partner of Reno Rennsport in 2009. Mat will work on anything in the shop, but can be thought of as the "old school, air-cooled" partner. He remains an active 911 racer.

Jess Lattin is a certified Porsche Master Technician who began his career with the Porsche dealership in Reno over 15 years ago. He has logged over 1000 hours of Porsche factory training in Porsche's North American facilities. He earned its highest certification as a Porsche technician and was the head tech at the dealership for many years. Jess has exceptional expertise with water-cooled Porsches and newer models. He has significant training and experience working on 996s, 997s, 991s, Cayennes, Caymans, Panameras, 918s and Carrera GTs. He was one of the first few Technicians in the US to complete 996 and 997 engine displacement enlargements. Jess is the Technical Chairman on the board for Porsche Club of America's Sierra Nevada Region. The

"water-cooled Porsche guy."

Partner John Trautwein's day to day job is Head of Shop Operations and brings over 10 years of experience as Rennsport's head BMW Technician. He is also intimately involved with Rennsport's Porsche work and helps manage all large builds and projects at the shop. John became a partner in 2014. He is known for exotic BMW stroker engine projects, turbo and supercharger builds, but has also built Porsche spec 911 race cars and prepared several Mini Coopers for race competition in SCCA. John has extensive training and certifications for water-cooled Porsche engine management and mechanical systems. Think of him as the BMW guy and shop manager.

Brian Lowrance (yes, Mat's son) is Reno Rennsport's business operations manager, bringing over a decade of experience in finance and corporate operations. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration (driving a '75 911 through college in central California) and has earned numerous financial designations. Brian has spent nearly 20 years racing and developing Porsches with father Mat. He currently campaigns a 1969 Porsche 911 in the Porsche Racing Club's Spec 911 series – often running against his dad. Brian

Reno Rennsport can work on the full gamut of air-cooled and water-cooled Porsches, with the four partners/owners each specialising in their own Porsche area of expertise



Right: Wild, widearched racer rather catches the eye. Far right: Reno Rennsport's latest project is the 'HurriCayman', so named after the donor Cayman was written off in flooding in Texas, thanks to Hurricane Harvey





became a Rennsport partner in 2016.

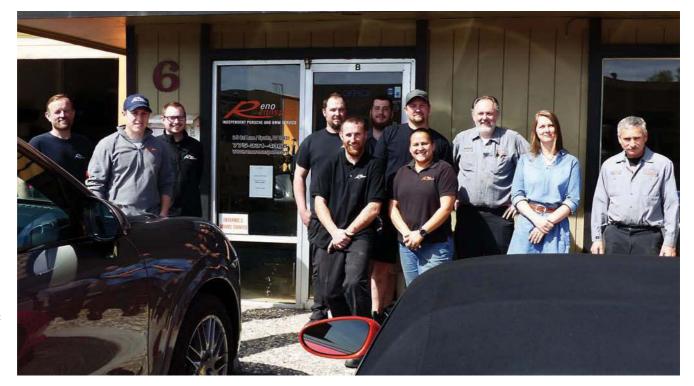
Reno Rennsport currently employs 13, including the four partners, and occupies a 12,000sq ft industrial building space; including reception, offices, vehicle and parts stores, main workshop, fabrication shop, and an engine room. Brian advises that Reno Rennsport is primarily a services company, although has begun participating in more and more product and parts development. "We'll do anything from an oil change to a full concours restoration" on virtually any Porsche, from the oldest to the newest and most exotic (SUVs and Panameras also welcome). Plus all manner of race car builds. One of the more interesting projects in the shop is a Cayman which was written off by the owner's insurance company as a total in last year's Hurricane Harvey flood in Texas, which is being rebuilt as a big-engined track-only monster with a full in-house fabricated roll cage; its nickname is the HurriCayman. Cayman race builds are becoming more

and more popular given that early Caymans of relatively modest spec are common and not exceedingly expensive to acquire. Of course, many of the go-fast goodies developed for the 911 and even the Boxster fit the coupe and the Cayman's natural midengined weight balance and stiff chassis structure give it some natural talent on track, especially for novice or relatively inexperienced racers. One of the fascinating things the Reno Renn folks have learned during the HurriCayman build is how much certain factory installed components weigh, such as an air conditioning system, obviously stripped out and not needed in a track car. Another big weight adder is the factory wiring harness which, when you think of all the sensors placed around the car and the audio system and engine computers, and how many components connected by wire, adds up to a lot; in the case of this Cayman, about 150 pounds of wiring has been removed, and it will all be replaced by a much simpler,

lightweight racing harness.

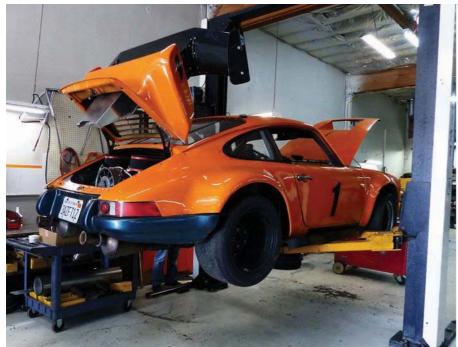
So far Reno Renn's largest and most involved product development project has been a partnership with Brit company AT Power. AT Power's speciality is extremely precise high-performance throttle body systems. These butterfly valve throttle bodies are crafted of very high tech materials including aluminum and titanium alloys; and while they are particularly well suited to race cars, they are also proving quite popular when tuned for high performance street applications. Reno Rennsport is a primary AT Power development partner, and exclusive distributor of these systems in North America. Lowrance also advises that Reno Renn has other joint ventures, with a few others under evaluation.

Something else the company has developed a considerable reputation for is big inch engines. 3.5, 3.6 and 3.8 litres – both air- and water-cooled – are now everyday builds, with 4.0-litres and up



Reno Rennsport employs 13 people to keep the Reno district Porsches on the road, although we can only see 11 here, so they're either camera shy or have pulled a sickie!

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becoming ever more common.

As you'd imagine given the company's geographical location, most of its business comes from in and around the western United States, primarily Nevada, California and Arizona. Although occasionally a car is shipped in long distance if that customer knows of Reno Renn, or wants their particular brand of service or build.

engines, engine parts, body panels, take-off brake systems and the rest. Look for this area of the business to expand.

Another aspect of the Porsche business that appears to be ever more common at Reno Rennsport is the recommissioning of 'garage find' cars that belonged to a parent, friend or relative of someone, and have spent the last five, ten or 30 years sitting,

and insulation, chewing and eating into it so dramatically that a car may need a new electrical harness to get back on the road. Often the entire interior of the car will need to be stripped out and thoroughly cleaned and deodorised – the little buggers tend to make quite the mess of an old leather interior. Sometimes it can all be cleaned up, treated and reused; other times it adds up to an interior retrim.

Another interesting problem that Brian and the Reno Renn team have had to deal with more as of late is when rats or mice lay their nests on the cylinder bore fins in between the cylinders. "If the rats have built large enough nests on the cooling fins, and enough of them died in there, it usually means we have to disassemble and then reassemble most of the engine to properly clean everything up."

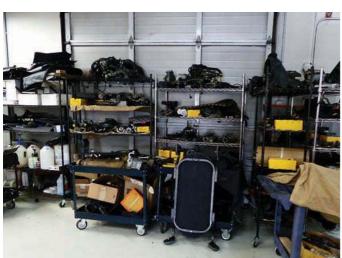
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Ever more common at Reno Rennsport is restoring 'garage find' cars

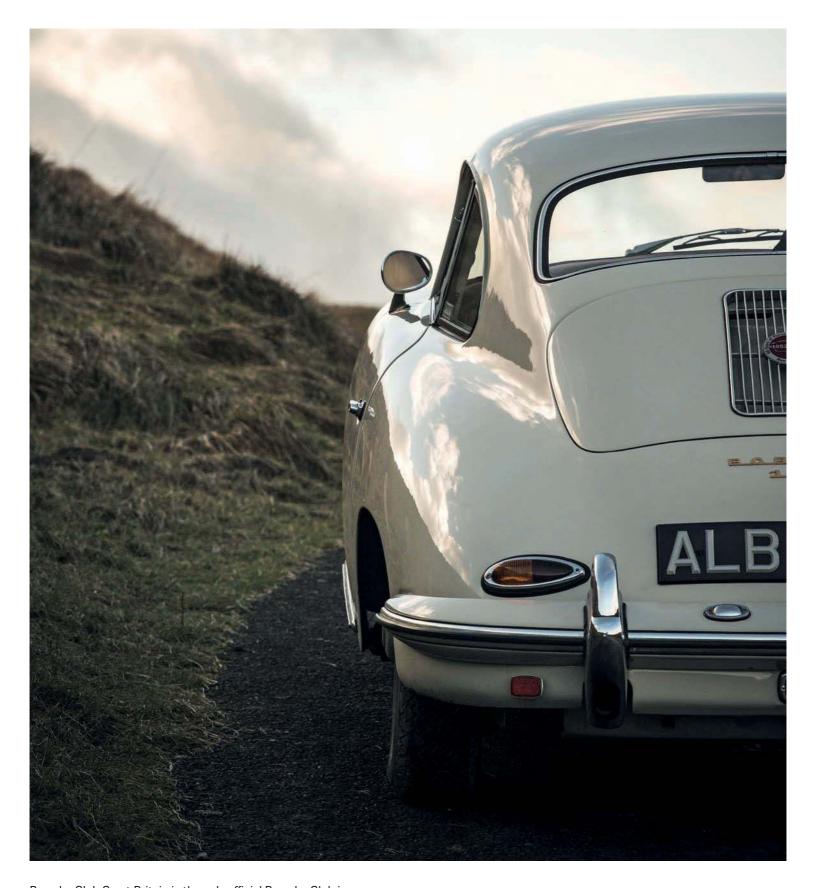
Besides purveying the goods from AT Power, ESS Tuning, HalTech Engine Management and Braid Wheels, the Reno partners are also beginning to dabble in used parts, and particularly used race parts: After decades of wrenching on professional IMSA racers, Mat Lowrance has collected binloads of period racing spec pieces, primarily for 911s, and the shop is finding a ready market for some of the rare and racy bits. Plus all manner of used wheels,

and the original – or a new – owner wants to get the car freshened up and back on the road. Naturally a comprehensive all systems major service is the minimum starting point here, and may or may not evolve deeper restoration into paint and bodywork. Something that happens all too often in these cases, depending upon the location and security of the car's storage, is rodent and/or insect infestation. Rats and other such critters feast on a car's wiring





