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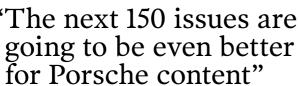
he contents of Porsche's secret warehouse really does make for the most awe-inspiring automotive collection sat between any four walls. Full to the rafters with the poster cars that have defined the history of the company, as well as the projects that hint at untold stories, the place has a sacred undertone that makes a visit so special - if you can ever get access, of course.

During the 911's 50th anniversary celebration in 2013, Porsche opened its doors and invited the media to its building of prized rolling artefacts, though these days the company has (rightly) scaled this back to retain its sanctity, its exclusivity to those lucky enough to ever peer inside. It is fitting then, that Total 911 was given access to this tomb of resting prototypes, preproduction cars and racing greats in honour of the magazine's 150th issue. Taking you behind the locked doors of a building not many know exists has been one of my greatest pleasures since

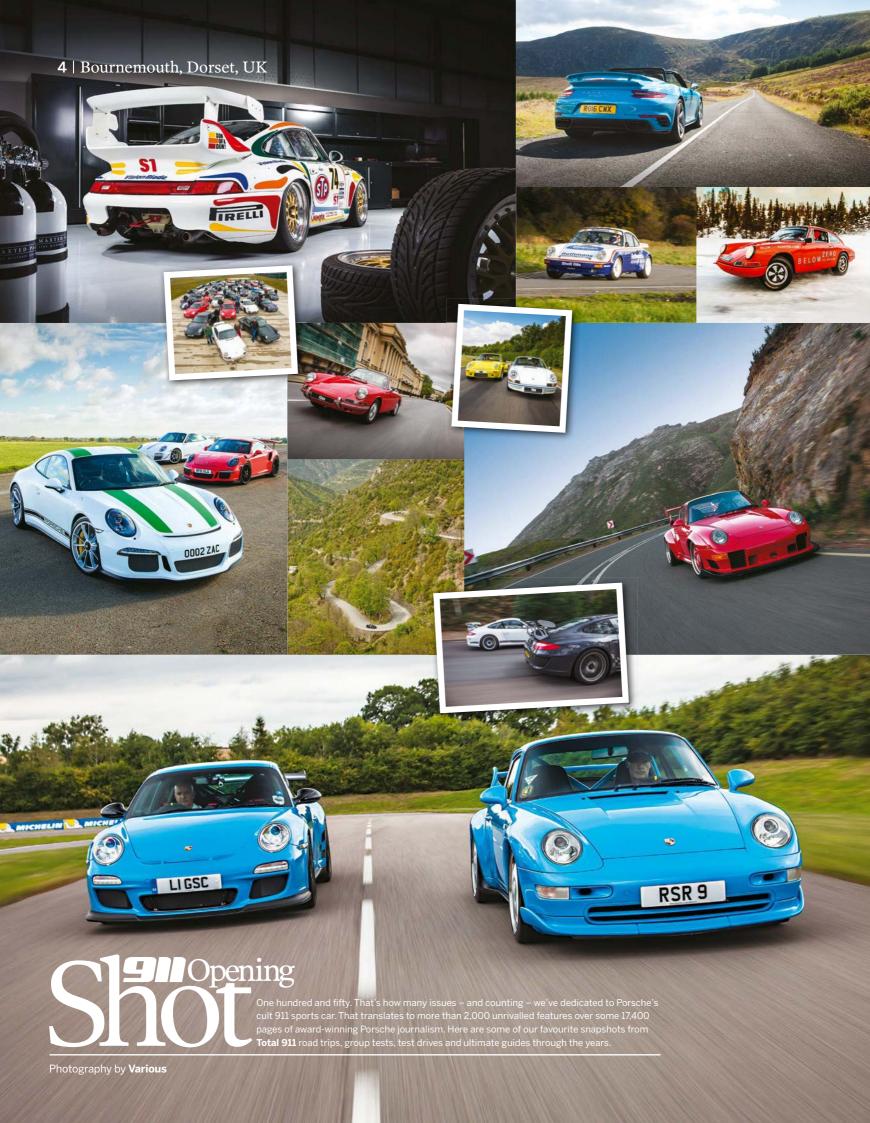
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taking this job, and I must therefore reserve a special thanks to Astrid, Sonja and Alexander from the Museum team and Rob Punshon from the UK's PR staff for facilitating the idea of getting Total 911 cameras into that warehouse in the first place.

This landmark issue also presents the entire magazine team and I with an opportunity to thank you, dear reader, for your continued lovalty. We enjoy tremendously our mission to bring you the very best from the world of Porsche each issue, though fear not, because we are not about to start resting on our laurels. You can be assured that the next 150 issues are going to be even better for stellar Porsche content. That could well involve the hallowed GTl. My interview with Alexander (above) revealed the Museum's intentions to get the Straßenversion back on the road in celebration of its 20th anniversary – so watch this space, as it looks like this may not be the last time you see the GTl gracing the pages of Total 911 magazine in 2017.









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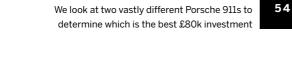
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# Latest news, key dates, star products & race results from the world of Porsche





# Widowmaker confirmed: 991 GT2 expected by the end of 2017

New 650hp GT2 to be PDK-only, while new GT3 to get 911 R's 4.0-litre, 500hp engine

We've been asking the question for years now, but chatting to Porsche insiders on the 911 GTS launch in South Africa saw them confirming the arrival of the next-generation widowmaker. The GT2, the first model to wear that iconic badge in the 991 series, will deliver 650hp from a development of the existing Turbo S's 9A1 3.8-litre biturbo flat six. Our sources admit that as much as 700hp is possible, but 650hp is able to be achieved within Porsche's expectations for reliability. The GT2 will retain its rear-wheel-drive chassis, though the previously three-pedal, six-speed manual transmission will make way for a seven-speed PDK automatic.

Manual fans can take solace in the fact that Porsche has confirmed, still unofficially, that the second-generation GT3 will be offered with either a six-speed manual transmission or a seven-speed PDK paddle-shifted automatic. The GT3 will also see its engine increase in capacity to the 4.0-litres of the RS, with power to match the 500hp of the RS and its R relation.

That sizeable performance gain over the outgoing GT3 is necessary to distance it from

its Carrera relations, the new GTS just 25hp shy of the outgoing GT3's 475hp. Improvements in low rev torque delivery are also promised thanks to extensive internal revisions to the naturally-aspirated unit, the 4.0-litre engine also anticipated to be offered in a possible Cayman GT4 RS, albeit at a slightly reduced power output.

Given the series production Carrera GTS is now able to offer 450hp and a 0-62mph time of 3.6 seconds, that bump in GT3 performance is entirely understandable. So too are the numbers Porsche's people are quietly suggesting a GT2 might manage around the Nürburgring. The previous GT2 RS had a quoted figure of seven minutes and 18 seconds, our sources admitting an actual representative time has yet to be achieved thanks to winter, but internal calculations suggest a time of seven minutes and five seconds.

Given Porsche's usually conservative official figures, expect that to be a bit quicker when given to Nürburgring experts like a certain Mr Walter Röhrl. Engineers involved in the GTS model series say that with road-legal Pirelli PZero Corsa tyres, a perfectly equipped GTS Coupe can achieve a

Nürburgring laptime of seven minutes and 22 seconds, underlining the narrowing gap between the 'conventional' Carrera line-up and the GT department's more extreme models, and the need for ever quicker, more intense models.

What is certain is that the GT2 will have a top speed in excess of 200mph and a 0-62mph time around that of the Turbo S's 2.9 seconds, that achieved thanks, in part, to some weight reduction by binning the Turbo's four-wheel drive, though that itself limiting the potential traction - as much as its GT2's sizeable bump in power. As befitting its extreme nature the GT2 will lose its rear seats and offer a Clubsport package with a half roll cage and lightweight seats, Porsche certain to strip out as much mass from its most hardcore 911 yet to help deliver its legendary and anticipated extreme performance. Expected late 2017, both the GT2 and GT3 are certain to keep Porsche's GT department busy. If you've not already spoken to your dealer then you'll be in for a wait, as demand for Porsche's most special models always significantly outstrips supply, and both the GT2 and GT3 sound very special indeed.





# What's on in 2017

- Porsche Museum:
   Roadbook
   30 October 2016 –
   23 April 2017
   A vibrant exhibition
   about the museum's
   rolling collection.
- Amelia Island
  Concours
  9-12 March
  22nd running of the
  famous event on the
  Ritz-Carlton lawns
- Geneva Motor Sho 9-19 March Expect to see a new addition to the Porsche 911 range debut in
- PSDS Precision 8-9 April There are still spaces remaining for Porsche's Precision course
- St Mawes Classic Car Festival
   1-5 May
   A bank holiday tou of west Cornwall throws up some spectacular roads and stop-offs

# Porsche exotica set for Amelia Island auctions

Speedster and 964 Turbo 3.6 to be offered with no reserve; 2.7 RS Lightweight to feature

Rival auction houses RM Sotheby's and Gooding & Company will once again do battle for the 2017 Amelia Island Concours week with a variety of rare Porsche cars set to go under the hammer.

The highlight of RM Sotheby's offering, spread over two days at the Ritz-Carlton, is undoubtedly the 58-strong collection of Orin Smith on 10 March, much of which is said to be offered without reserve. However, 911 aficionados will have to wait for the traditional auction of 11 March for their Porsche fix, headlined by a

964 Turbo 3.6 offered without reserve. The 1991 Turbo in Guards red has just 8,950 miles on the clock and boasts a comprehensive service history, and follows a 1989 Speedster, also in Guards red, to be offered with no reserve. A 1973 2.7 RS Lightweight, 2011 997 GT2 RS and 1989 930 Flachbau Cabriolet will feature elsewhere in the sale.

Meanwhile, there was a quiet Porsche 911 performance at Bonham's Scottsdale auction, a European Carrera 3.0 with matching numbers making just £48,050

including premiums. Meanwhile, a matching numbers SWB 2.0-litre 911 sold for £115,757 including premiums, while Lot 73, a matching numbers 930 3.3, made a respectable £74,259. If the Scottsdale results are anything to go by, 2017 looks like it will continue the trend of buyers being ever-more scrupulous as to the history and provenance of consignments being auctioned.

Results from the Paris auction were due as **Total 911** went to press, a complete run-down can be found on **Total911.com**.



# **Goodwood FoS announces 2017 theme**

World's largest motoring garden party to honour motorsport heroes again

Lord March is already gearing up for the 25th rendition of the Festival of Speed, held on the grounds of his beautiful Goodwood estate, by announcing the weekend's theme for 2017. Dubbed 'Peaks of performance – motorsport's gamechangers', the Festival will honour "racing machines that were so fast, powerful, expensive or complicated that the rules had to be changed to rein them in." You can therefore

expect to see a heightened Porsche presence once again at the Festival, with former racing greats taking to the famous 1.16-mile hillclimb, while new 911 machinery will be on display for visitors to get up close to.

The 2017 Goodwood Festival of Speed will take place between 29 June and 2 July, and tickets are on sale now via **goodwood.com** or by calling the ticket office on +44 (0)1243 755 055.



# **Better acoustics for 997 Turbo and Turbo S**

AWE expands performance exhaust range for turbocharged 997s

The 911 Turbo has for years been considered the most capable everyday supercar on the market, with blistering performance and astute handling all part of the Turbo's impressive resumé. However, a Total 911 criticism often levied at Porsche's flagship turbocharged car is its guttural exhaust sound, made notable by its absence. A muted exhaust note on factory systems means owners will need to turn to aftermarket tuners to properly unlock the car's acoustic potential, such as the latest offering from AWF

Built for the 997.2 Turbo, AWE Tuning's Touring Exhaust consists

of three-inch tubing and a H-pipe design developed for optimal gas flow, with German-made 200-cell HJS HD metal catalysts guaranteeing operation free of a 'check engine light' message on the dash. Total 911 has been quoted performance gains of 15hp at the crankshaft, with a weight saving over factory of 5kg, though it is the system's ability to elevate the 911's flat-six bark to a venerable war cry that should get 997 Turbo owners excited. The AWE Touring Exhaust is available from £3,885 depending on choice of exhaust tip, with a combative range available to suit individual tastes.



# 992 Coupe and Cabriolet in testing

2019 Porsche 911 spotted free of camouflage while out winter testing; test mules appear wider with full-width active rear wing

otal 911's spies have spotted a series of test mules for Porsche's eighthgeneration Neunelfer out winter testing – and, for the first time, they're bereft of any significant camouflage. As you can see, the mules appear noticeably wider at both the front and rear wheel arches, with rumours suggesting this increase in track width could be the biggest indication yet that Porsche is testing hybrid technology on its road-going 911.

Another noticeable point of interest lies at the rear of the cars in our pictures, Porsche's test mules sporting an active rear wing that extends across the full width of the 992's rear humps. The styling of the rear lights looks set to follow a design parallel with that of the newly-released Panamera, a trend we're likely to see extend to the 992's all-new interior, too.

Porsche's next-generation 911 is tipped to feature yet more active aerodynamic aids, with a current Turbo-style retracting spoiler at the front of the car a possible option (like the 991 Turbo with front spoiler retracted, the test mules in our pictures appear with an exaggerated gap between the ground and their front bumper). In terms of power, history tells us the Carrera and Carrera S models, as seen here, will benefit from a hike of no more than 25hp.