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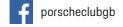


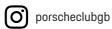
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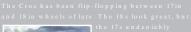


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SPRING CLEANING

Bennett cleans up his 996 to rid it of winter grim e and really goes to town, even removing the wheels. The interior comes in for some attention too, as the drivers' seat gets a leather refurb job courtesy of a Colourlock kit



pring has sprung and with it a desire to get on top of things, which means getting on top of 996 things. For most of the winter it remained in hibernation and every time I did take it out, on what was supposed to be a guaranteed 'dry' day, it seemed to rain, generating a swirling mist of salty spray, which meant that I had to clean the bloomin' thing (again) and get the jet wash into all the nooks and crannies. In the end I just gave up and resolved not to drive it until winter had well and truly buggered off, which, as we know, took some time.

But eventually the time was right and out came the 996, looking not as clean as I though I'd left it and with a salty residue still clinging to the bodywork, which meant it could only be worse underneath. I knew that I

needed to do a proper job and put aside a day to do it. By 'proper' I mean getting the wheels off and getting it up on axle stands. And is there a frankly more back breaking job than that, for single-handed home mechanic? F1 teams, in the heat of action, manage the task in 2.5 secs, but I reckon it took me the best part of 45mins of stooping, kneeling and generally rolling around on my back, before the thing was safely perched minus its wheels, while I recovered.

But it was worth the effort and I was able to get to work under the arches with the jet wash. It also gave me the opportunity to clean up the brake calipers and the wheel arch liners, plus the very visible hubs, all of which came up extremely well. The wheels also came in for a good spring clean. It's easy to clean the wheel face, when it's on



Top: Bennett's 996

STEVE **BENNETT** 996 C2 Occupation:

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m akes a guest appearance in cover shoot for Johnny Tipler's new book on the modern watercooled 911 Carrera generation. Left: Spring cleaning



Wheels off. Is there a more back breaking job for the home mechanic? Worth it though to really get under the arches, plus clean up the brake calipers, hubs and the wheels, too

Below: The full Colourlock kit includes everything required to repair and re-colour your leather, including correct shade of Porsche Space Grey leather dye the car, but the inside rim is much harder to get to, and really lets the side down, so I spent as much time there as I did on the outer, with a good coat of Swissvax wax. And when you've got shiny wheels, you also need black tyres, rather than muddy, brown ones and so I attacked my new and expensive N-rated Michelins with 303 Space Protectant, which cleans and protects rubber from UV fading and gives a very natural finish. Apparently it was developed for use on the Space Shuttle! Whatever, I've been using it for years on rubber and plastics, and it's never let me down and definitely does the job. And should my 996 ever go into space (well, you never know), then I know my plastics and rubber bits will be UV safe.

The wheels went back on with more pain and strain and I took the opportunity to replace the horrible rusty wheel studs with some smart black anodised jobs that I had

picked up on eBay some time ago, on the basis that they would work well with my anthracite wheels. And they do and they were very reasonably priced, too, for what can be very expensive. And so with some more scrambling around in the gravel and dust that is my driveway, I had the car back on its wheels. Job halfway done.

I'm ashamed to say that in the three years that I've had my 996, I haven't actually polished or waxed it. I know that shortly before I bought it, it had been professionally detailed and the paintwork had been worked on to remove any swirl marks etc, before being waxed, but really it was well overdue. I'm no detailing fetishist, but I do know that the secret to a good finish is in the prep and the previous work on the paint was still standing up to close scrutiny, so I elected to clean the bodywork the traditional bucket and sponge way and then remove any

remaining wax and other surface contamination with Klasse cleaner polish. I love this stuff. It's easy to use and is an allin-one solution, but it can be enhanced with a layer of good quality wax too and to this end I applied a layer of Swissvax Carnauba wax. And then I stood back, clasped my poor back, and admired my efforts. Certainly my 996 had never looked better, with a deep shine, enhanced by the possibly above the call of duty wheel, tyre and caliper and wheel arch liner detailing. Good job, too, because it was due at Silverstone a couple of days later for a starring role on the cover of Johnny Tipler's latest tome: 911 Carrera: The watercooled years, where it would line-up with a current 991 to illustrate 20-years of the modern 911.

With the exterior gleaming, a few days later I tackled the interior, or to be absolutely specific, I tackled the driver's seat. Twenty





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years of jumping in and out induces wear and tear, particularly on the seat bolsters, which on Sports seats is even more pronounced, due to their enveloping nature. The Space Grey leather was dry and cracked in places, but I had a solution in the shape of a leather repair kit from German leather care outfit, Colourlock, which comes complete with the correct Porsche shade of Space Grey leather dye.

Now I dare say that you can do the job with the seat in situ, but it's always going to be easier with it out of the car, for maximum access. I mean it's not a difficult or back breaking job to man handle a heavy, awkwardly shaped, electrically adjustable seat through the small hole of the open door... But I'm getting ahead of myself.

With full confidence in my tool kit, which I've diligently built up over the years, I removed the plastic covers and the ends of each seat runner to reveal the fixings. Expecting a conventional 13mm head, or an Allen fixing of some sort, I was surprised to discover some sort of star-shaped bolt head. Great! I don't have anything even close, so it was into the car, into town (for the second time that day) and into my local motor factors, where (somewhat begrudgingly)

I purchased a set of suitable sockets. Then, returning to my 996, I spotted a distinctly saggy looking nearside rear tyre. Clearly punctured, I limped it to the nearest tyre centre, where they discovered a ruddy great nail in the centre of the tread. Fortunately for my wallet, they managed to fix it with a rubber bung. Phew...

So, two hours later and the seat is finally out and sitting on my Workmate, and I'm pondering a selection of lotions and potions. Colourlock obviously supply perfectly adequate instructions, and there's some very handy tutorials online to gen up with, too.

As ever it's all about the prep and getting the leather ready for the dye. Colour lock supply a mild foam leather cleaning solution, which is sponged on, followed by a leather cleaning spirit, which removes any grease, wax and silicone. With the leather squeaky clean, there is the slightly disconcerting step of taking a sanding pad to the seat to slightly roughen the surface, so that it absorbs the dye, which of course is the fun bit and certainly the most satisfying procedure.

Applied with a sponge, the dye is wiped and dabbed on to achieve a good covering and create a textured effect. I worked on a panel at a time and Colourlock recommend

drying each layer with a hairdryer on a low heat setting. I probably applied four layers to build a good solid colour base and I was absolutely delighted with the transformative result and the colour match is perfect, too. Final procedure, after leaving the seat for 12hours, is to use Colourlock leather protector to protect from UV fading. Overall the seat has shrugged off 20-years of wear and tear, and the leather is back to its smooth and soft best, rather than dried out. And that, of course, is the beauty of leather. It is endlessly repairable and while I didn't need them, the kit also includes the necessary intructions and products for filling cracks and even holes and again it's worth looking at the online tutorials to see how this is done. Price for my kit was £80 and, while I've only done my driver's seat, there is enough product to easily do a whole interior at least twice over.

Needless to say, putting the seat back in was as awkward as removing it, but it was absolutely worth it. My 996 has never looked better and while there are still other issues to attend to, its spring clean has given me a certain pride in its appearance, plus a 'job well done' satisfaction, which should keep me going while I ponder my next move... **PW**

Left to right: For maximum seat access, it's best to fully remove the seat from the car. Wear and tear can be clearly seen on the bolsters. Procedure starts with mild foam cleaner

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Below left to right: Roughen the leather slightly with sanding pad. Correct shade of Space Grey leather dye is applied with a foam pad. Dry with a hair dryer between coats. Finished seat is transformed













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BRETT BITES THE BULLET

There comes a time when the job just has to be done and that time has arrived for Brett's Boxster. With gear selection issues and a heavy clutch, the writing was rather on the wall. A new clutch and an internal gearbox examination and now all is well



BRETT FRASER

BOXSTER 986 S

Occupation: Freelance writer, Dep Ed, 911&PW Previous Porsches None Current Porsche: Boxster 986 S Mods/options: Eibach springs and anti-roll bars, Pipercross air filter Contact: brett@brettfraser. Sorting out the

We thought we'd open with a rather jollier pic! Group 4's new deep dish Fuchs replica wheel looks simply brilliant on Brett's Boxster. He's wondering how he can afford a set

e humans can be adaptable creatures when we need to be. Able to compensate for deficiencies in our surroundings without a conscious decision to do so. Especially when the deterioration in quality has been a gradual one; then we can be brilliant at making do without mending,

changing our behaviour subtly and subliminally to make allowances for things not operating at their prime. At least, I'm really good at this, particularly when by adapting to a worsening situation I can avoid spending monev... Inevitably, though, there's no more

adaptation to be done. It happened a while ago with the Boxster's deteriorating brakes: subconsciously I'd changed my braking behaviour to accommodate the brakes decline, but eventually optimism became no real substitute for sufficient pad material and healthy discs. Now a similar situation has occurred with the transmission and I've taken no solace from Editor Bennett's words of comfort: "Isn't it impressive that its original clutch lasted 100,000 miles?"

Must confess that Mr Bennett's wisdom hasn't really informed my thinking on the matter, but at least he tried. I was actually a tad surprised that the Boxster needed a new clutch, as my gripe was with the quality - or lack thereof – of the gearchange. For the past couple of years, and perhaps longer, when the car was started up from cold the shift action could be stiff and the lever reluctant to make the journey from second to third. Generally after a few miles, with the lubricant

inside the gearbox warmer, the shift improved markedly and I thought little more about it.

In the beginning, even when cold, you could get the lever to park itself in all its preassigned slots provided you were patient enough. Then one day, suddenly, patience didn't suffice. Second to third was a no-go when cold, and instead of fighting it I shortshifted second to fourth. No biggie, because within a mile and a half third was once more accessible. I'd adapted. Started driving the car on its terms rather than mine. It didn't greatly concern me because within a few miles all was hunky dory. And when I had the gearbox oil changed there seemed to be a minor improvement in the shift quality.

Or maybe that was wishful thinking. Three or four months after the oil change the shift action worsened. The mileage required before you could use all the ratios without the lever baulking increased. The lever started 'snagging' when you commanded it to leave its current slot and move to another - each gearchange became a two-phase action where you had to push or pull hard to release it from its existing position, pause momentarily, then carefully and slowly guide it into the next position. Again, though, I'd adapted to this new shifting strategy without much realising that I'd done so.

In the end, though, even I had to concede that something probably needed to be done. So I took the Boxster to the friendly chaps down at PIE Performance, based just outside the historic Suffolk village of Lavenham. Ash Martin took my car for a quick blast down the road and confirmed that there was no 'probably' about it - something definitely

needed to be done, and needed to be done soon. As well as the crappy quality of the shift he also highlighted the heaviness of the clutch pedal - as other specialists in the past have done but I've just learned to live with - and how high in its travel it was biting.

Back at base, Ash hoiked the Boxster up into the air on the lift to inspect the gearbox casing up close and personal. He immediately spotted that the end of the gear selector lever that sticks out of the gearbox casing had too much free play in it, meaning that it was no longer guiding the internals with sufficient accuracy for a smooth shift. Plus it now had a slight twisting action, causing it to stick. Ash also noted that the seal where the lever entered the casing was leaking oil, and there was another oil leak on the back of the casing. I'm no mechanic, but even I could see where this was all heading...

Inspection complete. Ash hit me with the depressing - if inevitable - verdict. New clutch for definite. Internal examination of the gearbox also a certainty, with the focus on the selector fork and a check of the selector cables to see if they might have stretched, further hindering the shift action. Plus whatever else might arise when you start pulling mechanical things apart and they reveal their inner secrets. A slightly sick feeling in the pit of my stomach, and also a sense of resignation as this day was always coming, as it always does with older, high mileage cars. Bullet bitten, I booked the Boxster into PIE for a few weeks hence.

I wish I'd had the time to stay and watch the PIE guys pull the car apart: there's something curiously satisfying about seeing a



Above: Not only was the clutch done for after 100,000 miles, but the dual mass flywheel was shot, too, so a new one was installed. Right: Commencing the gearbox inspection group of professionals going slickly and confidently about their work, instinctively dismantling big sections of car in minutes when it would have taken me hours. Frankly, though, there's no way in the world that I'd take a spanner to an important mechanical assembly such as the gearbox, and I'm always slightly in awe of those who can make the task seem comparatively easy.

A couple of days after dropping off the Boxster, I got a call from PIE's boss, Chris Lansbury, to run through a few bits and pieces. The exhaust system had to be removed and as the bolts on its brackets were so badly rusted that they resembled Cadbury Flakes, there was no alternative to cutting them off. I could have aftermarket replacements from eBay if I really wanted, but some of them can last less than a year, so Chris recommended genuine Porsche items which although are quick to rust, are much longer-lasting.

Then there was the dual-mass flywheel to discuss. Well, actually, there wasn't much to discuss. It was knackered. Chris revealed that there was one customer on a tight budget who insisted on putting the old flywheel back in during a clutch change – he was back within 12 months because the flywheel had failed completely, necessitating another new clutch... It's a tough call when you're running a Boxster on a shoestring and a new flywheel is typically £355 plus VAT, but Chris reckons it's a false economy not to get it done at the same time as the clutch. PIE now requests that customers who insist on keeping their old

flywheel sign a disclaimer, as an even more costly outcome is sadly inevitable.

Perhaps in a bid to bolster my wilting spirits, Chris explained that I'd eked out every last bit of life from the clutch – it was worn down to the rivets. Couldn't have gone on much further. I'd got my money's worth out of it, that was for sure. PIE's clutch kit, which includes a new rear main seal (RMS), costs £900 plus the VAT, and Chris confidently predicted that it should outlive the 100,000 miles that the original lasted. Which is another way of saying that it's likely to outlive me...

And there was more bright news, of a sort. With the gearbox stripped down the poorly condition of the selector arm was confirmed and the cost of a replacement with all its associated gubbins was modest by Porsche standards. However, the brass bush where the lever passes through the gearbox casing also needed replacing, and here was a potential stumbling block – Porsche's spares department doesn't list the bush on its own, you can only buy a complete casing with the bush in situ for about £1200.

And this is where dealing with a Porsche specialist with PIE's experience came into its own. Chris deals with a highly skilled, 'old school' machine shop nearby, and those guys were able to fabricate a new phosphor bronze alloy bush for a tenth of the cost of the Porsche alternative.

When the time came to collect my Boxster Chris offered a few words of caution to manage my expectations. 'You'll immediately notice the improvement with the gearchange,

he said, 'but it may not be as brilliant as you'd hoped. That's because it takes a little while for the new components to bed in, especially where they're working in tandem with older parts. But with a few miles under the tyres you'll start to feel everything become more settled, more at home. Then it will feel great.'

And Chris was right. Pulling away from PIE to head home, the clutch pedal was the lightest it has ever been while I've owned the car, but while the gearshift was no longer baulking, it remained stiff and slow. Twenty-eight miles down the road, though, and the shift was getting noticeably slicker and swifter: another 50-mile trip and it was better still. A couple more longish journeys and I reckon it'll be in tip-top shape and shifting with the speed and accuracy that has for so long been missing from my Boxster's dynamic repertoire. I can't wait.

And finally, a bit of better news to counter the above tail of woe and expense. A few issues ago I reported enthusiastically on Group 4 Wheels, 18in deep dish Fuchs replicas, along with a pic of freshly forged wheel. Well now I've trialled a set on my Boxster, having taken it along to the photo shoot in this very issue (see p38 for the full lowdown, plus prices). I have to say, I wasn't quite prepared for the transformation, but it looks like a different car. The combination of black centre, silver rim, dish and overall stance, give the Boxster a whole new persona and it works so well with the yellow. Sadly I couldn't take them away with me there and then, but I'll be bolting a set on ASAP. PW

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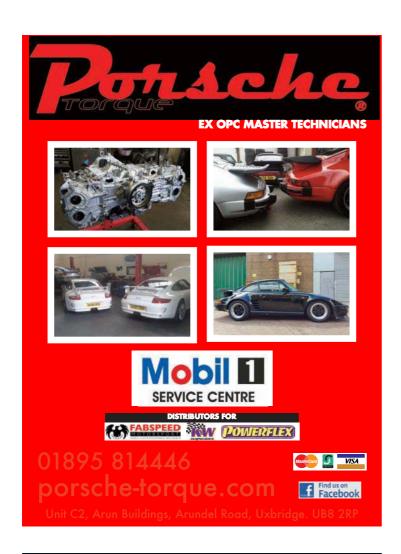
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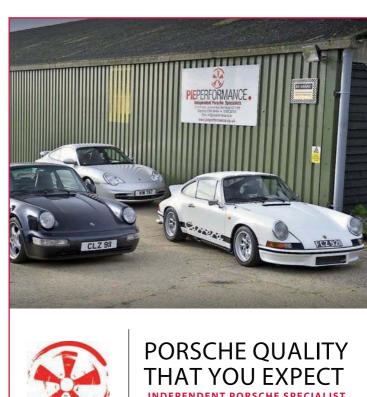
Gearbox strip down revealed worn selector arm, which was a relatively cheap fix parts wise. A brass bush in the gearbox casing also needed replacing, and was machined up by a local specialist













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GEN 2 BORE SCORING: THE SMOKING GUN?