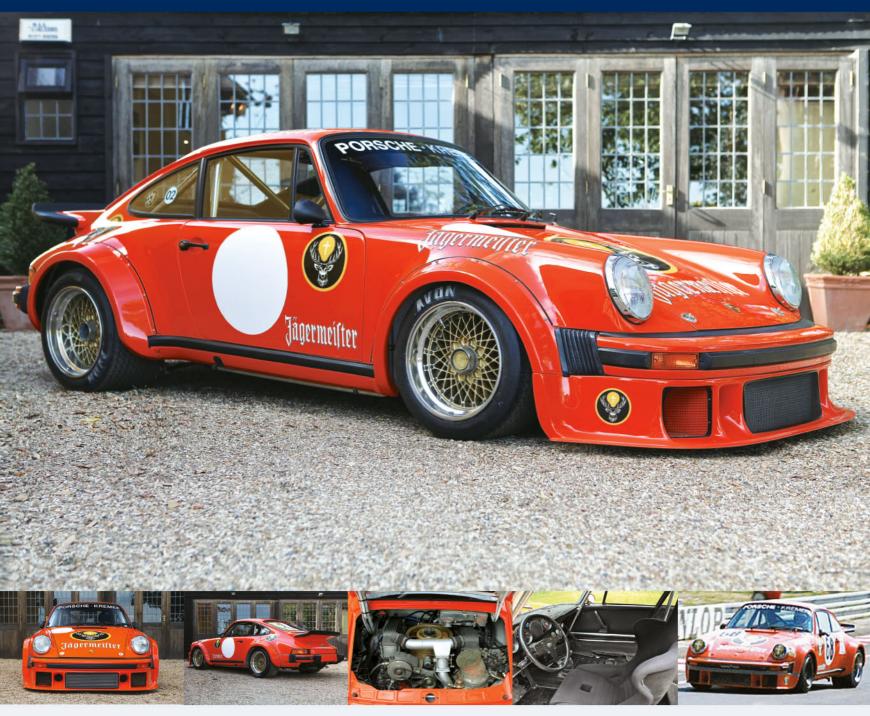
Last year we told you how the new 992 generation looks set to ride on a VW Group shared chassis, with turbocharging likely to feature across the entire lineup including, for the first time, the GT3. A hybrid system could be an option by 2020, though **Total 911** isn't yet aware of any pure electric technology being tested on Porsche's world famous sports car.





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# Motorsport The latest news and results from racing series around the globe



# Successful IMSA season opener for Porsche 911s at Daytona

991 RSR finishes second in GTLM debut, while GT3 R victorious in GTD

The 24 Hours of Daytona proved a successful start to the 2017 season for Porsche in the US. Starting from fifth and eighth in the GTLM class, the 991 RSR ran a mechanically trouble-free race first time out during the incident-packed 55th running of the famous race. Competition was fierce throughout, with nose-to-tail racing and plenty of changes for the lead. When the chequered flag came down at the Daytona Speedway, the no. 911 Porsche, driven by Patrick Pilet, Dirk Werner and Frédéric Makowiecki, was just 2.9 seconds behind the class-winning Ford.

Despite Ford's one-two-three dominance early in the race, the formation was soon broken

as Ferrari and Corvette moved up, with the no. 912 sister Porsche of Kévin Estre, Laurens Vanthoor and Richard Lietz in fourth. With rain and flooding causing several accidents, the race saw 21 safety car phases, the longest lasting over two hours. Just after one-third of the race, there was an eight-car battle for the lead, but by the eleventh hour Pilet and Estre were first and second. But Porsche could not pull away from the group and in the last few hours, positions two to six were just four seconds apart with the no. 911 car finishing second, while the no. 912 car took sixth. There was victory for the 991 GT3 R in GTD class though, Michael Christensen helping Alegra Motorsports to the top spot.



# **Dumas secures Monte Carlo** Rally class win with GT3 RS

RGT class win for Porsche works driver Romain Dumas in wintry conditions

After winning the 2016 Le Mans 24 Hours and the FIA World Endurance Championship with the Porsche 919 Hybrid, you might have expected Porsche works driver Romain Dumas to enjoy a quiet off-season. But, fresh from an eighth overall place in the Dakar Rally, the effervescent Frenchman swapped dusty, hot desert conditions for the treacherous snow-bound roads above Monte Carlo.

Aboard his privateer Porsche 997 GT3 RS, Dumas and co-driver Gilles de Turckheim won the RGT class at the season-opening round of the World Rally Championship, thus adding a class win in the Monte Carlo Rally to his long list of motorsport achievements. Racing conditions were somewhat tricky with 13 of the 14 special stages of the rally driven on snow and ice. "You had to be incredibly careful not to end up off the road," commented Dumas after his second attempt in



# **Double victory for Porsche 911 GT3 R in Dubai 24 Hours**

Herberth Motorsport take the victory with Manthey Racing clinching second

Preceding its class victory at Daytona, the Porsche 991 GT3 R started 2017 in the best way possible with victory in the Dubai 24 Hours. The Herberth Motorsport team, with Porsche works driver Brendon Hartley partnering Robert Renauer, Ralf Bohn, Daniel Allemann and Alfred Renauer, clinched overall victory in the 92-car field after taking the lead during the night.

The no. 12 Manthey Racing GT3 R beat rivals Mercedes and Audi to second place with works driver Sven Müller partnering Matteo Cairoli, Otto Klohs and Jochen Krumbach. A late puncture robbed them of a potential victory. French team, IMSA Performance, whose driver Mathieu Jaminet finished in third place in the 2016 Porsche Supercup series, crossed the line in fifth place.

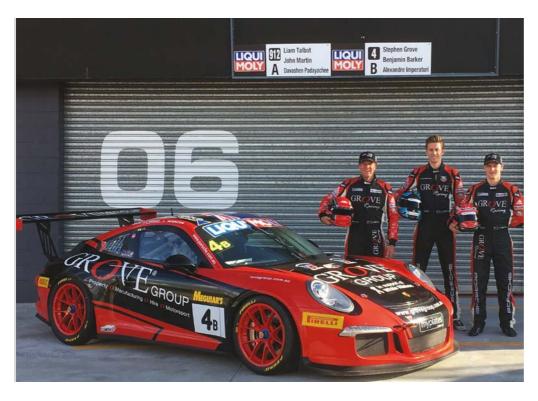
# Motor racing in March/April 2017



# Ben Barker - 2016: FIA WEC Gulf Racing 991 RSR - 2013-2016: Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup - 2012: Porsche Carrera Cum GB Runner

- 2012: Porsche Carrera Cup GB Runner Up

The FIA WEC driver shares all about his world championship campaign







# **Bathurst: Down Under and out**

A dawn crash at the Bathurst 12 Hours prevents Ben from taking the driver's seat in his first race

fter what seems like a long winter, the 2017 racing season has finally started - although, for yours truly, the 'racing' bit may have to wait a little longer! In what is becoming a very welcome habit, I kicked off the year Down Under, rejoining the Grove Racing team for the Bathurst 12 Hours. It is no secret that I love racing at 'The Mountain' - it is not only one of the most spectacular tracks in the world but also one of my absolute favourites, so you can understand my excitement at being invited back for my third 12 Hours

Practice and qualifying were both a question of 'quantity versus quality', with my teammates in Grove's familiar no. 4 Porsche 991 Cup getting the bulk of the laps. Team boss Stephen Grove and Switzerland's Alex Imperatori were my co-drivers this time but, despite his experience in both GT and Le Mans Prototype cars, Alex had never raced the 6.2-kilometre Mount Panorama circuit before, so it was important that both drivers got a lot of track time under their belts.

Meanwhile, I focused on securing the best possible grid position - the hardest part of the weekend was finding a clear lap with 60-odd

cars all on track trying to do the same thing! Fortunately, I managed to find a nearly clear lap early in qualifying to bank a time of two minutes and 8.55 seconds, which was good enough to take the Class B pole by two full seconds.

One of the unique features of the 12 Hours is that it starts in the dark, and Alex did a good job of keeping us in the class lead until dawn broke but, just as I was getting my gear on, waiting for the pit-stop where I'd be taking over, I saw the Grove Porsche in the wall on the exit of The Grate. There was nothing Alex could have done as he had the Class A Ferrari GT3 nosing up the inside midway through one of the most committed corners in the country, forcing him to move off line. Although the most important thing was that Alex was okay after the incident, it was gutting for Stephen and the rest of the Grove team, who all work so hard through the year for this event.

Obviously, I was particularly disappointed not to get into the race but, despite this, I still had fun and loved the laps I did. I really hope to be back next year but, in the meantime, at least I know that I'll be racing throughout 2017, having confirmed another year with the Gulf Racing

team in the World Endurance Championship. This season I'll be racing as the team's 'pro gold' driver, and I'm really excited to lead the team alongside owner Mike Wainwright and our yet-tobe-announced 'silver' driver. The WEC is a must-do series at this stage in my career and re-signing with Gulf will keep the good momentum of 2016 rolling on. The only disappointment is that we will be running the 2016-spec 911 RSR (top right), as the regulations say that, as an Am class entrant, we're not permitted to run the latest version until a year after it debuts.

The WEC season starts on home soil at Silverstone in April, so I'll be heading back from my Australian idyll in good time to prepare for that and the eight rounds that follow, including the Le Mans 24 Hours and visits to two of my other favourite circuits, Spa and Austin. In the meantime, I want to offer my congratulations to Total 911 on reaching its 150th issue – I was first featured in issue 95 and have been writing this column since issue 112, so we've been together a long time. I've enjoyed giving you an insight into my racing and look forward to bringing you more as the season goes on.

# 1977

# Geneva Show launch for Porsche 928

Although the Porsche 911 already had a sibling in terms of the cheaper and less potent 924, the 928 was both better specified and more powerful than the 911. If it represented a threat to the 911, this was the intention of Porsche CEO and genitor of the 928 Frnst Fuhrmann

Conceived in the early 1970s when the future of the 911 in Porsche's vital US market was somewhat unclear, the 928 sought to be a world beating GT, conventionally engineered with the engine at the front, but sophisticated in design with its light-alloy V8, its gearbox (either manual or automatic) combined with the rear axle. The 928's smooth coachwork with its deformable bumpers was equally advanced and in winning the 1978 Car of the Year Award, it became the only sports car ever to do so.

However, the 928 caused great unhappiness within Porsche and among marque aficionados, where it was seen as a step too far from the Porsche tradition. After Fuhrmann's departure from the company in 1980, the 911 was reinstated as Porsche's flagship, while the 928 continued a lonely career until 1995. An outstanding GT, the irony of the 928 is that it would probably have been a greater success had it been made by someone other than Porsche.





# 1996

# Huschke von Hanstein dies

For almost two decades, Baron Fritz von Hanstein, or 'Huschke', was the public face of Porsche. He managed the race teams, recruited drivers, talked to journalists, courted competition authorities and doubled up as reserve driver and photographer, and he started the Archive. His outgoing nature was the perfect foil to Ferry Porsche's shy persona. The pair were a dream team: one engineered the cars and the other fronted a marketing operation based on racing successes. Von Hanstein's boundless energy took Porsche almost to the summit of endurance racing.

Displaced in 1967 by Piëch, he hung on to Porsche's rallying and oversaw the series of Monte Carlo wins, but when Ferry withdrew from rallying, von Hanstein was redundant. But his energetic self-promotion enabled him to become Porsche's unofficial ambassador. He was president of the Automobile Club of Germany and represented Germany on the FIA. His Stuttgart home was a Mecca for the stars of motorsport and the man who started the original Porsche Club was the focal point of any gathering. He drove the F1 804 around the Nürburgring in 1981 for Porsche's 50th anniversary and appeared on television. Author Doug Nye claimed: "He was a brilliant wheeler dealer. He could always match both ends against the middle and slide through unscathed."

# 2011

# Wolfgang Dürheimer leaves Porsche

Dürheimer joined Porsche in 1999 from BMW, where he had begun his career in 1984, and took over R&D at Weissach following Horst Marchart's retirement. Dürheimer oversaw the development of the Gen2 9A1 engine series for the 997 911 and 987 Boxster/Cayman plus the introduction of the Cayman and Panamera, as well as the later 991. Dürheimer always had a taste for innovative engineering and the 918 hybrid, which was also his responsibility, appealed to him more than the Carrera GT, a project he inherited. Like Ulrich Bez before him, Dürheimer brought some of BMW's engineering management methods to Porsche.

At Weissach, he claimed to have strengthened cooperation among his team, secured the lateral connections between departments, and optimised the information flow. This may have been so, but he allowed the severely compromised M96 engine design to continue for the first-generation 997 when the 9A1 with direct fuel injection might have been introduced earlier. Porsche has never properly acknowledged the problems of the M96 engine and it will be left to future historians to uncover the inside story.

In 2011 Dürheimer (below, centre) was promoted to run Bentley and even mentioned as a possible successor to Martin Winterkorn.



# 1944

Porsche KG forms. Family members leave and Porsc appoints a professional

# 1988

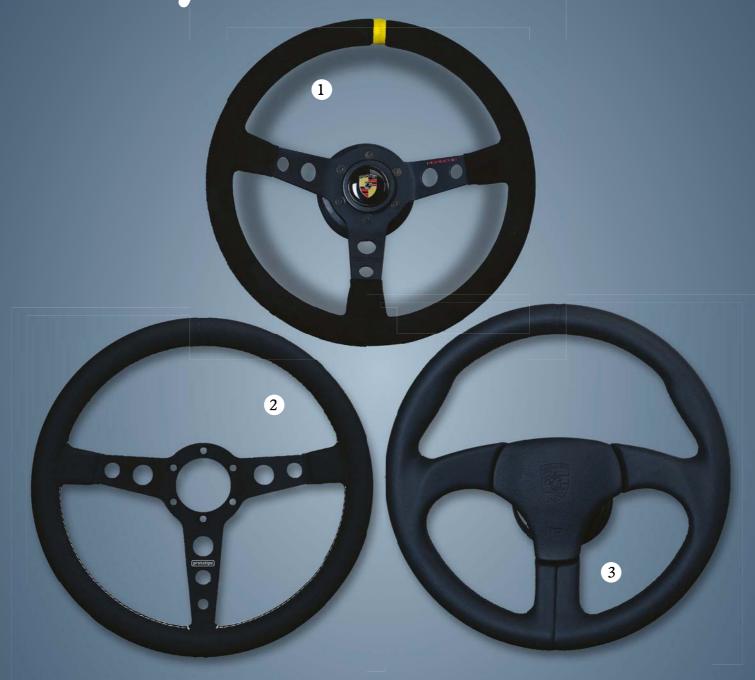
Reviewing the 911 range, *Car* magazine conclude that the best was also the cheapest, the lightweight Clubsport:

# 1997

# 2006

"Ballistic, brilliant, the new GT3 997 combines huge power with enormous ability in one sensational

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# MOMO Motorsport

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This genuine Porsche MOMO Motorsport steering wheel has a sharper concave over the Prototipo, with an Alcantara-lined rim featuring the 12 o'clock – or dead straight – yellow marker as featured on the most hardcore 911 race cars. It has rather more blatant motorsport intentions than the timeless Prototipo but still exudes Italian style and quality. Available for Type 964, 993 and 996 cars, the lightweight Motorsport wheel features the Porsche logo, stamped on the right spoke, for an additional splash of Weissach feel.

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# MOMO Prototipo £155.99 / 350mm

£155.99 / 350mm

MOMO's Prototipo is one of the most iconic wheels of all time, highly regarded among Porsche fans for the factory's decision to run them on many of its 1970s race cars. That former glory can be rekindled for your own 911 today, the 30mm concaved Prototipo's round, leather rim providing a solid grip. Of course, the signature to the Prototipo's minimalist appearance comes from the thin, bare metal centre spokes, with drill holes to remove crucial weight. The spokes are available in either black or silver to best match your 911's interior décor.

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# Porsche Club Sport

£399.95 / 365mm

There hasn't been another wheel quite like the 964 Clubsport offering. With a thick rim and gentle finger notches around its 365mm diameter, the Porsche Club Sport wheel arguably represents ergonomic perfection. Like the original, Porscheshop's Club Sport wheel features three spokes clad in thick, luxurious leather with a Porsche crest imprinted into the horn button, making this wheel at home on motorsport or street-use 911s. The wheel comes complete with an accompanying Boss kit.

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# In praise of the 997

## Dear Sir,

There has been plenty of affection in the media for the Porsche 996 Carrera, which has enjoyed something of a renaissance of late from those who covet 911 ownership, but I still believe the better car is the 997. We all know the 997 improved on the 996's shabby interior and a few well-placed tweaks means it offers a better drive too (not to mention offering more power than the 996).

I truly believe that going forward as an investment, the 997 is going to be a future classic: it's the last of the truly rear-engined 911s, with mechanical power steering rather than the 991's

electric, which dilutes the experience somewhat. Inside, the cabin is still proper 911 stuff, all cosy and without the bulky Panamera-inspired space age console running between the front seats.

The direct-fuel injection engines got rid of the bore problems of the first-generation car, and I truly believe that a 997 manual Coupe will be the car that collectors will want in their garage in the future. I'm not for a minute suggesting the 996 is a bad car; I used to have one so their merits as a driving machine are assured. However, the 997 is better and I believe it's only a matter of time before prices start going the other way for a well-sorted

second-generation 997. We live in hope. Logan Wilson

While your opinion may (mildly) dampen the spirits of 996 owners enjoying the revitalised reputation of their 911, I'm sure your view will be shared by many 997 Carrera owners hoping values of their cars begin to increase. The 997 is a fantastic 911 - there's good argument it could be the best generation. However, we're firm in our belief you shouldn't get caught up in values. These cars were built to be driven. not prized away in collections.

Hot topic: what are your first impressions of the 992? After posting some exclusive photos of the next-generation 911s in winter testing, we asked for your thoughts. Here are the best replies:













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# A new contributor?

## Dear Sir,

I've noticed there are a number of independent contributors to the magazine, which is highly appreciated and relevant. I am relatively active in the world of Porsche auctions, classic Porsche events and collecting. I would be happy to contribute where it could be most helpful and interesting for a larger number of readers.

My current Porsche garage consists of a 1973 2.7 Carrera RS, a 1989 Turbo, a 1957 356 Speedster Super 1600, a 997 C4 Cabriolet, and a Cayenne Turbo. Please let me know if living with these wonderful cars, events and auctions could be interesting for the magazine.

# **Thomas Konig**

Thank you for your interest, Konig. Our popular 'Living the Legend' section is currently full, however, we are always on the lookout for new contributors to keep the magazine fresh, so do keep in touch.



# T911 on tour

# Dear Sir,

It has occurred to me that a few days away with one of my cherished 911s and other like-minded enthusiasts of the Porsche flat six would be a very good thing indeed. I see you're well accomplished with a good old road trip or two throughout the year at Total 911, so perhaps

you ought to stage a similar event for us mere mortals to accompany you? I promise I won't get in the way (though I'll have no problem keeping up, not blowing my own trumpet). Michael Hill

There are plans in place to introduce road trips to the Total 911 events calendar soon, so watch this space!

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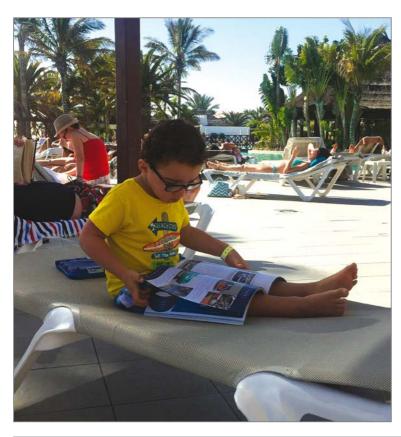












# Total 911's youngest ever reader?

### Dear Sir.

I thought you'd like to see some evidence that your publication is enjoyed by all ages. While my current car (Porsche Panamera) is getting a week of TLC at OPC Sutton Coldfield, we are enjoying some sun and R&R in Fuerteventura after the madness that was Christmas.

My four-year-old son has decided after reading issue 143 that I need to revisit 911 ownership upon our return, and that he is more than happy to assist me in this purchase as he has "lots of monies that Grandad has given me." Charity starts at home!

### **Martin Shields**

You're never too young to get caught by the Porsche 911 bug, as your picture here shows! Perhaps he's already eyeing up a 991.1 Carrera GTS manual Coupe as a future classic.



# **Turbo love**

### Dear Sir.

I saw the article on Total911.com 'Cars I'm most looking forward to driving in 2017', where you list the 964 Turbo 3.6. Back around 2003, I borrowed a friend's 964 Turbo S (admittedly not a 3.6) and it was an absolute revelation. It was like my 930, only you could be brainless under braking because of ABS, and then there was that split ratio limited-slip differential, 40 per cent under power, and something over 80 per cent under coasting. What this meant was I would dive in impossible lines inside GT3s under braking, have the back end slide about a metre, and then the rear would almost stop due to the high ratio of limited slip when coasting. Then I would squeeze away the gobs of power while just flicking the wheel, full gas, keeping the rear at a slight drift. The GT3s of that era, highly modified, didn't have a chance, as long as the driver was comfortable sliding around, throwing flames all over the place.

My conclusion is that it was the perfect Porsche. I went home thinking I would need a 993 Turbo for its end of an era status, but with a good modified 964 being my beast of choice, I drive the closest I can have to that experience. A Ruf BTR spec 930. But I'm certainly looking forward to reading about the 964 Turbo 3.6!

### Ed Bighi

It's great to hear an account of these glorious 911s of yesteryear, and you can be absolutely sure to see a Turbo 3.6 test drive in an upcoming issue of Total 911 magazine. Perhaps we could find room for the BTR, too?



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"The GTS has to be the purest, simplest choice from a driving perspective, and that's a manual Coupe with rearwheel drive"

alm Springs, USA, 2010: at the 997 GTS launch an engineer admitted that the only true GTS was the C2 Coupe, with manual transmission. The same discussion was had at the 991.1 GTS launch, and last night, the conversation followed the familiar route. "So, GTS? The only real one is the Carrera Coupe manual, right?" I asked. "For sure," came the predictable answer. Not the fastest, admittedly – you'll need a PDK if you want to achieve the best times – but we'd forgo bragging rights for engagement and so, it seems, would a lot of you.

The British contingent on a press launch are always a demanding bunch, so when we hear there are only GTS Cabriolets and Targas to drive on road, there's a bit of a mutiny. But there will be Coupes on track, the circuit in question being Killarney Race Track on the outskirts of Cape Town, South Africa. Nice problem to have, but we're here to drive *the* GTS, Porsche's own engineers admitting there's only really one. We're actually unusual, here, I overhear Porsche America's PR man asking to have a manual Cabriolet swapped out for a PDK for his journalists, our Cabriolet at least coming with three pedals and a gearstick. Perhaps the marketing people are right after all, whatever we think and the engineers say.

It's a short but interesting drive, the Cabriolet GTS more appealing than I'd imagined, the turbocharged 3.0-litre's torque removing the bluntness from the Cabriolet GTS package that denied its predecessor the right to wear that

GTS badge with real credibility. I'm still with the engineers here, but the open-topped GTS is no longer an affront to the badge, even if I'm happy to be getting in the cars that we're really interested in.

Killarney's a ramshackle place; bumpy, narrow and short. There's everything from slow corners to fast, sweeping bends. There's a hint of Nürburgring, not least because the run off is limited, and there's a corner that does a half decent impression of the infamous Karussell. A good test for the proper Sports Chassis specified Coupes, then, the real GTS gaining an additional 10mm over the 10mm drop that accompanies the standard fitment of PASM across the GTS line-up. Four Coupes are here, sitting in pairs, each couple sitting behind a Turbo S ready for a run around the track. Those Turbo Ss are piloted by Matthias Hoffsümmer, 918 Spyder head instructor, and Marc Lieb, who's proven to be pretty useful driving in France for 24 hours. No pressure then.

Mercifully, there are manual GTSs among those Coupes, though a run down the pitlane highlights that all those three-pedal cars also have four-wheel drive. There are C2s, but they're PDK. Jumping into the S-GO 4065 is the only option then, a Carrera 4 GTS manual Coupe, in white, with the GTS demarking 713 option fitted, or, more correctly, removed. It relates to the rear seats; looking over my shoulder, snugly gripped by optional sports bucket seats, reveals some carpet, highlighted only by GTS badge stitching on either side of the transmission tunnel. There's something hugely appealing about a



Left The seven-speed manual transmission, despite not benefitting from any additional work to the quality of the unit's mechanism, brings greater driver engagement over PDK Below centre The Carrera 2 GTS Coupe with manual transmission variant, like this Miami blue 991.2 version, has been labelled as the 'real' GTS by the engineers at Weissach for the last three generations
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**Right** Option 713 sees the removal of the GTS's rear seats, with the driver instead seeing only carpet and GTS stitching along the transmission tunnel when looking over their shoulder

**Bottom right** The C4 GTS manual Coupe boasts a 0.1-second faster 0-62mph time, while the C2 GTS manual has the fastest outright speed and in-gear acceleration

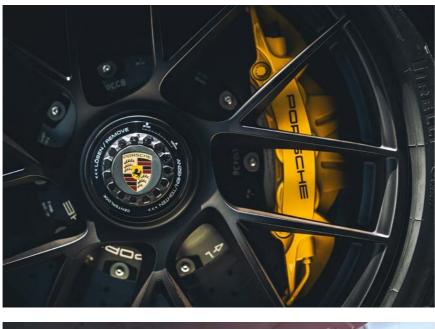
















**Top** The new GTS features centre hub fixed Turbo S wheels, and brake pads from the Turbo – 16% larger than the Carrera S

**Above** With black a distinguishing feature of the GTS, the 991.2 boasts smoked bi-xenon headlights, black tailpipes and trim



two-seat 91l, even if it limits its ultimate usefulness. It underlines its focus and the GTS is about exactly that.

Starting up the 3.0-litre fills that void with the tuneful sound brought by the GTS's standard Sports exhaust and the loss of some sound deadening. The turbocharged Carreras were, and remain, a contentious issue, and I'm in the 'I'm okay with them' camp, even if a small part of me misses the high-rev intensity of the naturally aspirated units that they replaced. More flexible, the GTS's 3.0-litre turbo flat six doesn't simply gain a 'Powerkit', but gets new turbos with 3mm larger compressors with higher boost pressure. The result is 450hp, 30hp more than a 991.2 Carrera S and 20hp more than the 991.1 GTS. The maximum power is produced at 6,500rpm, with peak torque of 550Nm delivered between 2,150rpm and 5,000rpm. The engineers admit they've sacrificed a touch of low-rev torque in pursuit of higher rev intensity, demarking the GTS as a car for drivers. You'll be doing well to notice the losses at low engine speeds, the gains being far more obvious, the 3.0-litre unit's appetite for revs being notably more keen, it reaching its limit with intensity. With the power comes character, and a lot of it, too, the GTS feeling distinct from its Carrera S relation, perhaps more so than with previous GTSs, which comes as a surprise.

Dynamically, too, it feels distinct. With its Sports Chassis in the C4's wider body and the specification of 245/35/ZR20 front and 305/30/ZR20 rear tyres on the centre hub fixed Turbo S wheels (in black, of course), there's a greater contact with the road sitting on the C4's wider track. Behind those wheels are brake pads from the Turbo that are 16 per cent larger than the standard Carrera S, with 10mm larger front brake discs mounted onto a new aluminium brake hub, which helps keep unsprung masses to a minimum. Manual GTS cars come as standard with a mechanical rear differential lock and Porsche Torque Vectoring (PDK cars gaining electronic control of that rear differential and PTV Plus), and standard Sport Chrono brings dynamic engine mounts, this white C4 GTS also coming optionally fitted with PCCB brakes and Porsche Dynamic Chassis Control, as well as option 470 that defines rear-wheel steering.