The precise cause of this Gen II 997 failure is – inevitably – debatable, but ASNU's Phil Ellisdon is convinced it's down to something as small and seemingly insignificant as a fuel-injector stem seal

Everyone loves a 'whodunnit'. And in automotive terms they surely don't get much better than the cylinder-bore scoring that seems to have bedevilled so many of Porsche's flat-sixes these last 20-odd years, since they famously adopted liquid cooling in the mid-1990s. (With IMS-bearing failure a very close second, of course.) We present, then, the latest nerve-jangling, edge-of-yourseat episode: further graphic evidence that even the gen 2 997 is by no means immune to this distressingly expensive condition - albeit for probably rather different reasons than

Previously — as they say in all the best TV dramas: two years ago, in the July 2016 edition of 911 & Porsche World, I reported on what then appeared to be an isolated and certainly rather odd case of

cylinder-bore scoring in a 2009-model 997 Carrera 'S' at Porsche-Torque in Uxbridge, Middlesex. It was a gen 2 car, and thus equipped with the largely redesigned (and by inference significantly improved) type MA1 engine, with its so-called closed-deck cylinder design. (Which pretty massive change to the engine architecture tells its own story about the earlier iteration. Porsche would not have made such a radical and costly alteration without a very good reason.) Remarkably, the story elicited only a deafening silence from the wider Porsche community, although as I recorded almost a year later. in the May 2017 edition, I was soon having a long correspondence about it with Barry Hart at Hartech, who I still believe to be one of the most knowledgeable and

experienced specialists in the molecular-level metallurgy of these engines outside of the Porsche factory.

My own view of that Porsche-Torque case, based on empirical experience of other engines over many years, and the precise location and nature of the damage to the bore and piston - and cautiously endorsed by Barry Hart - was that this particular problem was caused not by the chronic but essentially very localised overheating that was (and I suspect remains) the most likely culprit in the earlier M 96 and M 97 units, but by good, old-fashioned partial seizure. Back in the 1970s I ran a 650cc BSA Lightning that suffered pretty much identical damage to both (air-cooled) cylinders, probably due to overheating caused by excessively retarded ignition

timing. (I got it running again and then sold it, in case you were wondering...)

Initially, Barry Hart believed that this seizure might have been the result of the owner driving his car too hard before the engine had reached full operating temperature, with piston profiles and necessarily minuscule piston-to-bore clearances as significant contributing factors. (And a management system that necessarily insulates the modern driver from the way an older, lower-tech engine would naturally behave during that warm-up process. Think 356, 911S, perhaps even 944. They all have an innate resistance to being 'woken up' first thing in the morning, such that it is almost impossible to drive them too hard, too soon.) The pistons were expanding faster than the cylinder bores, basically. Eventually, though, and having forensically examined several other similarly failed gen 2 engines, Barry concluded that it was probably due to stresses almost unavoidably formed within the cylinder-block castings during manufacture, and which eventually caused them microscopically to distort and shrink across the bores in the thrust direction.

Whatever, as they say.
The jury is still very much out on that one, and with no further reports coming in from anguished gen 2 997 (and later Boxster and Cayman) owners, out there in the harsh testing ground of the real world, it seemed reasonable to suppose that any problems of this nature were relatively few and far between; just one of those things. No news is good news, and all that.

Meanwhile I was having conversations with both Steve McHale at JZM Porsche in Kings Langley and Phil Ellisdon at Watford-based ASNU about the different problems that were likely to arise in these later engines (and in the V8s, as well), thanks in part to the natural characteristics of their ultralean-burn direct fuel injection. or DFI, but also to the fact that - absurdly - so many highperformance cars now spend so much of their time in stonstart urban traffic, with their massively powerful engines running at little more than idle. And not least because there appears to be absolutely no provision for their necessarily hard-working fuel injectors ever to be serviced. (Perhaps unsurprisingly, this is a particular concern of Phil Ellisdon.) The result was my five-page Danger in the city story in the June 2017 edition of the magazine

I am pretty sure that you will understand, then, my $\operatorname{im}\operatorname{m}\operatorname{ediate}\operatorname{interest}\operatorname{in}\operatorname{a}\operatorname{batch}$ of photos e-mailed to me by Phil Ellisdon in early May this year. They show the inside of the MA1 engine from a 2010 997 Turbo: one careful owner from new, 23,000 miles, full service history, and apparently used mostly for long journeys after being warmed up from cold with all due care and consideration. It ended up at JZM for investigation into a loud knocking sound from the engine, especially after a cold start, and at which point there were found to have been more than 60,000 misfires on cylinder number four. Inspection with a horescope showed the unmistakable signs of scoring inside that







Three piston crowns from the same 23,000-mile, 2010-model 997 Turbo show the washing (or in one case not) effect of markedly different injector spray patterns, argues Ellisdon. Combine this misdirected and possibly excessive flow with reduced lubricity and perhaps increased water content of ethanol fuels, and you have the perfect storm





TECH TOPICS

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From right to left: new 997 injector, showing white Teflon stem seal; a used injector from the affected engine, showing discolouring, and staining of stem; BMW injector, with two grey graphite-based seals

engine was removed and partially stripped for further examination. And, by the time you read this, for replacement with a new 'short' engine from no obvious sign of any oil smoke in the exhaust. around £10,500 plus VAT, says JZ's Steve McHale alternative - completely sending it away to Capricorn for machining and pistons, would be needed - and there it would have been a false economy not to use a brand Porsche Cars G B told us that it new block and pistons may You just never know with caused the problem in the first

again, perhaps after just
another 23,000 miles? For Phil
Ellisdon the classic smoking
gun has to be the injectors,
combined with the relatively
poor lubricity of modern
athanol-based petrol (which
also contains a not insignificant
amount of water, in part for its
anti-detonation properties).

When we tested them, we
found the flow rates and spray
patterns were far from ideal—
and you can clearly see that
from the different witness
marks on the piston crowns.
And I believe this is due in no
small measure to overheating
thas affected their electrical
resistance. There is a tiny
Telion seal at the lower end
of each injector stem, where
it enters the combustion
chamber. All six from this
engine were showing signs
of blow-by, with two particularly
bad examples, and I think it
is inevitable that the very
high temperatures will have
travelled up the stems to the
delicate electronics inside the
body of each unit.
"That, together with a carbon

them selves - the natural product of the exhaust-gas recirculation system, and the engine stop-start function in traffic - will have adversely affected the spray pattern, and the management system, the so-called fuel trim, will have pushed more fuel through them to compensate for what the oxygen sensor tells it is too weak a mixture. That washes the necessarily thin film of oil off the cylinder walls, and there you have it. The perfect storm. Metal-to-metal contact and, very soon after that, bore scoring. It can surely be no coincidence that replacement in jectors now have dark-grey.

gases, instead of the original off-white Tellon Jobs."

It's fair to say that 8 teve
MoHale is less certain about the below ash theory — the scoring is not in quite the right place for that, he argues — but he agrees that the injectors are probably the underlying source of the problem, and with the situation exacerbated by those supposedly high-tech modern fuels. 'O FI injectors work in a completely different way to the older Motronic-style units.' he says. 'Fuel pressures in these later engines can be anything up to 150 bar, and so while the injectors need only five volts to pulse them on and off as rapidly as necessary at anything up to 7000 rpm, they need 60 volts to open them in the first place. So their electrical resistance is, indeed, critical — and the one from cylinder four in this engine was in effect short-circuited.'

Outle what might be the longer-term answer to this seem ingly new and disturbing scenario is difficult to say.
Careful, more considered use of your car, perhaps — not using it for a two-mile trip to the shops or the station, for a start, despite its ability to cope with that in the short term — and certainly constant, eagle-eyed vigilance. Turning off the stop-start function — while you are still allowed to, anyway.
Regular testing of the injectors' retistance (which can be done

interference), and possibly a full twell-injector service (and stem seal replacement) every 20,000 miles - although since that might by definition require the removal of the engine from the car, and then the removal of the induction system from the engine, it's hard to see that happening too often. Perhaps even - at the obvious risk of contam insting the catalytic converter - giving the engine an occasional dose of uppercylinder lubricant, just like we used to way back in the 1960s.

Plus ça change.

Either way, cylinder bore scoring seems to have become an unfortunately random fact of 21st-century Porsche life, an unintended consequence of the industry's frankly misguided drive toward ever more 'performance' from ever smaller quantities of fuel (as a nation, perhaps even as a species, we should surely be looking at more sensible ways of using any of our cars than, say, the twice-daily, perhaps 100-mile commute), and I can't help feeling that we shall soon be hearing about 901s with the same issues, and in time even the still-to-be-launched 992.

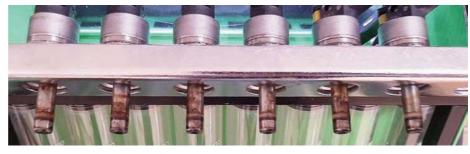
Perhaps the all-electric 911 won't be too heavy a cross to bear, after all.

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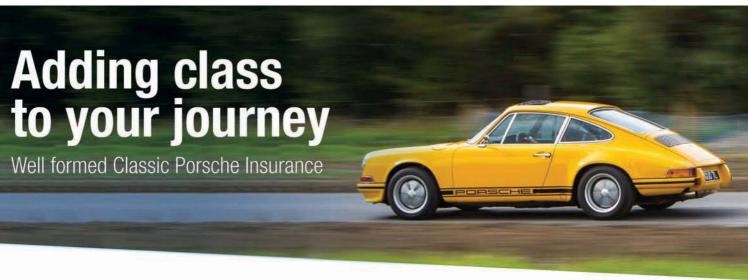
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Set of injectors from the affected engine, on test in ASNU's rig, graphically demonstrates the staining on the stems that comes from combustion-gas blow-by. Even the 'best' (1 and 6) have partially failed





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BUYERS' GUIDE: 911 CARRERA CLUB SPORT

IN THE CLUB SPORT

It took Porsche many years to build a successor to the original '73 2.7 RS, but in 1987 it came close with the 911 Carrera Club Sport, based heavily on the Carrera 3.2. This purists' machine was the cheapest in the range and flew under the radar for many years. Now, though, in keeping with its lighweight status, it's flying

robably one of the first things those new to classic Porsches will learn is that in Autumn 1972 the carmaker unveiled the 911 Carrera 2.7 RS, featuring a 210bhp, 2.7-litre engine and weight-saving measures unprecedented for a road car, including thinner glass and body panels, nominal carpets and the removal of the rear seat. A run of 500 for race homologation was planned – until the avalanche of orders burst in, resulting in production more than trebling that.

What may be less widely appreciated is that it took Porsche 14 years to build a successor to the show-stopping original RS, and when it came it adopted a new title, "CS" (Club Sport), however the (usually) white paintwork, red script along the side and the red wheels were a tribute to the original. Porsche didn't say much

about the badging at the time, but the logic seems to have been that it was a car made for track use (trackdays as we now know them didn't exist back then), rather than one homologating a race car.

At the time the 911 Carrera Club Sport slipped under the radar, Porsche mounting little fanfare for its arrival in September 1987, indeed more or less blending the announcement in with that of 1988 model year tweaks to the 924S, 944, and targa and cabriolet versions of the 911 Turbo. For some years it did not have a value appreciably higher than a regular Carrera 3.2, some even writing it down for its lack of creature comforts; it was priced at £36,000 when it appeared on Porsche's UK price list in August 1987, actually the cheapest 911 available.

But in the last decade it has come to be regarded as very special, and if not in the

same league as the hallowed RS, it commands £150,000, values also spurred on by the general rise in air-cooled 911 prices. In fact it's little different to a regular Carrera 3.2, which has its known mechanical and bodily weak points, so if you are going to spend all that cash on one, here is what you need to be aware of.

DESIGN, ENGINEERING

The exterior of the 911 Carrera Club Sport – white with red script on the doors – was certainly in the RS tradition. So was the interior, which lacked a rear seat, central locking, electric front seats and windows, sound insulation, and radio (all of which saved around 50kg).

But the only specification changes to the 911's 3.2-litre flat-six were revised engine management and induction: hollow intake

They weren't all white, you know. This factory black machine has the Club Sport script in silver on the driver's wing and is something of a rarity. We photographed it originally back in 2006. It's fair to say that any owner now would probably want to return it to standard



The 3.2 flat-six was only lightly modified, with hollow intake valves and revised engine management, which allowed the engine to be revved to 6840rpm, over normal 6500rpm. Power remained at 228bhp



valves were fitted, and a modified engine management control allowed the air-cooled flat-six 3.2-litre engine to be revved to 6840 rpm rather than to the normal 6500 rpm and a C S engine can be identified by the "SP" stamped into the crankcase output, which remained at 228 bhp and 210 lb ft, although Porsche said the Club down from the regular Carrera 3.2's 6.1 sec to 5.9 sec. Top speed remained the same a t 1 5 2 m p h It ran stiffened suspension, 16 - rather front and with 205/55 tyres, and seven-inch rears, with 225/50s), while the feeling of

mounts, as on the 911 Cabriolet. In the vears. However Alan Cordery, of the Club any other Carrera 3.2 of the late 1980s. A more basic feeling due to the lack of central locking and electric windows. But being an

with the screaming engine, communicative steering, and gearshift and floor pivoting pedals that require full concentration for harmonious operation. In this form it is

AVAILABILITY AND PRICES

from August 1987 until September 1989, one known. 'There are less than 52 cars come out to play. I'm aware that two cars were exported to Australia, and one to Although Grand Prix White is the colour car came in Guards Red with white cars were Dark Blue, Diamond Blue m etallic, Black, Silver, Gulf Blue, Yellow and red, black or white, and interiors were black, blue or burgundy cloth or black atherette; leather was n't an option Determining the exact value of Club ports is tricky because so few come up for sale, and some sellers' asking prices are clearly over ambitious. 'In the last few years 've never seen one sell form ore than

SPECIFICATIONS

3164cc air-cooled flat-six Max power: 228 bhp at 5900 rpm Max torque: 2 10 lb ft at 4 8 0 0 rp m 5-speed manual Weight: 1160 kg 0 - 6 2 m ph: Max speed: 152 m ph* 1987-1988 3 4 0 **

Number sold in UK *Porsche figures; ** Porsche Club Great Britain estim ate

Maintenance costs (guide price, including fitting and VAT) Oil/ major service $\pounds216/\pounds576$ Engine top end overhaul $\pounds4500$ Renew clutch £1384 Replace exhaust (OE item) £4500 Replace both heat exchangers £4077 Four premium brand tyres (205/55 VR16, 225/50 VR16) £420

£200,000 and I've never seen one sell for less than £150.000.'Alan comments

WHAT YOU'LL PAY

£130,000-£150,000: The least good examples, with rust, high mileage and track use £150,000-£180,000: Sub-50,000 miles, no rust or mechanical issues, no track history £180,000-£200,000: Tends to be the top selling price, despite higher asking prices. Expect under 20.000 miles

values have been so hot, a trend revealed by Alan's price tracking since 2010.

His file of advertisement cuttings show that in 2010 the typical asking price was around £50,000. The next year it was closer to £60,000 and in 2012 he noted a £66,000 price. Prices went through the roof in 2013 when a 19,800-mile car was reported sold by a Porsche Centre for £105,000, while in 2015 London-based premium classic dealer Hexagon advertised a 40,900-mile example for £179,995. In that year supercar specialist Top 555 in Leicestershire asked £249,950 for a 6521-mile car.

However, the highest price Alan has spotted since then has been £199,000 for a car on eBay last September. And sellers' expectations can be shown to be too high: in December 2016 auctioneer Bonhams offered a 48,342-mile car expecting between £180,000 and £220,000 but did not find a buyer.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR: IS IT THE REAL THING?

The first step is to check that the Carerra Club Sport you are looking at is actually what it's claimed to be, and not a "tribute". 'The VIN and engine number will prove this,' advises Mark Peters of specialist Precision Porsche in Uckfield in East Sussex, which looks after a number of Club Sports. For the 1988 model year the chassis numbers are WPOZZZ91HS105001 to 05300, and for the 1989 model year

WP0ZZZ91JS105001 to 05300, he tells us.

'Check the VIN and engine numbers are the same as on the V5C, the service and maintenance book and the identification sticker on the vehicle, as well as on any service invoices,' Mark adds. 'Call your local Porsche dealer or specialist and get them to check that the paperwork ties up with the car.'

ENGINE AND TRANSMISSION

Identical to the normal Carrera 3.2 engine apart from its tuning, the dry-sumped unit suffers that model's well known problems. At anything over 100,000 miles it is likely to need a partial rebuild, at which point it will be smoking, particularly on the overrun. Some Porsche specialists offer a rebuild package, for example removing the cylinder barrels, renewing the seals at the base of the cylinder liners, fitting new piston rings and checking the valve guides and oil seals.

'Before buying, have a "leak down" compression test carried out, and check for broken cylinder studs, particularly where the car has been stored in humid climate,' Mark advises. It's also likely that nuts securing the exhaust heat exchangers to the engine will be corroded on, which can substantially increase the labour charge for fitting a new exhaust.

It's important to establish in how many places this famously leak-prone engine is oozing black liquid. 'Check carefully for oil

WHAT THE PRESS SAID

There is only one way to describe the way the CS rockets off the line: sensational. Drop the clutch at just under 5000rpm, the rear squats, the front lifts, the rear wheels howl as they leave 10ft of rubber on the Tarmac and you reach 30mph in 1.9sec, with 60mph coming up in 5.2sec in second. Under full throttle, it bellows like a competition car. Magnificent.' Autocar, 911 Carrera Club Sport 3.2 vs 944 Turbo SE road test, 11th May, 1988

'Undamped by any absorbing material, a unique and characteristic medley of sounds echoes around the cockpit. Underlaying it all is the flat chugging of the air-cooled six, spiced with whirring gears, swishing bearings, and the "clunk-clunk" of the gearchange mechanism, but often drowning all else out is the reverberant thumping of the tyres. Road joints crack like rifle shots, cats eyes echo like machine gun fire as the hard dampers punch every move of the alloy rims into the shell.' Motor Sport, 911 Carrera Club Sport road test, April 1988

What Porsche said

'A Club Sport version of the Carrera Coupe is now offered for the true enthusiast driver which is fitted with stiffer sport suspension and is some 50kg lighter. The weight saving has been gained by eliminating the PVC undercoating, the integral front fog lamps, many creature comforts including the rear seats, in-car entertainment, sound insulation and the electric adjustment on the front seats and windows.'

leaks,' Mark recommends, 'particularly looking at the valve covers, the timing cover, the timing chain housing, the engine crankcase breather cover, the cylinder bolt O-rings, and the rear main flywheel crank pulley seal.'