The first sighting lap is over quickly, Hoffsümmer evidently in a hurry, though the C4 GTS isn't having too much trouble keeping up. If the engine delights with its more eager thrust higher up the rev range then the chassis compliments it with real focus. The Sports Chassis is transformational as is, but combined with the other detail changes that add up to the GTS, it creates a car that's ridiculously capable, the sophisticated wheel and body control, allied to the massive grip and traction, allowing all the engine's 450hp to be exploited readily. It would be quicker still with the PDK, but we're talking tenths of a second – a small price to pay for the greater engagement that the seven-speed manual brings. It remains a good rather than brilliant shift, the new GTS not benefitting from any additional work to the quality of the seven-speed's mechanism. It's fine, then, from first through to fourth, the plane across to fifth, six and eventual seventh remaining oddly weighted and sprung, though it's not a problem here, as



Model 991.2 Carrera GTS Coupe

**Engine** 

Maximum torque 550Nm @ 2,150-5,000rpm

Transmission Seven-speed manual

# Suspension

Front Lightweight spring strut

suspension

Rear Lightweight multi-link suspension with wheels independently suspended

on five links

# Wheels & tyres

Front 9x20-inch; 245/35/ZR20 Rear 12x20-inch; 305/30/ZR20

# **Dimensions**

Length 4,528mm Width 1,852mm Weight 1,450kg

## **Performance**

0-62mph 4.1 secs Top speed 193.8mph



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**Performance** 





Killarney is short enough to rarely need fourth, let alone anything above it. In the C4 GTS there's phenomenal response at the huge speeds it so easily generates, the front axle's immediacy is sensational, the additional security the four-wheel drive brings reassuring. The steering, which is nicely weighted and delivers fine detail, is uncorrupted by drive being pushed forwards when it's needed.

Comparisons with the C2 GTS did look like they wouldn't happen, but salvation arrives in the shape of a Miami blue Carrera 2 GTS manual Coupe, sharing the same rear-wheel steering, rear-seat delete option. And it's being driven down the pitlane by a certain Mr Walter Röhrl. Jumping in the passenger seat alongside Porsche's most famous ambassador and asking if we can borrow 'his' car for a few laps is met with a yes, though as I'm here I might as well have a lap or two with Walter putting some heat in the tyres. He admits he's not been involved with the GTS's development, though he clearly likes it; the speed he's carrying is immense, his usual efficiency of movement masking the otherworldly talent that defines his driving. He's sold; it's not lost on everyone that the car he's chosen to drive is the one described by the engineers as the real GTS. I wonder if he'd shave any time off the ridiculous seven-minute-22second Nürburgring lap time it's capable of on the optional ultra high performance tyres. Remember, this is a non-GT car, and that time would have been respectable in a 997 GT2. Progress is a good thing.

Suitably warmed up, I take Walter's seat. I'd be lying if I said the differences were immediate, Porsche's four-wheel-drive system so beautifully integrated that it's no longer a poor relation, the 45kg penalty it brings negated by its improved traction. The idea of the C2 GTS appeals though; it's the purer option, even if that loss of drive to the front axle results in a car that's a bit trickier to drive at track speeds. There remains masses of traction, thanks to those wider rear tyres and track, the turn-in similarly precise, aided by the rear-wheel steer fitment, though when the GTS starts to move around underneath you, it requires a bit more management to gather up.

There's none of the C4's drive-juggling helping pull you out of a slide as it happens; with the C2 there's more need for the driver to sort things out. But don't think that the GTS is a spiky, difficult car to drive as a result, it just isn't, but over the C4 there are more demands. On the road, so high are the limits you'll rarely find yourself reaching them, yet we can see the appeal in a C4 as a daily driver, particularly if you're talking all-year round. Ignore the traction advantage the C4 gains for a 0.1-second quicker 0-62mph time though, the manual C2 has the fastest outright speed and aces its four-wheel-drive relation with in-gear acceleration, shaving 0.2 seconds off the C4's 50-75mph time and bettering it from 0-100mph by the same 0.2-second margin for a time of 8.4 seconds. It's fast, then, but that's not the point.

The GTS has to be the purest, simplest choice from a driving perspective, and that's a manual Coupe with rear-wheel drive. It's the one they've been saying is the real GTS for three generations now, and I'm not about to disagree. There's no denying that the GTS badge has matured into a range with plentiful choice, though there's only one we'd ever recommend.



# Cabriolet v Targa

Damn the Targa. It looks so good. The GTS revisions only add to that, the silky black roll hoop turning up the want factor markedly. Visually, we're sold, but to drive the Targa has always been something of a disappointment. It's less so now, the GTS's greater power and flexible torque lessens the impact of the Targa's greater weight, making it more of a driver's car than it's ever been. It's more how an S should feel than perhaps worthy of the full GTS badge, but a marked improvement. The Cabriolet shares that, though despite our preference for Coupes, a drive around the South African mountains in a Cabriolet GTS manual was one we'll not forget in a hurry. Riding on the less focused non-Sport chassis of all the non-Coupe GTS models, it felt supple, riding with class, yet it also felt very much a sports car rather than the GT that Carrera and Carrera S models can sometimes be accused of erring towards. A revelation, perhaps, the GTS badge, to us, still sitting a touch uncomfortably on models like the Targa and Cabriolet, given its original goal of being a bridge between the Carrera line-up and GT department's output, but they're more convincing now than they have ever been.



























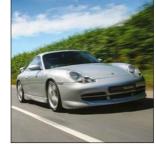


































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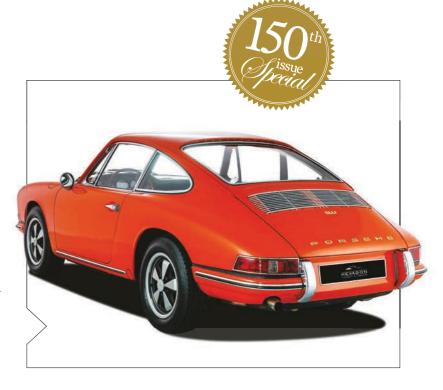
# ALL TIME

Written by Kieron Fennelly

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Even in its earliest guise, the 9ll was the fastest 2.0-litre sports car in the world. It also ended

any remaining popular press notion that a Porsche was somehow a Beetle on steroids. Launched at Frankfurt in 1963, it intrigued rather than stunned observers, as the E type had in 1961. It was late 1964 before the new 911 was in the showrooms and within weeks, a fifth place in the all-important Monte Carlo Rally by a virtually standard production 9Il demonstrated its potential. What the 9Il had, and which front-engined sports cars lacked, was supreme agility, though its driver needed to understand exactly what lift-off oversteer was. Like its predecessor, the 9Il rapidly became the choice of the discerning driver for whom what mattered was not how fast you drove, but rather how you drove fast.



# 2.0 TARGA



Porsche was badly in need of an open-topped 911 to complement the Coupe, but attempts

to construct a convertible failed as once its roof was removed, the 9ll was not rigid enough: the chassis of test cars broke. With some lateral thinking, Porsche devised a model with a 'T' bar and a removable panel instead of a solid roof. And so the Targa, named after Porsche's Sicilian race wins, was born. Imitations from other manufacturers like the Triumph Stag or Fiat X19 came and went over the decades. Meanwhile, the distinctive Porsche Targa lived on, the expression 'Targa top' firmly entering the enthusiasts' language.









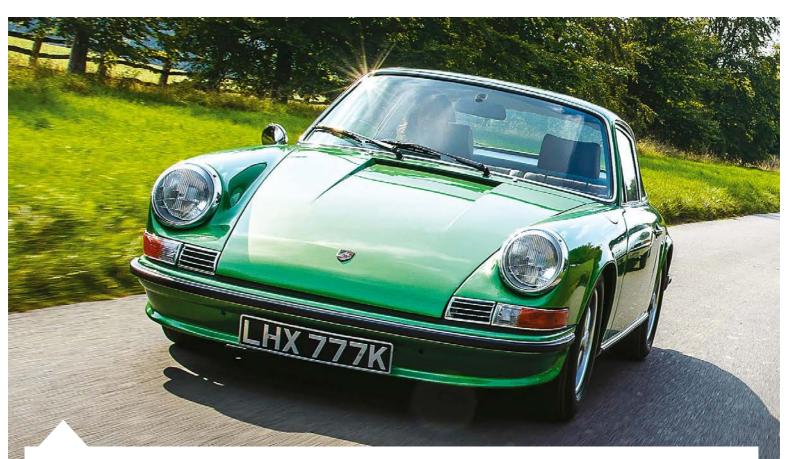
911S 2.0

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The S version of the Porsche 9II – S indicating 'Super' – arrived in late 1966. Modifications to

the cylinder head and passage of the exhaust through the heat exchangers raised power to a remarkable 160bhp or 80bhp/litre – the sort of figure that was only achieved by competition engines of the time. For a premium of

20 per cent over the standard Porsche 9II, the buyer received a 140mph missile that, if inclined to wet its plugs in traffic (which was much sparser then), could dispatch 0-62mph in just eight seconds, with a top speed of 137mph. If two or three exotic Italians and a couple of blunt instrument V8 sports cars could beat these figures, none of them could corner like the Porsche 9IIS.



# 9118 2.4

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The importance of the 193hp 2.4S lays in its much-improved tractability over the highly-strung

2.2S. Not only did it have more torque lower down the rev range, it

also met increasingly stringent US emissions norms without significant loss of power. The 2.4S design had considerable input from Ferdinand Piëch, the last 911 in which he was directly involved, and was essentially the basis of the 2.7 RS.



# 930 3.0



A milestone in automotive history and a sensation at its launch, the

exclusive 930 3.0 Turbo was marketed with every extra and luxury Porsche could fit in it and it gained the company a rich new clientele among the glitterati. Ironically, this was all rather incidental to Porsche's original

intention to make enough cars (400) to meet FIA homologation. The racing versions, the brutal 934 and 'silhouette' 935, made Porsche almost unbeatable in Group 5 until the 1980s and the highly profitable Porsche Turbo, intended by Fuhrmann as an interim model until a 928 S could be launched, became a true icon among Porsche enthusiasts.



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The absence of a truly open 91l, an important model especially in sunny California, was not

addressed under Fuhrmann, but once Peter Schutz arrived and resuscitated the 9ll, everything became possible. Advances in body construction techniques meant Porsche could now build a 9ll Cabriolet. The first rag top Porsche (excluding the 924) since the demise of the 356, the Cabriolet was the missing piece in what has become the classic three-model 9ll range.







959

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The brilliant technical showpiece that was the Porsche 959 typified the confidence of a

company whose sales and profits were increasing annually during the 1980s. At its launch, it was the world's fastest street-legal production car. Arriving too late for the Group B rallying its builders originally intended it for,

Porsche demonstrated the potential of its twin-turbocharged 959 with two (but for a mechanic's mistake, three) easy Dakar-Rally victories, followed by a seventh place at Le Mans. However, production was plagued by huge cost overruns and delays and crucially, the Porsche 959 was not homologated for the United States. Nevertheless, the car remains revered, its technology still wholly relevant today.

3.2 SPEEDSTER

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Recalling the Hoffman-inspired 356 original, the 3.2-litre Speedster had long been a pet project

of Helmuth Bott, former director of Porsche's R&D department, but by the time it reached production, the concept was ten years old. Finally released in 1988, the 3.2 Speedster, built from Cabriolet bodies, used the Turbo's rear wings, had a 3-inch lower windscreen and a glass fibre rear canopy, which lifted to reveal the hood, a racy looking but far from weather-proof affair. Some 2,274 were manufactured before 3.2 production ended in 1989 and paradoxically, the 3.2 Speedster is far more striking today than when it was new; in fact, like all rare Porsche 9lls, it has since become very valuable.

# 3.2 SSE

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It took Porsche until 1986 to rationalise its non-turbo wide body production and the result was the 3.2-litre Super Sport Equipment. A rare car – in fact, a

mere 400 are believed to have been built, although figures are conflicting – the 3.2 SSE combined not only the Turbo body but also its suspension, wheels and brakes, with the drivability and running costs of the base 3.2. This was a happy compromise, which had no discernible negative effect on the handling or performance compared with the narrow body.









# 3.2 CLUBSPORT

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The surprise about the 1987 3.2 Clubsport was how halfheartedly Porsche seemed to market it. It flopped in the US, sold moderately in Germany and was a real bargain in Britain if you managed to hear about it, as PCGB

pitched it ten per cent cheaper than the 3.2. A more raw, stiffer, and sharper car, the CS did feel like the real RS deal, even if mechanically it was barely different from the stock 3.2. Out of step perhaps with fashion, few of those 53 UK purchasers can ultimately have regretted their decision: this agreeably old-school 911 has simply increased steadily in value.

# 964 RS



After preparing a lightened 964 for the newly inaugurated Porsche Cup, Weissach set about preparing 2,000 cars for homologation purposes. A reinforced shell

courtesy of Roland Kussmaul, lowered suspension, carefully selected production engine and interior reduced to essentials – and for  $\Sigma 10,000$  more than a 964 – this was a track car for the road before trackdays had been invented. Its harshness put off many road testers and during the dark days of recession, the 964 RS sold only slowly. A decade later, track enthusiasts 'discovered' them and values have now risen to the point where owners now salt them away like the 2.7 RS.









# 964 ANNIVERSARY



Special-event Porsche 911s are always worth a premium, as much for their rarity value as for their usually

full specification, and the 1993 964 was no exception. Turbo bodied, but with the standard mechanical rather than Turbo rear wing, a leather interior with a neat '30 Jahre' plaque on the

parcel shelf and 17-inch Cup wheels, the 964 Anniversary certainly looked the part. Though the 996 and 991 Anniversary cars are very special, there were just 911 of the '30 Jahre' cars built, compared to 1,963 of the '40 Jahre' and '50 Jahre' models. The 964 Anniversary cars were really the first to officially celebrate the 911's unrivalled longevity.



# 993 C2S



The C2S followed the C4S, which was the classic wide-bodied 911, but like the '30 Jahre' Anniversary

car, it had the mechanical rather than Turbo rear wing (unless optioned). The 993's haunches were much admired and widening them for C2S specification worked very well indeed. The car was sought after, yet its £13,000 price premium over standard Carreras meant it is a rare beast today. As well as enjoying a lavish spec, the 993 C2S was the last wide-bodied, naturally aspirated and air-cooled 911 built. This, then, is a fittng final hurrah for those with a purist 911 heart.