Leaks aside, the engine breather hoses may have cracked with age, and the oil tank to cooler 'S' hose age hardened, while Body wise the Carrera Club Sport was standard Carrera 3.2, but fitted with stiffer Bilstein dampers and lacking in some sound deadening



Right: Distinctive pinstriped, deep bolstered Sports seats are a Club Sport trademark, as is lack of rear seats



the fuel hose across the engine could have deteriorated. The engine mounts settle, causing the large washers to rub on the metal outer part of the mount.

TRANSMISSION

All Club Sports have the later, G50 fivespeed gearbox with an hydraulic rather than cable clutch, and this is generally reliable, though watch out for synchromesh wear. 'If the limited slip differential clutches wear, this can affect handling,' Mark points out.

SUSPENSION

Shock absorbers lose effectiveness, fluid and/or gas leaks causing a noticeable drop off in handling. Mark suggests a particular check: 'It's unlikely for such a rare car, but it's as well to ensure that the Bilstein gas shock absorbers have not been replaced with standard items.' The rubbers in the anti-roll bar links to the chassis are prone to wearing out.

Suspension top mounts can wear, allowing play between the strut and body; this can usually be felt when driving. Worn

steering parts can cause unequal tyre wear, and steering and handling problems.

BRAKES, WHEELS AND TYRES

Most Club Sports spend a lot of time in storage, resulting in seized brake calipers, causing the brakes to stick. If you can't push the car, at least one caliper is affected. Tyres may be past their sell by date: 'Always check the dates of the tyres, using the code on the sidewall,' Mark says. If they're more than five or six years old, it's time to change them.'

BODYWORK

Most Club Sports have covered lower mileages than regular Carerra 3.2s, but the lack of underseal means corrosion is a distinct possibility, particularly in the "kidney bowls" either side of the underside that provide chassis strengthening. 'Underbody cleaning and treatment with a wax chemical such as Tectyl ML, Wurth or Dinitrol is a good idea,' Mark says. Other rust spots are the wings under the headlamps, the fuel

filler on the front wing, which rusts on the surface where the filler mouth is located, the fuel tank itself, the metal just below the windscreen, the B-posts around the door latch striker plate, and the metal around the rear lamps.

Door fittings can be bothersome: 'You may find worn door hinges, which are meant to be lubricated during service work,' Mark explains. 'Door locks can be stiff, lack of use or lubrication being the usual cause. Depending on mileage, door window regulator and guides can wear, and the door window felt seal can split.'

VERDICT

The 911 Carrera Club Sport is a legend, but at the same time little different from a normal 911 from the late 1980s. You would have to be a 911 connoisseur to tell it apart, and can more noise and a harder ride be virtues? But that's probably irrelevant, because it's no longer a car to enjoy, but one to lock up as an investment. And as an investment, it's probably one of the best aircooled 911s to buy, even with prices now well into six figures. **PW**

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BUYERS' CHECKLIST

Check VIN to ensure it is a genuine 911 Carrera Club Sport
Engines often need a top end overhaul at 100,000-120,000 miles, check for smoke
Look out for a multitude of oil leaks from the engine
Exhaust is expensive to fit, taking 4-5 hours

If little or no heating, heat exchangers may have rusted badly Worn gearbox sychromesh causes crunching when changing gear

If handling is vague, the anti-roll bar bushes may be worn Push car to see if one or more brake caliper has seized

Rust traps include the underside "kidney bowls", front wings, fuel filler, panel below front screen, B-posts and fuel tank

Ensure that all electrical functions, such as the sunroof, work properly



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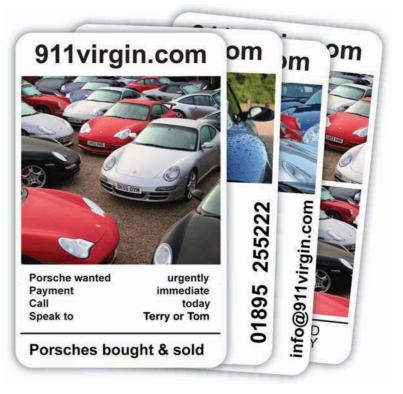
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How long have you been in the Porsche business?

I've been back at the fam ily business for about 18 m onths now, having starting out as an apprentice technician here back in 2006 before deciding I preferred not getting m y hands dirty, and pursuing a career in sales with Audi for 10 years, progressing to general sales m an ager of a large dealership. The plan was always to come back, hopefully with a broader understanding of the industry, and that happened last year. My real passion being Porsche, I always kept a close eye on the business, which celebrates 25 years in 2019

What Porsches do you specialise in?

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What would you recommend as the best "first Porsche" to buy?

Budget is hugely relevant: if we were talking sub £20,000, then a well maintained 987 gen 1 or 2 Boxster or Boxster S offer superb m otoring in both perform ance and reliability, and

m aintenance costs. If £ 20.000 plus, it would be an early 997. which presently seem exceptional value for m oney, although an eyes wide open approach is necessary from a $b\ or\ e\ s\ c\ or\ in\ g\ p\ o\ in\ t\ o\ f\ v\ i\ e\ w$ Remember, there is nothing m ore expensive than a cheap

Where do you get your stock from?

About 75 per cent of our stock is generated through our own custom er base, either in direct purchase, or back in partexchange. This was always our business model because we know the car, we can make sure the preparation is correct. It will potentially restrict the number a constantly growing clientele base we don't see it being a problem. We try to avoid auctions or buying from the

What warranty do you give, or sell?

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What's 'hot' at the moment?

To be honest, anything priced well, in good condition with a proven history doesn't tend to hang around long.

What's best value at the

Early 996 coupes - 3.4 m anuals

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Name a car that you recently sold, that you would happily have kept for yourself

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everyday?

Mostly a VW Golf diesel. Being lucky enough to be in and out of all these lovely cars day in day out, som etim es a quiet, boring drive hom e is required

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Allow the brakes to bed in, avoiding harsh braking. An added benefit is that tyres treated gently for the first few hundred miles will wear less quickly later on, IAM says. Check water and oil frequently, expecting higher than normal oil consumption for the first 5000 miles, and also heavier fuel consumption during this period, after which both will im prove. Avoid long runs at constant revs - instead vary the revs, advises IAM. Will all this really help? Added care for your Porsche can surely do no harm

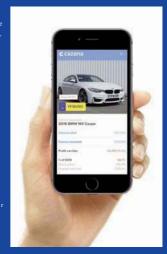


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968



1971 911T 2.2, LHD, sitting >32 years German car with German registration, original colour orange, not used since 1986. S-options incl five Fuchs 6 x 15 of 1971 etc, car will be supplied with lot of additional new and used spares, sound basis, additional pictures available, please feel free for any other questions, car is located close to Munich airport,

similiar. Tel: 0049 15151 829774. Email: P0718/019 £44,440

interested in trade with Ultima GTR or

cmr2000@web.de (Germany)



911 (996) Carrera 4

T-reg, silver with blue leather trim, Tiptronic S gearbox, 38,000 miles, large history file, IMS Guardian, MOT July '18, 2 keys. Tel: 07541 310419 (Lincs). £22,500 ono P0718/045



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£18,995 P0718/029

BOXSTER



Boxster S 2003

75K, Midnight Blue metallic, Metropole Blue hood, black leather, Bose/wind deflector, Litronic, aluminium pack, heated seats, PSM, computer, CD autochanger. MOT Dec, lady owned and Northway maintained last 5 yrs. Tel: 07702 819395. Email:

greencj50@gmail.com (Berks). P0718/047 £6500



Boxster S Type 987

Model 2006, 3.2, 6 speed manual gearbox, Cobalt Blue metallic with Metropole Blue roof and Ocean Blue full leather interior. Very high spec car with low mileage, climate control air con, PCM Porsche sat nav, rear Park Assist, Sport heated seats, 19" Sport Design alloys with colour crested centres, Bi-Xenon headlamps, multi-function 3 spoke steering wheel, PASM, CDC-4 CD autochanger (6 disc), Bose surround sound system with wind deflector, cruise control, top tinted windscreen. Full Porsche service history, first registered in September 2005 on a 55 plate, new tyres have covered 1500 miles, wheels unmarked, current mileage 27,295. Two owners, MOT until September 2018, next service due August 2019, road tax per year £305, I have been the owner for the last 10 years. Please contact Mandy on:

downslodge@tiscali.co.uk

£18,500

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Boxster 2005

Very low mileage, immaculate condition, red, 21,000 miles only, soft top, 19" wheels, tracker fitted, ceramic coating on paintwork, private registration and in immaculate condition, a must see car for any Porsche enthusiast. Tel: 07805 492355. Email: craig.t.loftus@gmail.com

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BOXSTER

2006 Boxster 987 2.7

2.7 manual, 42,000 miles, full service history, MOT April 2019, Arctic Silver/black leather, park assist, cruise control, Sport option steering wheel, all invoices including original sales invoice. Recent rear Michelin tyres, air con condensers, purchased from PCT Porsche. Tel: 07922 471710. Email: wood.keithr@gmail.com (West Midlands). £13,500 P0718/025

CAYMAN



2006 Porsche Cayman 3.4 S

6-speed manual, 40K with FSH, metallic Seal Grey with contrasting full leather heated Sports interior, PCM2 NAV, sports exhaust, air conditioning, 19" Carrera alloys, stunning condition throughout, only £17,995. Contact: Graham at Renaissance Classics on 01483 225878 or 07801 235272. Email: graham.beeson@renaissanceclassics.co.uk (Trade).