# 993 RS



Lightened, but not as much as the 964 RS had been, the 993 RS was priced 12 per cent above the

993 Carrera and in 1995, it seemed expensive. With its smooth VarioRam, naturally aspirated 3.8-litre engine and remapped ECU producing an unstressed 300bhp and a 0-62mph

time of five seconds, the RS showed what the 993 Carrera might have been had Porsche had more money to invest in it. Externally, the car is easily distinguishable by a fixed rear wing, small front flaps and 18-inch aluminium wheels. More refined and less raucous RS than the 964, shrewd buyers would have spotted the trend and bagged theirs good and early.





# 993 TURBO S

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Porsche saved the best till last, signing off the final air-cooled Porsche 911 - the 993 - with the 1998

Turbo S, capable of reaching a top speed of 186mph and making it not just the fastest production Porsche, but the fastest production car ever built for the road with an air-cooled engine. A product of the old-school Exclusive department, the S had a sumptuously upholstered cabin and engine upgrades to produce an astonishing 456hp and 585Nm of power and torque respectively. A mere 345 were made.

# 996.1 GT3



Although enthusiasts were disappointed that the new GT3 weighed more than the Carrera their

disillusion turned to joy when it was apparent that the body-kitted GT3 had a bespoke dry sump engine and

track style handling to match. Lower than the stock 996, with a stiffened suspension and superb steering, the GT3 showed that the RS tradition, if no longer 'lightweight', was very much alive. At £76,500, these uncompromised 9lls were quickly snapped up, the start of a GT3 legacy.





# 996 GT2



The 2001 GT2 was something of an oddity because it was not conceived to homologate a race

car – Porsche had already decided that it would not compete in the GT2 class with the 996. The GT2 weighed 100kg less than the stock Turbo and, with ten

per cent more power, was Porsche's fastest production 9ll to date. With no PSM or traction control, a suspension owing more to the GT3 than the Turbo and rear drive only, this 9ll was a handful and many were crashed – Porsche would never again market such a raw, old-school Turbo. Today, the 996 GT2 is much sought after.

# 996 C4S



A seminal 911, the C4S reprised the thinking behind the SSE almost 20 years before: a 911

Turbo with the looks but without the expense and running costs. Now all-wheel drive was also part of the concept. A full stitched-leather trimming of the 996's plasticy cockpit and an option of a leather three-spoke steering wheel transformed the C4S's interior, while the wide-body look added a 'wow' factor to its appearance. Commercially, the C4S helped Porsche reduce the cost of the Turbo body while the model's success would make it a key member of future 9ll ranges.

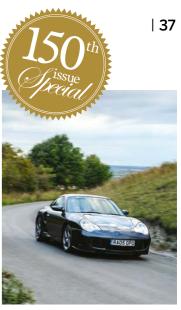
# 996 TURBO S

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As usual, produced at the end of the 966 model life, the rarity alone of the Turbo S always

made it special without taking into account its generous equipment. The Powerkit added 30bhp and ten per cent more torque, carbon composite brakes were standard, and the cabin sported leather and tastefully apposed carbon fibre fittings. Comfortable, practical and reliable, the 190mph Turbo S once again reinforced Porsche's reputation as the purveyor of the ultimate all-round super car.









# 997 SPORT CLASSIC

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With its 'Fuchs look' wheels and neat ducktail, the 997 Sport Classic pulled unashamedly at the heartstrings of

Porsche enthusiasts. The quirky double bubble roofline thrown in by the Exclusive department for good measure was never a Porsche feature, but all the more striking for that. More than mere window dressing, this 997 was properly specified with the 408hp Powerkit version of the 3.8-litre engine and sold only with the manual gearbox. Carbon composite brakes were standard. All 250 cars were finished in grey with coffee interior: the 997 Sport Classic was surely one of the most desirable 91ls ever built.







### 997 **GT2** RS

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A fascinating and unexpected amalgam, the 997 GT2 RS was the first of its kind, with

sporting prowess drawn from the very successful GT3 RS. Developed to homologate the Porsche 911 Turbo in rear-wheel-drive form for such competitions as Le Mans and the United States Le Mans Series, the 537hp 997 GT2 RS made headlines as the first production Porsche to exceed 200mph, reaching a top speed of 204mph. A much more resolved GT2 than its predecessor, the 997 successfully melded suspension and aerodynamic lessons from the GT3 with the power of the Turbo S – a quite extraordinary 911, unlikely to be repeated with a manual gearbox.





## 997 GTS



Often billed as a pertinent swansong to the 997 generation, the GTS was a very well specced Carrera

S with Powerkit, plus GT3-inspired centre-lock wheels and an alcantara interior. Values of the 997 GTS have never dipped too far from original list

price, an incredible feat for a 911 still well shy of its tenth birthday which, you'll remember, wasn't limited in its production. Indeed, the 997 proved the start of an inspired sub-brand that continues to this day, though the GTS badge was later diluted slightly with all-wheel drive and PDK options available in Cabriolet and Targa bodies.





# 991.1 GTS

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Intended to bridge the gap between the Carrera and GT3, the 991 GTS was effectively a

top specification Carrera S with a Powerkit fitted. Introduced in 2014, its base options included Sport Chrono, Sport Exhaust, 10mm lowered suspension, PTV and 20-inch centrelock wheels to name a few. It was the fastest manual gearbox 991 you could buy for a time and combined with a ride that was firm rather than forgiving, as well as responsive rear-wheel drive, it was a traditional, virile 911 and appropriately the last naturally aspirated one. Revving to a scintillating 7,600rpm crescendo would be no more.





## 911 R



In 2016 Preuninger struck again: he saw that purists wanted mechanical interaction with

their 91ls, and resurrected plans for a manual 991 GT3, which in the name of

track speed had not been pursued. The 9ll R, with a six-speed manual gearbox considered sportier and more natural, was intended as a marker that Porsche had not lost touch with its roots. With no wing, the R was a supreme road car – the best of a generation.







# SIX OF THE BEST

Written by Lee Sibley Photography by Dan Pullen

These 911s are among the greatest to have left the factory. Now, in celebration of our 150th issue, Total 911 teams up with the Porsche Museum to count down the top six road-going Neunelfers

he room before us is utterly cavernous in its layout. Tall, wide and stretching back almost as far as the eye can see, the vast space is filled with row upon row of pristine Porsche metal, some hidden under soft cloth covers, others fully exposed. Major gangways dictate a sensible path in which to walk and, following it, we soon come to an opening that leads into another room stacked to the ceiling – literally – with yet more Porsche vehicles.

This labyrinth of Zuffenhausen's finest sports cars is not an elaborate showroom, nor is it the factory floor. For while there are new cars here, they are joined by examples of just about every conceivable production Porsche ever built, along with prototypes, notable racing cars and, better still, some special treasures from the Porsche family.

A veritable automotive sanctuary, the cars sit silently as we walk slowly past each telling column of Porsche history, the dull marching of our footsteps on the concrete floor the only source of noise. Ambient temperature is neither too warm nor too cool, the air noticeably dry; an absence of any moisture in the atmosphere provides the perfect environment for these automotive artefacts to rest peacefully, before select public appearances in the Museum and at notable events around the world.

We're inside Porsche's secret warehouse, offlimits to the public yet home to quite simply the greatest collection of original, canonised Porsche cars anywhere in the world. We've been invited to the secret warehouse to meet with representatives of the Porsche Museum, specifically those responsible for bringing you an ever-changing, eclectic presentation of historical Porsche vehicles displayed inside the Delugan Meissl-designed architectural masterpiece on Porscheplatz.

Chief among the Porsche Museum clientele with us is Alexander Klein, head of historic car management. A walking encyclopedia of Porsche knowledge, Alexander has worked at the company for many years and has a deep affinity with the noteworthy cars used to illustrate Porsche's story at the Museum and beyond. A 996 GT3 owner himself, Alexander kindly accepted our offer to join us in the secret warehouse for a unique assignment in celebration of our special 150th issue of **Total 911** magazine. His brief was simple: select six models from the 91I's entire history that best underlines its unprecedented evolution as the world's most iconic sports car.

### 964 TURBO S

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The tone for our top six countdown is set with Alexander's first choice of a 964 Turbo S, representing a standout moment in Porsche's history. "In 1991 we won the IMSA

Supercar Championship in a 964 Turbo 3.3, which was great as the US market has always been very important to us," he says. "This road-going Turbo S is close to that race car, though what's interesting about the Turbo S is it was the first built as a production car by our Exclusive department. It's a rare 911." The Turbo S is the fastest and lightest of the three turbocharged cars Porsche produced for the 964 generation, so is it a Turbo RS in disguise? "No," Alexander says. "For sure, you can do some sporty driving but really it is a strong, competitive Turbo 911. This example is actually the Geneva Motor Show car, so it has buffalo leather inside and is used to being the subject of many photos! Built for model year 1992, it's not an end of the line production car - it's an early model year 964 Turbo that is special in its own right."

Power: 386hp Weight: 1,290kg Numbers made: 81

Years in production: 1992-93











## 991.2 TURBO S



A 2017 car in our all-time top six? Your eyes are not playing tricks on you. Alexander's fifth entry may come as a surprise but, as he removes its cover to reveal the 991.2

Turbo S's bulging bodywork, it doesn't take long for his case to prove positively compelling.

"I love this car!" he exclaims, stepping back to admire the Graphite blue 911. His facial expression turns serious as he continues: "I'm old enough to like the earlier cars but the 991 Turbo S can be used every day. If you think about it, this car actually has the best combination of three or four 911 worlds built into its DNA. It has the power of the GT1, it's aggressive enough to match the 964 Turbo S, it's smooth enough to be a 993, and it's as simple to drive as a 2.7 RS. It's the quintessential sports car." Alexander continues, "It has everything and it's the first 911 not limited

in production that's capable of over 200mph. The maximum speed of the Turbo S surpasses that of the 959, yet there will be far less sweat on your forehead reaching such a speed in a modern-day Turbo S."

Power: 580hp Weight: 1,600kg

Numbers made: Currently in production

Years in production: 2016-









## 993 C4S



"It would have been easy to just select limited numbers cars," says Alexander as we turn our attention to the Guards red 993 C4S. "But I picked the car out of the hundreds of

9lls in our stock because the 993 is an icon of its own era – the era of the air-cooled cars. This was one of the last ambassadors of its generation."

Values of the Type 993 cars have, along with the 964s, rocketed skywards in the last five years or so, which is undeniable proof of the high regard in which enthusiasts and collectors now view them. Alexander is similarly fond of the last luftgekült Neunelfer: "The 993 was built as a textbook classic; it's a companion for life. Many people grew up dreaming of a 993 and now they are older, with the time and money to buy the car, they can own it for life, as it's a very reliable

car with a solid build quality. It's a very resounding landmark in the Porsche 9ll history." The car in our pictures has been in Porsche's own collection since it left the production line, and has the look and feel of a new car. But why has Alexander chosen the 993 C4S and not its more purist C2S sister?

Alexander explains: "Performance wise there's not a great deal of change over the rear-drive Carrera S, save for a little bit of understeer. The C2S is slightly rarer but in terms of build technique, the C4S sits a little bit closer to the 911 Turbo, which has always been a special car for us."

Power: 289hp Weight: 1,520kg Numbers made: 6,948 Years in production: 1995-96





### 997 GT3 RS 4.0

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The 997 GT3 RS 4.0 needs very little introduction to readers of **Total 911** magazine. A favourite of the publication since the car's launch in 2010, the RS 4.0 proved to be an

instant classic, its market value never dropping to anywhere near original list price. Until the arrival of the new 91l R in 2016 it was, to all intents and purposes, the last manual Porsche GT car, with collectors and enthusiasts alike pining over its pertinent motorsport specification – not to mention the fact it's the last road-legal Porsche 91l with that famous 'Mezger' engine.

Alexander is equally fanciful over this last-of-the-997-generation Rennsport, which had a production run limited to just 600 units worldwide: "The 997 GT3 RS 4.0 is so special because many technical elements are used in this car that come directly from Weissach's bona fide race cars. For example, it has the crank from the RSR, and some suspension items too.

As you know, our 91l Cup cars, GT3 Rs and RSRs are built for competitive track driving only, and our GT cars are very close in terms of engine capacity, suspension and the like, yet they are also permitted to be driven on the road. This is especially true of the 997 GT3 RS 4.0: it really is based on a Porsche race

car. It's not merely a Rennsport with an increase in engine capacity."

Issue 148 of **Total 911** may have shown that the 991 GT3 RS has moved the game on significantly in terms of pure Rennsport performance, but the 997 GT3 RS 4.0 arguably finds a sweet spot in terms of serving up vast amounts of unadulterated driver involvement in tandem with breathtaking accomplishment. The technical masterpiece of a certain Mr Andreas Preuninger, current market values of the 997 GT3 RS 4.0 reach far north of a quarter of a million pounds, an ample indication of the sheer size of this jewel in the Porsche 911 crown.

With the engine placed firmly out back, mated to a transmission that shifts gears via a manual gear shifter, the famed 4.0-litre 997 represents the last of the truly classic Rennsport era – the legacy of which was founded nearly 40 years previously. And, in the grand scheme of the Porsche 9II's lineage, it is the original car that can be considered even more iconic than this third-placed Neunelfer in our countdown...

Power: 500hp Weight: 1,360kg Numbers made: 600 Years in production: 2010



# In or out? **How Alexander chose the top six**

"It was difficult to pick out six cars!" says Alexander. "Which cars very nearly made my list? An SC RS could have made the cut. I like the sports cars from the 1970s and 1980s so an RS 3.0-litre would have come close too. The 964 RS 3.8 could also have made it. And the 993 GT2! This is a very unique occasion for myself to sit with you among these iconic cars. I think these cars are good representatives of each Porsche era of the last few decades – each decade features special cars and these are, from my point of view, those icons. Of course, all Porsche cars are icons to different people. Each car fits to its owner: some like GTs, while some like Cabriolets. These, then, are my choices, but we can expect each of your readers to have a different top six. That's the beauty of the 911: it's one car but there's something in its DNA for everyone."





**Left** The 997 GT3 RS 4.0, launched in 2010, was offered in Carrera white, or Black, as well as Paint to Sample. Just 600 examples were produced worldwide

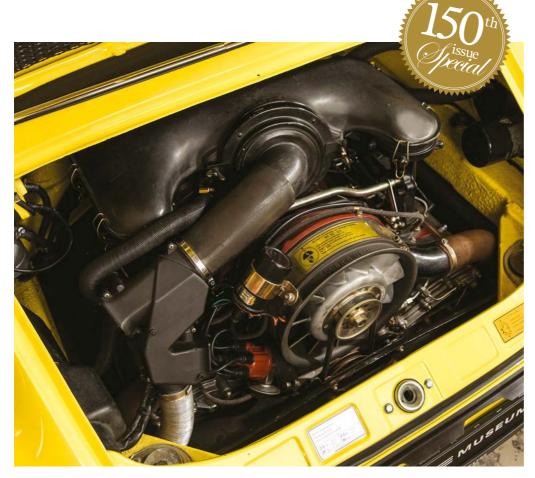
Below left The 4.0-litre Mezger flat-six engine, the largest engine offered on a street-legal 911, produced 500hp and 460Nm of power and torque respectively, and achieved a 0-62mph time of 3.9 seconds

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Right With an aerodynamic package including this aggressive rear wing on taller uprights, the 997 GT3 RS 4.0 lapped the Nürburgring in just seven minutes and 27 seconds







Left The 2.687cc engine produced 213hp and 255Nm of power and torque respectively, achieving a top speed of 152mph and a 0-62mph time of 5.8 seconds - sprightly for 1973 Below The 2.7 Carrera RS came with Fuchs wheels, which became a Porsche



"The 2.7 Carrera RS, for many fanatics, is the ultimate expression of the Porsche 911"

## 2.7 CARRERA RS

"It's not only the ducktail. The whole construction around the car was very unusual for its time, and has set a precedent since." Mr Klein is, of course, referring to the original

Rennsport, the 2.7 Carrera RS of 1973. The car is, for many fanatics, the ultimate expression of the Porsche 911: a symbol of technical superiority while retaining wonderful simplicity. Plenty of examples were still raced well into the century after they were made, before their real worth was realised. Today, these cars are valued at more than half a million pounds for a matching numbers example, usually more if the car is part of the first 500 run of cars required for homologating the 2.8 RSR. As such, the likelihood of ever seeing one being driven on the road is now starkly remote, with most 2.7 RSs tucked away in private collections. Needless to say, the fact that it makes Alexander's top six is hardly surprising.

"The 2.7 RS was built for sports purpose so it's a homologation car for the later RSRs that competed in Group 3 and Group 4 racing. As is commonly known, Porsche went on to achieve huge success in this era, and that was all possible thanks to the 2.7 Carrera RS," Alexander informs us. "The more interesting thing around the car though, is how it drives and actually how easy it is to drive. Sure, now it's an expensive car, but you can just sit in it, turn the key, enter a rally, go to a racetrack, or embark on a road

trip to, say, Venice or Paris. It is the very embodiment of what makes a Porsche 911, a 911. This is why it is an icon for so many."

The example in front of us at the secret warehouse is stunning in its immaculacy, its Light yellow coachwork and leatherette interior totally unblemished. It is fitting that Porsche should hold such a pristine example of their archetypal icon – and as Alexander explains, condition is just the start of this particular car's résumé: "It's a very special car indeed because it's a third series car, so one of the last 2.7 RSs to be built, and which used the reinforced aluminium instead of magnesium crankcase. We acquired the car three or four years ago and the price of it has tripled since!"

Porsche has in its collection a Sport, a Touring and an RSR, meaning the company is well placed to ensure the 2.7 RS can still be seen by many, rather than enjoyed by few. They have good form on the subject, too - the last time Total 911 saw the very car sat in front of us, it was suspended 35 metres up in the sky as part of the '50 years of 911' Central Feature at Goodwood's 2013 Festival of Speed. It seems the 2.7 RS really is a 911 considered 'out of this world'.  $\bigcirc$ 

Power: 213hp Weight: 1,075kg Numbers made: 1,590 Years in production: 1973





Above Initially produced as a homologation special, the first 500 2.7 Carrera RSs sold within a week of the cars international launch at the 1972 Paris Motor Show. Since then, values have rocketed skywards, the 2.7 RS becoming a collectors' gem

Below The 2.7 Carrera RS was the first

production car to be fitted with a rear wing. The 'ducktail' has since gone down in automotive folklore













**Above** Inside the GT1, the steering wheel, dashboard, five dials, gearlever and even the seats are all reminiscent of a 993 RS specification. Note the 996-generation door handles, however **Below** Large intake above cockpit feeds air into the mid-mounted, 3.2-litre flat six engine behind the driver and passenger. Entire rear of carbon kevlar body can be opened with a key in each B-pillar











obvious 996.1 'fried egg' headlights and Carrera rear clusters tucked wistfully under that sweeping rear wing, you'll notice the GTI's door handles and front bumper side repeaters are all hallmarks of the first water-cooled Neunelfer, but that's about it. Everything appears monumentally dissimilar to the 911 enthusiast: the wheelbase has been extended, the roof is much lower, the windscreen shorter, the body longer, with chassis tubes instead of a subframe and, whisper it, that famous silhouette appears to have been swallowed up in the name of extreme grip and aerodynamics. Even the centre-locking wheels on the GTI were unfamiliar for its time, the technology not appearing on another road-going 911 until a full decade later. Have we mentioned the GTI's 3.2-litre, twin-turbo flat six is mid-mounted, too?

Obviously, one or two alarm bells may be ringing by now. A quick check of the car's rear finds clear '9ll GTI' lettering between the taillights but, really now, can we call this a true 9ll? "We absolutely understand it as a Porsche 9ll," comes Alexander's firm response. "The engine is in the right place, for we race our current 99l RSRs with the flat six in the same position. For sure, a 9ll is traditionally a rear-engined car, but the GTl demonstrates the capabilities in performance and engineering possibilities of the 9ll platform in its most extreme state. It is for this reason that it *had* to be included in my top six."

The GTI started as a 993 but continued as a 996, and there's clear evidence of that inside. The steering wheel, dashboard, five dials, gearlever and even seats are all reminiscent of a 993 RS specification, the semi-exposure of the gearlever's linkage to the gearbox behind a neat nod to its ludicrous Le Mans heritage. Speaking of which, we all fondly remember the GTI '98 conquering Le Mans, but the precise number of *Straßenversions* built remains something of a mystery. Perhaps Alexander can enlighten us? "It depends whether you count the homologation and works cars as one, but with everything included it's 21," he says.

So what was the process for purchasing one of these extreme 911s? "Porsche knew its intended customers in those days and the relationship will have to have been close. Sport drivers are very well known at Porsche. Relationships will likely have been formed as far back as the 1980s with the SC RS and 964 C4 Lightweight, both of which had around 20 cars made. This was likely the process to get into this exclusive group of GT1 ownership," Mr Klein says, before adding excitedly, "I must say I am very happy to sit so close to this car as 2017 is the 20th anniversary of the GT1's existence. We're going to celebrate that this year and plan to bring it back to life on the streets – as it was originally intended [for the road], after all!"

And that's our top six 9lls, as chosen by the Museum's Mr Alexander Klein. Gazing back at the half dozen cars now bereft of their cloth covers, the realisation of their sheer historical significance is resoundingly engrossing. Leaving this place is going to be hard.

We have one more question for the head of historic cars as we wrap up: just how difficult is it looking after all these precious Porsches? As ever, the answer is as passionate as it is dogmatic. "It's difficult enough to be a job in its own right! We have 560 cars in our collection, and not just 9lls. We don't just take care of the cars, we keep them alive – we restore them, transport them to events, and use them on track and in rallies. This keeps their story going and although it's challenging, it's incredibly rewarding," says Alexander. Does Mr Klein have the best job in the world? We think so.

Power: 536hp Weight: 1,120kg Numbers made: 21

Years in production: 1996-98





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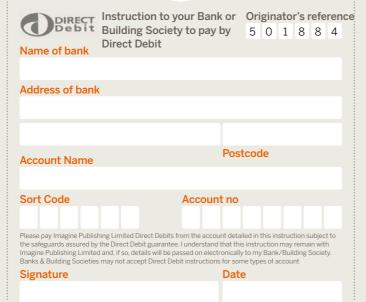


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# A TALE OF TWO WINGS

Whether it's a daily driver or an investment, there's a 911 out there for everybody – we look at two vastly different examples at an £80,000 price point

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f you're as passionate about the Porsche 911 as we are, it's more than likely that you too get hot under the collar when someone expresses the opinion that "all 911s are the same." It is often doubly irksome when the people who make this nonsensical statement claim to be so-called motoring enthusiasts. That's because the variety of 91ls produced during the past 54 years is unlike those of any other series-production sports car. Distinctive body shapes, with vastly different engine/transmission combinations, constitute a long and storied lineage of cars that offer an immense array of driving experiences. Depending on your budget, there is an abundance of 91ls to choose from in the classifieds and from specialists when you take mileage, condition and age into account. This is proven by these two 91ls we've lined up around 50 miles outside Johannesburg, South Africa.

In the UK, from around the £80,000 mark you can purchase Porsche's first turbocharged 911 in the

shape of the wide-arched 3.3-litre 930 Turbo. This is the bottom end in current market conditions for these cars, as their asking prices rise to over double this figure, depending on the factors mentioned previously, as well as history, provenance or if any special models are considered.

But, on the opposite end of the 9ll scale in terms of driving experience, one of Porsche's early water-cooled road racers can be sourced in the shape of the 996.2 GT3. However, in this instance, you will be able to choose one of the best examples on the market... so which of these rather iconic 9ll models should be considered most strongly for your £80,000 budget?

This specific 1979 930 Turbo was acquired by its current owner about a year ago, however, it needed a sizeable restoration. Although it might have looked in good condition judging by a casual walk-around inspection, the car was stripped, repainted, received a new interior and its engine was rebuilt. It was during the latter revision that 911 SC cams were fitted,



**Below** This 996.2 GT3 was originally ordered with the 996 Rennsport's factory rear carbon fibre wing and side mirrors, and the official documents denote an 'Aerokit Cup' annotation









**Left** The 930's interior is wholly different to that of its 996 sibling. The seats have less lateral support but there's greater cushioning to the base, while there's a far greater distance for the gear shifter to travel when swapping ratios





a welcoming upgrade. Even the tartan inserts on the seats were imported from Germany. These seats, with the black side bolsters, are perfectly in line with the 1970s era and compliment the otherwise neat interior. This 930 Turbo was originally delivered to Hamburg, Germany, and featured options such as the right side mirror (261), air-conditioning (559) and, more importantly, colour code 99, which is this beautiful Platinum metallic paintwork.

When I open the engine cover, the squeaky clean, flat-six engine with the necessary stickers illustrates the fact that the motor has been reconditioned. The metallic finish suits the car perfectly and the colourcoded Fuchs rims add further aesthetic allure to this rare machine. It is stylish, but the performance on offer and the link with Porsche's race cars at the time is clear for all to see.

Next to the Turbo, that 996.2 GT3 appears clearly related to its older stablemate, but it is a totally different machine. The visual differences are immediately apparent: the 996's shape is soapy smooth, but as its owner rightly remarks, "the added aero does make the car pop and stand out." And that is definitely the case. According to the owner, who also bought this car only a year ago, this GT3 was originally ordered with the 996 RS's rear carbon fibre wing and side mirrors. A peek through the car's official documents reveals an "Aerokit Cup" annotation, which doesn't have a code, but states the word "coordinate" next to it. These two features simply add to the focused stance of the Silver (paint

# "In the GT3 there are no electronic stability systems to rely on to save you from the ravages of physics"

code XIXI) GT3. On the road, it is a pure joy to view the Turbo from behind, but the experience is most pleasurable when the 930 delivers a burst of fullthrottle acceleration and the forced-induction motor emits a barrage of whistling noises. The GT3, by contrast, produces a more mechanical, sonorous and intense sound from below the carbon fibre rear wing. For a moment, I'm thankful that I can experience the sound from the photography car. However, it is soon time to experience each car from behind their respective wheels.

As I climb behind the 930 Turbo's steering wheel for the first time, I'm reminded by how comfortable this car is. The seats are fairly comfy, while the damping is also not as stiff as other sportier 91ls, like the GT3 for example. Equipped with only four gears, the driving experience is also a much more relaxed affair than the six-speed, howling 3.6-litre engine that revs to 8,200rpm. This fact adds to the Turbo's long-distance mile crunching capability. The gears are long but make no mistake, there's still plenty of excitement to be had. During the first 3,500rpm you might question the car's ability, but as

you approach 4,000rpm, the turbo is well on its way to delivering the rush it was designed to provide, and the needle swings with vigour all the way around the tachometer. I decide to change up just after 6,000rpm - after all, the engine has recently been rebuilt - but the owner reminds me that he often pushes the motor all the way to the redline (around 6,800rpm).

It is a driving experience to which you will need to become accustomed; when you keep a constant throttle (even above 4,000rpm) and then put your foot down, the boost needs to build for a moment before you receive that rush of torque and the Turbo's narrow body is pushed to the next corner. The steering wheel is, as expected, very lively, and is a strong reminder of the excellent feedback of early 9lls. The power delivery is not as progressive as those of modern turbocharged cars, but that characteristic is one of several aspects that make it such an invigorating driving experience. The transmission does a good job; I never have any difficulty finding a gear.

Upon climbing into this 2004 Gen2 996 GT3, the near three-decade metamorphosis is only the first



of many standout differences. There is an 8,200rpm redline for that Mezger-designed engine, a six-speed transmission, and proper bucket seats that hug me all the way up to my shoulders... and I'm just over six feet tall! This model also doesn't feature the CD holders behind the gearlever, which means there is even more focus on the short lever fixed on the transmission tunnel.

A look over my shoulder reveals there are no rear seats. I immediately feel more ensconced in the car compared with the 930, more dialled in to what it is capable of. I even have more confidence in driving the car harder than I did when positioned behind the Turbo's steering wheel.