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2006 Ruf 3400K Prototype # 2/2

Only full production spec prototype made, delivered in Zuffenhausen as a factory delivery Special Order (Carrara White/Cocoa Brown special leather) 12 June 2006 in the morning and dropped off at Pfaffenhausen in the afternoon. Disassembled and repainted in Azurro Santa Barbara, after re-creation as a 3400K (supercharged 400hp engine, Ruf brakes, Ruf suspension), was driven to Barcelona as a test drive, signed by Herr Ruf. Following further tuning (ECU completely rewritten) and refinement, delivered to Port of Long Beach, CA, USA. One owner, obsessively maintained at Schneider Autohaus in Santa Barbara, CA and European Road and Racing in Charleston, SC. Extremely reliable, numerous awards including 'Best Porsche Contemporary' at the 2018 Amelia Island Festival of Speed, featured in Excellence magazine (11/2007) and Autoweek (7 April 2008), 69,000 mi, more photos available, looking for a good home. Can assist with shipping from Port of Charleston, SC. Tel: 843 212 5560. Email: drjoesc@gmail.com (S. Carolina, USA). P0718/048

AUCTION/SHOWROOM/CLASSIFIED

Top, premium classic Porsches often achieve spectacular prices at high profile international auctions. But recently their catalogues have begun to include more ordinary Porsches, and David Sutherland ponders if it's really a good ideas for owners to enter such auctions



911 Turbo, Porsche Centre Swindon, big bucks at £134,850

closely observe classic car auctions say there's an emerging trend of mediocre or even scrappy machinery being entered in top level international auctions, in the hope that the glam our of the pristine Carrera 2.7s and haul prices up by their boot straps. It's an interesting alternative to placing such a car in a perhaps more appropriate sales m edium like Auto Trader in the UK, Crainslist in the U.S. or Mobile.de in Germany. But it can be a risky choice, too, because it'll cost around 10 on the day there might not be the saleroom chemistry you the car and throw caution to the wind when responding to the auctioneer's goads and

actually enter a lesser value classic in its auction? That

spokesman for R M Sotheby's, an international player whose sales each typically generate £20m in revenue, 'If they're struggling £60.000 car. but because won't make much money out of it,' he tells us. 'W hat they and put the pre-sale estimate of a good car on it. And they If you do spot an average looking carwith paint peeling off in among the gleaming Ferraris and Porsches at an RM sale, it may well be there for contractual reasons, Peter reveals: 'Cars can get the seller says "if you take these two cars, you have to S o let's assum e you've persuaded the auction house condition Porsche and place it in the classic car display canapes are dispensed to the world's richest car fanatics at

sale price (high enough to clear com m ission and be achieved in the classifieds? Haynes reckons it can work. 'If you put a 10 grand estimate car in a room looks cheap and someone might buy it on a whim, 'he

R M 's A pril sale in Fort Lauderdale in Elorida was events, the highest sale price a "mere" \$1.54 m for a a \$10m to \$20m Ferrari. And ordinary Porsches go under

The cheapest was a 2003 9 9 6 - m o d e l 9 1 1 C a b rio le t nestling in the abbreviated cars are crowded in four to a page and with no description top 996 with Tiptronic desired car, but the fresh looking silver paintwork and nicely contrasting red leather \$ 1 5 ,0 0 0 - \$ 2 0 ,9 0 0 (a b o u t £ 1 1 , 1 0 0 - £ 1 4 , 8 0 0), the ham mer price including buyer's premium \$20,000 and the seller receiving any transport costs that had been incurred. Craigslist proposition ..

A 1988 911 Carrera Cabriolet with a \$ 3 5 .0 0 0 - \$ 4 5 .0 0 0 (£ 2 5 ,9 0 0 - £ 3 3 ,2 5 0) e s tim a te sold for \$34,100 (£25,200), the owner taking home £21.000. so neither was this a result to celebrate. Classic to sell racing cars, with the publicise their motorsport pedigree, but R M clearly did Rothmans Cup racer as a big earner. It was one of 36 built market and came with a logbook detailing its races; it \$50,000-\$60,000 (£ 3 6 ,9 0 0 - £ 4 4 ,3 0 0) e s tim a te

Turbo Cabriolet with airconditioning and Speedline distinguishing features other estimate was (£51,700-£66,500) but it made \$94.600 (£69.900): the seller's net take would likely be a little over £55,000. The sam e m odel except in coupe form, and from 1987, had an \$80.000-\$100.000 (£ 5 9 , 1 0 0 - £ 7 3 , 9 0 0) e s tim a te over that upper figure, at

pav much more to sell a car advertising on a classic website. But you may get a big advantage is that it avoids som ething som e the car to a string of callers, and being asked for test drives, which are always problematic in terms of

You need to weigh up the pros and consofgoing the auction route, but on the basis of these results, we'd have to say that disposing of the price range is unlikely to produce the price some might hope for. But it needn't just be the sellers of the cheapies Lauderdale was for a highly with under 7600 miles which carried a \$425.000-\$475.000 (£ 3 1 4 ,0 0 0 - £ 3 5 1 ,0 0 0) but did not make its reserve. In one sense, auctions are great levellers. PW



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P0718/038 £350



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£9999

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LES 190

'LES 190' registration for sale

Until recently on my 964 but have now decided to sell the registration, on retention certificate, no VAT or other charges to pay. Telephone with offers. Tel: 07425 153194. Email: lezdawes@gmail.com.

£3500

P0718/007



Number plate

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P0718/050 Offers

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Boxster 987 owners!!!

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Offers above £2500

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Porsche cherished number

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£3850 P0718/022

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£1200

£499

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Cayenne spare wheel

Genuine Porsche Cayenne alloy wheel with Continental Sport Contact 255/55R18 tyre, no damage or repairs, 4 - 2.5mm tread, used as full size spare, pictures available. Tel: 07766 160594. Email: mawarman@supanet.com (Derbyshire).

£65 P0718/009



Door dent protection, pair

New pair of car dent protectors, fitted easily as they are held by extra strong rubber coated magnets, ideal for car parks and narrow garages, can be rolled up for storage. £29.99 by PayPal includes carry bag, UK p&p. Text: 07799 064911. P0718/004

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Porsche 964 alloys replica Speedline 17" with tyres

Replica Speedline 17" split rim alloys with brand new Toyo tyres, never been fitted to a car, fronts 235-45-17, rears 274-40-17, rear tyres have not even been fitted to rims yet. Please call or email for more info and collection/delivery details. Tel: 07825 610480. Email:

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Boxster hard top for sale

To fit a 987 model in Seal Grey, collection only from Brackley, perfect condition. Tel: 07711 182888. Email: pr@trade-events.co.uk.

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PANAMERA S V8 (MANUAL) 2010 '10' 42,500 MILES £28,880



he controversy which greeted the Panamera in 2005 has long died down and we have grown used to its slightly bulbous looks, especially now the M k2 has been launched to aesthetic acciaim. However, the Panamera's party trick, the way this two tonne, 4.8 metre leviathan could be driven round corners like Porsche's other sports cars was apparent from the outset. So if the Mercedes S. Class said more about your personal wealth, cosseted you in even deeper leather (and outsold the big Porsche at the rate of five to one), lew would argue it was better to drive. The best performing Panameras were the turbocharged VBs, but sensibly (given their potency) these were all 4x4s; if you epted for the S0.000 cheaper S, you could have the 400 bhp VB and rear drive - the specification later selected for the much admired 0.TS. Panameras all came with PDK transmission, and to a minority of diehards it seemed a shame that on such an unexpectedly rewarding driver's car a manual gearbox was never apparently offered.

It appears though that in the early years, a manual shift could be ordered: in January 2014 a
Pistonheads feature highlighted a one-owner 2010 VBS with the six-speed in its classified section. Four years on that same metallic blue car is again for sale, still in its native W litshire at Steve Bull Specialist.

Cars, after a second owner, a further 13,000 miles and with an asking price £18,000 lower. And a fine

unmarked and the splendid cabin pristine, its black leather offset by tasteful burr wain ut inlays. There is not a soulf to be seen and this Panamera seems only ever to have transported its two owners, the boot seem ingly never used. The engine, which visually is completely dry, was serviced by supplying dealer Porsche Centre Swinden at 14.600, 22.800 and 40.078 miles, the latter intervention in October 2016. Specification includes PASM and adaptive air suspension allowing ride height ajustment, and that manual gearbox. The question is whether this will translate successfully, or as happened with Jaguar's P-Type (where a manual 'six' could be ordered for the 4x4 version) feel heavy and clumsy.