As I turn the key, a comparatively harder, more mechanical sound erupts from the 3.6-litre flat six and its exhaust ends, even just at idle speed. The transmission has a perfect short throw through each gear, a feature that beckons me to change gears more than is actually necessary. Surely, I'm not the only one

who has felt so compelled when behind the wheel of these cars?

I sense there is no delay from the engine when you touch the throttle pedal. Even at 2,000rpm or 4,000rpm, there is enough torque to push this 1,380kg car irrepressibly forward. But this engine was never designed to potter around at these low

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the rush"

engine speeds. After all, this engine's roots can be traced back to Porsche's Le Mans winning GTI – it has been written about numerous times. I put my foot down and relish the rev needle surging intently just beyond 8,000rpm. A clean shift into the next gear and, with my foot back on the throttle again, the clear

metallic soundtrack continues. It is better to start your gear change 200-300rpm before the redline, otherwise you'll run into the limiter. The first part of the brake pedal is soft, which works out fine, because as the brake pedal starts to become firmer, the pedal is in line with the throttle, should you wish to heeland-toe. Even if you prefer to simply blip the throttle \$\circ\$

**Below** The 930 3.0-litre flat six produces 304hp and 412Nm of power and torque respectively, while the 996.2 GT3's 3.6-litre





**Model 996.2 GT3** 

Year 2004

**Engine** 

Capacity 3,600cc

Compression ratio 11.7:1

Maximum power 386hp @ 7,400rpm Maximum torque 385Nm @ 5,000rpm Transmission Six-speed manual

#### Suspension

Front MacPherson struts, track control arms, longitudinal arms, springs struts, coil springs over gaspressurised dampers

Rear Multi-link, five track control arms, coil springs over gas pressurised dampers

#### Wheels & tyres

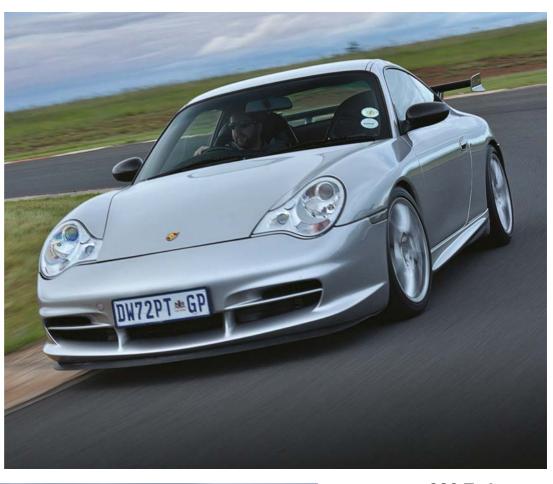
Front 8.5x18-inch; 235/40/R18 Rear 11x18-inch; 295/30/R18

#### **Dimensions**

Length 4,435mm Width 1,770mm Weight 1,380kg

#### **Performance**

**0-62mph** 4.5 secs **Top speed** 190mph





Model 930 Turbo

Year 1979

**Engine** 

Capacity 3,299cc

Compression ratio 7.0:1

Maximum power 304hp @ 5,500rpm
Maximum torque 412Nm @ 4,000rpm
Transmission Four-speed manual

#### Suspension

Front Independent MacPherson struts, longitudinal torsion bars, anti-roll bar and telescopic dampers

Rear Independent semi-trailing arms, transverse torsion bars and double acting telescopic dampers

#### Wheels & tyres

Front 7x16-inch; 205/50/VR16 Rear 8x16-inch; 225/50/VR16

#### **Dimensions**

Length 4,291mm Width 1,775mm Weight 1,300kg

#### Performance

**0-62mph** 5.4 secs **Top speed** 160mph



Above The 996.2 GT3's ride is far more focused, its chassis and engine wonderfully predictable. The 930 is an entirely different beast, with turbo lag ready to catch out the uninitiated before a down change, the engine response is truly something to experience.

As expected, there is less body movement compared to the Turbo, and the steering is sensitive and extremely direct, while providing feedback by the bucket load. There are no electronic stability systems to rely on to save you from the ravages of physics, but grip levels are high, while the limited-slip differential

can be trusted. The result is that it takes a while to realise that you should apply the throttle earlier upon corner exit than you might have thought. Grip levels are obviously lower than today's modern 911, but that is one of the highlights of these earlier GT3s. Things don't

happen as quickly in the newer cars, but you can have more fun at lower speeds... and more often. It is an exhilarating drive, and every moment I have I want to plant the throttle, even if it is only for a second or two to experience the engine and how light the GT3 feels on its feet.

There is a downside though, as the owner explains: "Make no mistake, it is still a hardcore car. GT3s and RSs are often portrayed as cars you can use every day. And you can, but the question is should you? I bought mine to use every day, but slowly that changed to weekends; I'll maybe take it out for a drive once in the week now." We must remember this comes from a very enthusiastic, multiple-911

owner. He admits it is not a bad thing however, as

1970s, and of course of the 1980s Carreras that tried to copy the Turbo's impressively wide stance.

At the same time. the GT3 reminds you of Porsche's more recent 996 Cup racers, part of what is today the largest one-make racing series in the world.

For longer distances, especially on a continent such as Europe, I can see the appeal of a 930 Turbo. It is a car in which you can travel huge distances in relative tranquility. The luxury and comfort factors go out the window with the GT3, except if your interpretation of comfort is vastly different to that of most people. At the same time though, the GT3 will excite at every possible opportunity. It is a car that does not mind being driven hard and will put a bigger smile on your face through a twisty mountain pass. The Turbo might be good for longer distances, but the rush of the GT3 is perfect for a Sunday thrash. Needless to say, variety is truly the spice of life, and that applies to the diversity of the 911 range.

## 930 v 996 GT3: the experts' verdict

Gareth Crossley, from Cape Town's Crossley & Webb investment car for now, but believes collectors will need to play a waiting game with both Neunelfers. "I think you need to buy for a longer period of time at this stage," says Crossley. "Owners of both increase in the past two-to-three years. They are not going to have the same rate of return in the near future. The Turbo is currently going for more than the GT3 another five years or so, and I think interest

Meanwhile, Jonathan Ostroff of London's Hexagon Classics, predicts yet bigger things for the later 930s: "In our opinion the 930 Turbo is the better UK, with G50 gearboxes. We receive more enquiries for them, and indeed sold more of them last year,

he now savours every single time he drives the 996. The owner of the 930 Turbo interjects by remarking how stylish this 1970s icon is, and he is correct, much more so than the GT3 - especially if you prefer Porsche's earlier air-cooled models. There's real heritage to those arches: it is a car that reminds you of Porsche's ferocious 911 turbo racers of the

"The GT3

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# RELIVING

The factory 'R7' RSR is an icon for Porsche fans. Now, decades after the











**Above** Even the small details of this R7 replica are period correct, such as the felt-covered dash and the paintwork ratio of dark blue to red to white, which matches the original Martini livery

he glittering array of 91ls at the 2016 New Zealand Porsche Festival inspired Brent Jones to sell his 964-based 2.7 RS race car and replace it with a more authentic 911 racer. The result is a perfect replica of the factory's 1973 RSR 'R7', a car that took to the tarmac at the Targa Florio, Le Mans and the Nürburgring among others. The RSR project had faltered under its previous owner so, with a keen eve for accuracy, Jones took it on and turned the car into an R7 double, complete with the characteristic Mary Stuart collar. A famous aerodynamic aid, the Mary Stuart collar represents the transition from 2.8 RSR ducktail to fully-fledged 3.0 RSR whaletail, manifested in the 1974 IROC 3.0 RSs, and is perhaps the standout feature of the R7 RSR.

During 1973, Porsche's racing workshop built eight 911 RSRs with individual chassis numbers. Our feature car is a copy of R7, chassis no. 9113600686, taken off the production line by the race department in February 1973. Completed by mid-season, R7 competed in five races as a works car, first in the 1973 Targa Florio, where the Mary Stuart collar was fortified by two buttresses on either side. The car retired, but then came fifth in the Nürburgring 1,000km, and fourth at Le Mans where it was the first Porsche home. Then, after its final works race at the

Zeltweg 1,000km where it came ninth, it was sold to Peter Gregg in the US, who placed seventh overall with Hurley Haywood in the Watkins Glen 1,000km under the Brumos banner.

Works drivers who handled R7 during 1973 were Gijs van Lennep and Herbert Müller, George Follmer, Reinhold Jöst, Manfred Schurti and Helmuth Koinigg. In February 1974 Gregg sold the car to Mexican Formula Atlantic driver Hector Rebaque, who raced it at the 1974 Le Mans with Guillermo Rojas in red and white Viceroy tobacco colours, with a tall rear wing. In 1977 R7 passed on to Gonzalo Baca Spross in Guatemala, quickly followed by the Baliva Foundation, and in 2012 it was acquired by Ronald Hughes of Monaco, it currently residing with London-based art dealer and 911 aficionado Kenny Schachter.

The 3.0 RSR was essentially a homologation special for the post-917 era. Developed from the 2.7 RS, the 2.8 RSR that spawned it featured lightweight glass fibre bumpers with a frontal air intake for the oil cooler, and new 3.0-litre engines lifted output to 315bhp with twin-plug cylinder heads, larger valves and ports, high-lift camshafts, titanium conrods, a 10.3:1 compression ratio, and Bosch mechanical fuel injection using throttle slides for instant response. The gearbox contained racing ratios, a limited-slip differential and an oil pump for the cooler. The works

RSRs were rated at 330bhp, and while most customer teams ran 3.0 Carrera RSRs in Group 4 production class spec, the factory ran them in the prototype class where they could vie with the Ferrari 312 prototypes. Indeed, van Lennep and Müller won the Targa Florio outright in sister car R6. The transformation to RSR spec also involved subtle suspension modifications, including new semi-trailing arms, and lower, stiffer rear suspension featuring solid spherical joints with inner pivot points relocated to increase rebound on suspension compression. Front strut top mounts were made more adjustable and stub-axles placed further up the hub carriers to lower the ride-height.

Standard torsion bars were complemented by variable-rate titanium helper-springs mounted over the dampers, augmented by adjustable anti-roll bars and a quicker steering rack, along with 917-spec hubs and brakes that were mounted with 11-inch front and 14-inch rear wheels. The 911 bodyshell needed to be adapted accordingly, and the front lid and rear arches were made of glass fibre, with aluminium front wings and doors, plus side windows in Plexiglass, tipping the scales at 890kg. A pair of filler apertures pierced the front lid; one for refuelling, the other to release displaced air. The RSR now featured the widest wheel arches yet, plus a front airdam – and on R6 and R7, that aforementioned Mary Stuart collar.











Those rear arches were certainly broad enough to accommodate the all-embracing collar, after all.

In its heyday, R7's principal driver was van Lennep, who shared the wheel with Müller. We chatted with two-times Le Mans winner van Lennep at last September's Zandvoort Historic Grand Prix, where he was demonstrating the 1,200bhp Can-Am 917/20. He recalled Le Mans 1973: "The RSR went faster in the night than in the day, as it was colder so there was more power and the brakes staved cooler. Ferdinand Piëch, who was then in the racing team, was giving me signs from the pits; a horizontal arrow meant I was doing okay, angled upwards meant go faster, and downwards meant slow down. I got the sign to go faster, but I didn't know how, as I was already looking for every second, pushing and pushing! We finished fourth but we were knackered. Every Le Mans was like that. The speeds in 1973 were higher because there weren't the two chicanes back then, otherwise the circuit is still much the same." Just to finish at Le Mans is laudable: R7's sister car driven by Jöst and Claude Haldi, also wearing the Mary Stuart collar, ran out of fuel in the sixth hour. As for van Lennep, he came second in 1974 with Müller in the RSR Turbo version, and was fifth with John Fitzpatrick in a GELO RSR in 1975. And then he won for the second time in 1976 with Jacky Ickx in the 936.

Fast-forward four decades to Ruapuna racetrack, Christchurch, New Zealand. Owner Brent Jones describes the build saga of his freshly made R7 replica: amazingly, it took less than a year. Jones bought the shell of a right-hand-drive (UK-delivered) 9IIT and a pile of components on 12 February. He'd intended to build an accurate 2.8 RSR replica, though the previous owner had already started to fabricate a facsimile of the Mary Stuart collar. "The shape wasn't right and the quality was shocking," says Jones. "And that's what gave me the idea to look up the Mary Stuart thing. I thought if we're going to do something like that we've got to do it properly." Jones' original research delved into the Paul Frère book, which states the RSR Mary Stuart tail was two-inches wider each side than the normal 2.8 RSR, giving him a starting point to work out the proportions, and the rest of the dimensions were evaluated from period photos.

The bodywork specialist who created the reproduction R7 bodywork was Jason Burke of Christchurch-based Burke's Metalworks. The donor shell was quite rusty so he sourced new inner and outer sills, front and rear wings, repaired the floor, then straightened the chassis on a jig. Much of the componentry that came with the car was either inaccurate or inferior, so Jones forged a relationship with Netherlands-based TwinSpark Racing. He needed a reliable source for components, and he'd spotted their ads in the Porsche press and paid them a visit while in Europe. "I liked their attitude, so all the glass fibre panels, the front and rear lids, the bumpers all came from TwinSpark, and as the build went through they supplied most of the ancillary

Model 911 RSR 'R7' replica

Year 1973

**Engine** 

Capacity 3,500cc Compression ratio 10.3:1 Maximum power 360bhp

Maximum torque 338Nm @ 6,300rpm Transmission G50 Five-speed manual

Modifications Larger barrels and pistons, twin-

plug cylinder heads, larger valves and ports, high-lift camshafts, titanium conrods

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Suspension

Front Torsion bars, variable-rate titanium helper-springs and Bilstein dampers, adjustable 15mm anti-roll bar

Rear Semi-trailing arms, torsion bars, Bilstein dampers, lower and stiffer rear suspension with solid spherical joints, 15mm anti-roll bar

Wheels & tyres

Front 11x15-inch centre locks; Avon intermediates Rear 14x15-inch centre locks;

Avon intermediates

**Dimensions** 

Length 4,128mm Width 1,900mm Weight 958kg

Performance

**0-62mph** 4.5 secs **Top speed** 170mph

stuff to build the motor, including CDI units, twinplug distributor, and flat-slide throttles, all those expensive bolt ons." He sent a mechanical fuel pump to them for a rebuild and refurbishment, which came back to NZ "like brand new."