The Panamera fires and idles with a refined rum ble. The hydraulically assisted clutch is surprisingly light by 91t standards, visibility is good and as you set off the Panamera's dimensions seem to shrink around you. The real revelation of this car though is the sense of involvement endowed by the transmission: the gearshift is beautifully weighted and precise (perhaps because the linkage to the gearbox is minimal) and the threttle response combined with Porsche's high standards in the steering and braking department means that very quickly the Panamera fee is as familiar as the 91t. Refinement though is the name of the game and the cultured VS, happy burbling along at low revs, does not urge you on as a filation would, but when so licited, those 400 horses are keen enough and Porsche's claimed 0 -100 kph in



normal traffic speeds, though, the Panamera serves

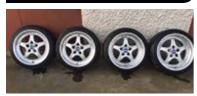
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P0718/057



Genuine 17" Cup 2 wheels for sale Removed from my 993 Coupe, genuine set of 17" Cup 2 wheels in excellent condition, no kerbing or pitting, just a couple of very small marks on two wheels. 7J x17 ET55 and 9J x17 ET70, part no's 993 362 124.00 and 993 362 128.01, tyres are premium Hankook with 6mm tread on front and 5mm on rear, size 205x50x17 and 255x40x17, contact for more detailed photos. Tel: 07491 666163. Email: sbeazer911@gmail.com (Surrey).

P0718/021 £895

Porsche parts

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P0718/060

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P0718/043 £195

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£250 P0718/003

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£150 ono

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PORSCHE 997S GEN 2 2009 '09-PLATE' MANUAL 44,830 MILES £42,995



ys, which suit it perfectly, are similarly

new, the backs were repraced to to the sage and
are halfworn. Behind them the brake discs are all
relatively new.
First registered in July 2009 by Porsche Centre
Exeter, the supplying dealer carried out the first
service at two years and 7600 miles; the second
owner lived in Southam pton and PC Portsmouth did
the honours with scheduled maintenance in July 2013
and June 2015 at 24,500 and 35,600 miles,
respectively. Montgomery-based thirdowner Adrian
Boyes used his 911 relatively little: PC
Wolverham pton carried out the most recent service in
May 2017 at 43,400 miles. The invoice file is largely
complete and includes a June 2016 bill from Center
Gravity for geometry adjustments.
On the road this 997S feels very good for a car
approaching its ninth birthday, the driving experience
every bit as gratifying as its appearance. With the
original factory pipe, the exhaust note is nicely
judged – assertive, but discretely so. The 911
burbles along comfortably at 30 – 40 mph in third and
fourth, the 3.8 proving remarkably flexible. The
gearshift moves easily yet without feeling loose, the
clutch, relatively light by Porsche standards, bites
authoritative ly at mid-trave I. Cabin and chassis
feel impressively taut with no rattles discernible either
with in the car or from underneath. The engine
looks a little dusty though dry under its cover, but
solicit the accelerator in second gear and the 3.8
shows itself in fine fettle as the 911, nose lifting
perceptibly, takes off like a proverbial missile: with in



BACKGROUND

As well as being a comprehensive re-panelling of the 996 chassis, particularly noticeable in the frontal treatment, the 997 model also turned the S' into a more powerful engined version. Introduced in 2008, the second generation 997 had minor changes to front and rear, but under the hood were two entirely new direct fuel injection engines: the base gen 2 Carrera had a 3614cc flat-six rated at 345bhp and the 3800cc S delivered 385bhp. These engines were significantly lighter and stiffer than the M97 they replaced and, among advances such as electronic rather than crankshaft-driven oil pumps, dispensed with the troublesome intermediate shaft. Porsche used the occasion to launch its double clutch PDK transmission: at a stroke this £2500 option would become the preferred gearbox of most 911 buyers.

WHERE IS IT?
Ashgood Classic & Sports Cars just off M25 J 15 near Heathrow specialises in post 2008 911s, Boxsters and Caymans. ashgood.co.uk 01753 680558

Gen 2 997, full service record, manual gearbox, low mileage, attractive colour.

AGAINST

Some buyers might expect more optional extras at this price.

VERDICT

Fine example of the last analogue six-speed 911.

VALUE AT A GLANCE Condition

Price Perform ance Overall



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seconds you are ready for third, but now so





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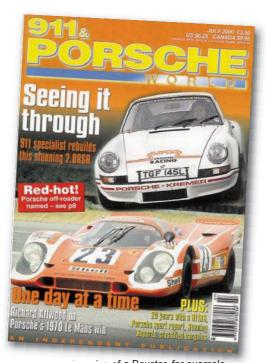
TIME MACHINE

Editor Bennett peruses the archives of 911 & Porsche World from days gone by. What's changed? That will be everything and nothing...

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fascination and emotion.' Sorry, that was all a bit

consum er pressure, highlighting just how ripped-off European countries, not to mention the U.S., with canny UK buyers exploiting various loopholes to buy or import



As a result the price of a Poxster, for example, however, as the 911&PW letters pages would confirm



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a bit of a rolling road shootout, and good the SC and Carrera 3.2 variety and either Sometime 911&PW contributor, Chris

Chilton debuted his new Carrera 3 2 and Porsche that makes notoriously tight-fisted m otoring journos part with their cash. So

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911&PW. A bit showy offy? Not a bit of it it's crucial to the DNA of the mag. How. in all honesty that we do now have a PDK on the fleet, in the shape

The last time we had a gathering of this type was way back in 2006, and it was interesting to see how of us are of the water-cooled persuasion





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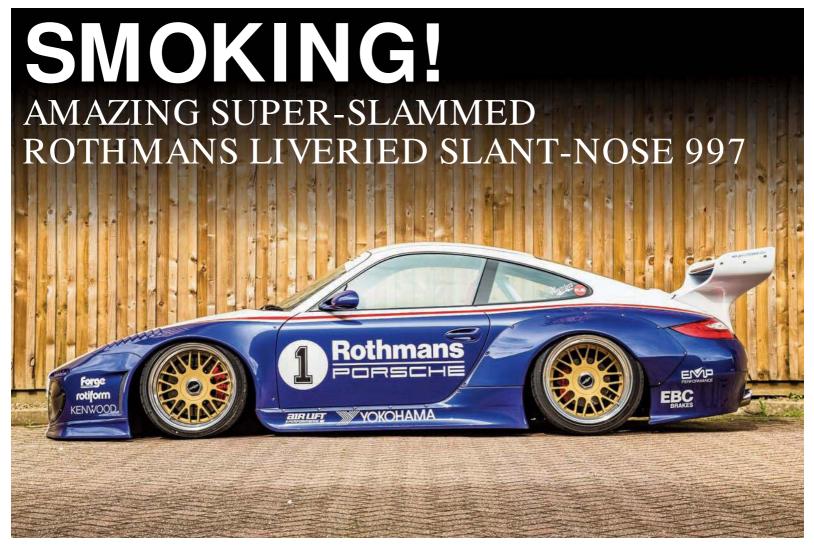
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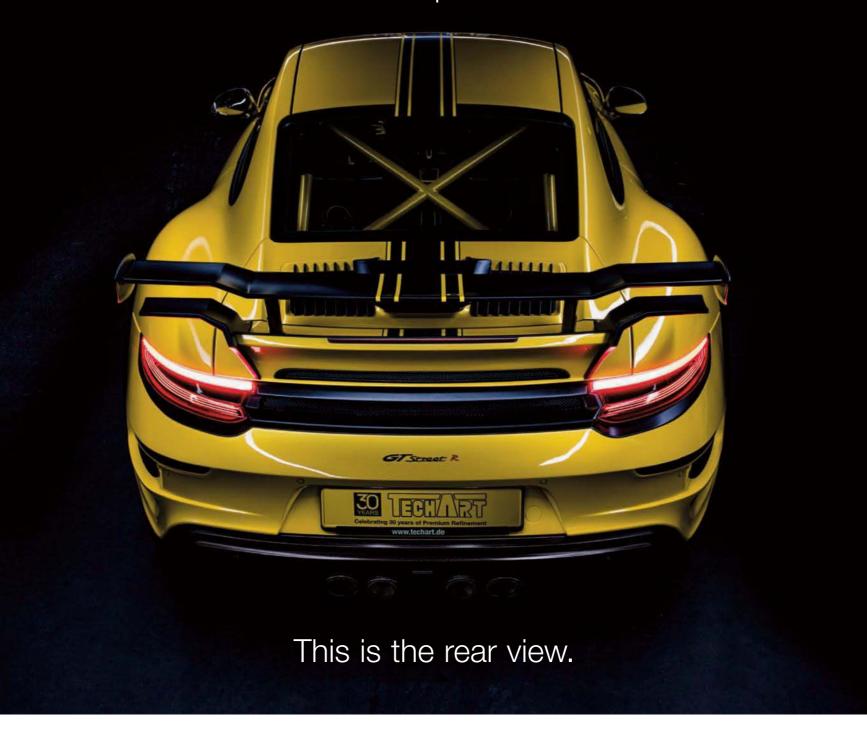


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