As we saw at the Dutch Historic Grand Prix (see issue 146), TwinSpark Racing know a thing or two about 3.0 Carrera RSRs. Jones elaborates: "TwinSpark provided the specialist bits that I needed to build the motor, and a set of 2.8 RSR wheel arches, which we tacked onto the wings so we knew where our two-inch extra width was going to be." Bodywork specialist Jason Burke and his partner Phil expertly fashioned the complex contours based on a wall covered in period photos of R7 taken in 1973. Another claim to fame of Burke's is the bodywork of the Ken Block Mustang stunt car, and he also built the 1929 Chrysler that won the 2016 Peking-to-Paris rally.

There are three main differences between the original R7 and Jones' copy. First of all, his donor was a right hooker – paradoxically in NZ they drive on the left but measure distance in kilometres. Second, it's a 3.5-litre flat six based on a big-bore 3.2 unit, coupled to a G50 gearbox, and third, the RSR shell is all steel while the original relied on glass fibre and aluminium – which makes the replica more of a finely crafted work of art. Jones chose the 3.2 crankcases because they're basically the same as the aluminium 3.0 ones, and he sourced them in Los Angeles. They came as a refurbished and twin-plugged package,



and the powertrain was assembled and installed by 911 specialist Wayne Graves and Ian Langham at AutoThority in Christchurch. "The dyno calculated it at 360bhp at the flywheel, and that will be reliable," says Graves. Historic racing is going from strength to strength in NZ but it's not run in quite the same way as in Europe, as Graves explains: "The whole race scene here is a little bit hot-rodded, and we're not that precise with FIA compliance. A lot of our engines are bigger in capacity, although they will be period-correct." Jones takes up the story: "Unlike Europe, where you'll be in with a lot of other Porsches and there'll be proper classes, here they'll run a race based on lap times, so they might have half-a-dozen classes, but they're all mixed up so you could be in with mid-1960s Mustangs with similar times. When you enter you submit a lap time of where you think you're going to be and they'll divide up the fields in an even manner to create good racing for the spectators. In any case, people love coming to see the older cars and it's pretty popular."

Jones, who had an international career racing motorcycles in the 1980s, is a stickler for detail, and there are a few subtle differences between his car and the genuine R7. "In 1974 someone fitted the steel retainers for the windscreen but if you look at the 1973 photos they're not on the car. No clips on the headlight bezels then, either, and the chrome door mirror is also correct. The Paul Frère Racing Porsches book also says it had glass fibre doors so

that's what I put on it," he says. The colour scheme is crucial too, as Jones confirms: "The Martini livery was done by Chris Manning, a sign writer that I've used since 1978 when I first started racing. You'll notice the red stripe is slightly wider, as Martini have a ratio of dark blue to red to white. The race numbers on the original overlapped, but they looked a bit ugly so I didn't overlap them. You can see in period photos that the dash is covered in felt so we put some on to get the detail right." The red mud flaps are aluminium. In the cabin it has a modern allenveloping race seat and a replica 2.8 RSR passenger seat. There's an exposed short-shift lever, a modern roll cage and quick-release Momo Prototipo steering wheel, while under the front lid the strut-brace is correct. The centre-lock 15-inch wheels - 11-inch front and 14-inch rear rims - are copies of the 1970s originals, obtained in the US, and have the correct FIA calipers and brakes supplied by TwinSpark.

We've come to a trackday at the Mike Pero Motorsport Park at Ruapuna, a 3.5km circuit near Christchurch, and I'm in race suit, balaclava, lid and Piloti shoes. Jones has taken me out for a few sighting laps to warm the car up, and now I'm solo, sharing the track with half a dozen race cars ranging from a BMW ETC M3 and Holden Torana V8 to a Datsun 260Z and Ford Anglia. I ease out and gradually develop a rhythm with the car as I find out which way the track goes. After two or three laps, I'm getting the feel of it and it makes more sense the

## The Mary Stuart collar

In the early 1970s, aerodynamic aids were still in their infancy, even on racing cars, let alone road cars, though they were evolving in leaps and bounds. Streamlining was an obvious wind-cheating technique, but in that respect the airdam was counterintuitive. Wings, fins and spoilers were by now de rigueur - Porsche optimising the 917 with long-tails for fast circuits and short-tails for more intricate ones, for example - but although ground effect downforce was known about, its benefits would not be fully appreciated until Lotus' F1 breakthrough in 1977. Wind tunnel research showed that downforce could be achieved by spoiling the air flow at the back of the car, hence the ducktail-spoilered engine lid, and in 1973 the Porsche racing department under Norbert Singer took the ducktail to the limit by curving the upswept tail around the entire rear end - welcome on board Marv Stuart and her extravagant collar. The woman in question was also known as Mary Queen of Scots (1542-1587), cousin of Oueen Elizabeth I, and the sartorial moniker is a reference to the Tudor monarch's upstanding neckwear.

Of the eight factory RSRs, only R6 and R7 were thus equipped. So, while the original RS ducktail engine lid remained in place, it was effectively extended on either side by complex compound curves springing from either side of the rear wheel arches, sweeping upwards and around the back of the car. By the end of 1973, R7's Mary Stuart collar had gone the way of its Tudor namesake: chopped off, and replaced by a longer, squarer rear end, in line with the advances in aerodynamic thinking. The whaletail and the teatray waited in the, ahem, wings.

#### **Thanks**

**Total 911** would like to thank Brent Jones for access to his stunning 911 RSR 'R7' replica for this feature.

quicker I go. Gear selection is perfect and I don't miss a single gear, and it's soon clear that I can do the circuit in third and fourth, slotting fifth along the pit straight. Steering is unassisted and quite heavy, hauling on the wheel in the hairpin, but in the quick turns I can influence turn-in on and off the throttle so the nose tucks in and out, but really it's about drifting in and powering round the turn, leaning on the tyres. There's so much grip from the broad Avon intermediates. Occasionally, where I've forgotten the corner, I carry too much speed and resort to going across the rumble strips, but it's a relatively easy, forgiving car to drive. Nevertheless, it's quite an energetic experience and after a few laps I'm very hot. But what a fabulous thing! I approach the infield from the hairpin and the amount of rubber on the track describes the proscribed route, and carrying the speed through the technical esses is the trickiest part; there are four tight left-handers and two fast right-handers. It's rawer than a 3.0 RS, more like a 2.8 RSR with more torque, and the power is right there and the revs sing right round to 6,000rpm. It's taut, beautifully balanced and in many respects feels like a new car; it's a piece of living history.

As Jones says, "I'm not keeping it wrapped up in cotton wool, it's there to be used, although I won't get down to the desperate stage where I think I'm going to prang it." First race is the Skope Historic meeting at Ruapuna in February, so by the time you read this, 'R7' will have made a timely comeback.

# HISTORY OF THE POWERKIT

Conceived on the racetrack, Porsche has long offered extra performance for customers who desire additional punch from their road-going flat six, as **Total 911** investigates...

Written by Kieron Fennelly







The 911 T/R, above, featured what was essentially an early Powerkit as an option. Officially developed for the SC and 930, the Turbo was then offered with a Powerkit right through to 996, coded X33 for the 930, X88 for 964, and X50 for 993 and 996. X51 was the code given to Powerkitted Carrera Ss (below)







builder of racing as well as production cars, Porsche also made factory upgrades for the 356, even though its main competition offering was the potent 'Fuhrmann' four-cam flat four. In the 1960s, Porsche even built a handful of customer-order flat-eight Carreras. Once Porsche 911 production was underway, its sporting prowess opened the way for a more comprehensive tuning offer. Even before the launch of the 911S in late 1966, the 911 was already being raced extensively and once the range had extended to include the 911T, Porsche devised the Powerkit's precursor, the Sportpaket. Until 1970, under FIA rules it was possible to homologate one body shape with different engines so Porsche took full advantage and registered the 911 and 911L in Group 2 (modified touring cars), and the 911T and S in Group 3 (GT cars).

For the 911 and 911T, a 'Rally' engine was developed producing 150bhp using camshafts and pistons from the S. With a straight-through competition exhaust, 160bhp was possible. Rally kits were also developed for the 911S. A Phase 1 Sportpaket raised output to 170bhp using harder spark plugs and re-jetted Webers, while Phase 2 added another 5bhp by removing silencing

baffles from the exhaust. The 1967 Marathon-de-la-Route-winning 911 was so equipped. Clients could even specify a 911 with the 210bhp Carrera 6 engine. The various *Sportpakets* were developed in Porsche's racing department under the supervision of Valentin Schäffer, who later achieved fame as Porsche's turbo wizard.

The advent of the Group 3 2.7 RS presented clients with an off-the-shelf racer and requirement for the Sportpaket evaporated. In any case, Porsche's attention now turned to the Turbo. which in competition terms would materialise for the 1975 season as the brutal 934. It was left to the aftermarket to provide more power for 911s and as the specific output of the 911 fell from the 213hp of the 2.7 Carrera to the 200hp of the 3.0 Carrera, such tuners as Alois Ruf and Max Moritz were happy to oblige. When the 1978 911 SC could muster only 183hp, Ruf and Moritz offered bored-out 210bhp plus versions of the 3.0. Ernst Fuhrmann had already halted 911 development in favour of the new flagship 928, but some in Porsche felt they had to respond to fans who were turning to the aftermarket. So the factory produced a more powerful variant, which used cylinders from the 3.3 Turbo for a displacement of 3,122cc. This was a discreet and unadvertised

dealer-fit modification, which delivered an impressive 210bhp, though it was withdrawn once the revised 204bhp SC was launched in 1981.

During the 1980s, Porsche's focus was largely on the 959. However, thanks to Rolf Sprenger of the *Sonderwunsch* department, who claimed many of his customers could "never get enough power," a sportkit, known as the X33, was developed for the 3.3 Turbo. With a larger intercooler and turbocharger, plus attention to the turbine vanes to enhance throttle response, this delivered 330bhp and featured in the immensely profitable run-out Turbo SE and LE models. This *Sportpaket* came into its own in 1990 as it provided the motive power for the hastily designed 964 3.3 Turbo, a model which crucially had been missing from the 964 range because of the late abandonment of the 965.

Two sportkits were available for the 993: the X51 raised the capacity of the 3.6 to 3,746cc using the 102mm bores of the RS, and at £9,000, this dealer-fit option made the 993 virtually as expensive as the 993 RS, and so take up was very limited. Also on offer was the X50, a reprise of the X33 kit, for the 993 Turbo. This was the engine upgrade fitted to the sign-off Turbo S, which was lavishly equipped and priced. The X50 that ♣



followed very much the modifications made to the competition-oriented GT2, endowed the 'S' with an amazing 450bhp and a 186mph top speed, making it the fastest production 911 yet. The power-kitted Turbo S would henceforth be the top model in the Porsche 911 range.

Zuffenhausen celebrated 40 years of the 911 in 2003 by making a special limited edition 996. This, like the previous *30 Jahre* 964, was

beautifully turned out with full equipment including leather upholstery, an improvement on the plastics of the standard 996. However, for the £6,000 premium,

# "The *Sportpaket* was developed by the racing department"

the buyer also got a 345bhp engine as opposed to the stock 320bhp, achieved by internal tuning rather than an increase in cubic capacity. The X51 upgrade was an option for the 3.6 996 and comprised revised cylinder head and inlet and exhaust manifolds and correspondingly recalibrated ECU. Thenceforth, the 'Powerkit' as Porsche's sales literature now referred to it, became a regular catalogue item.

For the first-generation 997, the X51 logically was available on the Carrera S, which sported the larger 3,824cc engine, rather than the base 3.6. As

such, it added 25 more horses to match the 997.2 S 3.8's 385hp. More expensive than the 996's X51 at almost £8,000, the additional power was noticeable at the top and bottom of the rev range.

A feature of the much admired 2009 Sport Classic, which was based on a 997.2 C2, was the addition of the Powerkit, which raised output to 408hp, similar to the 993 Turbo and equal to 107bhp/litre. The Powerkit option for the Carrera

S continued on the 991 series, but then in 2013, Porsche launched the 911 GTS, a fully specified model that included a Powerkit engine and which was priced only a couple of thousand pounds more

than a Carrera S with Powerkit option. It should have made potential Powerkit purchasers hesitate.

Except they didn't: although with the GTS badge Porsche has deftly created a sub-category for each of its sports and SUV models, once again its marketing people had cleverly spotted a niche – the buyer who simply wanted their Porsche 911 with the extra go of the Powerkit. It goes without saying that Valentin Schäffer would never have imagined that his *Sportpaket*, conceived essentially for competition, would still be selling 50 years later.



**Top** Powerkits were available on 996, 997 and 991 Carrera Ss. The option was not available for the base-model Carrera. The Powerkit was inspired by Valentin Schäffer (below left)













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Another keen young recruitee to Zuffenhausen in the 1950s, Valentin Schäffer would become Porsche's racing turbo specialist and engineer the induction systems that endowed Porsche sports racers with a dominance that lasted decades

#### Written by Kieron Fennelly



The compact figure of Valentin Schäffer trots up the steps of the Porsche Museum with the zest of a man much younger than 85, his broad smile suggesting someone who has lost none of his

enthusiasm. We have come to Stuttgart to meet this sprightly retired engineer, Porsche's turbo wizard whose career neatly spans the pre-A to the introduction of water cooling.

Born in a German speaking part of Hungary, Schäffer moved with his family to Stuttgart in 1943 after his father, a Wehrmacht soldier, was killed. Schäffer began at Gymnasium (grammar school) the same year. He joined Porsche in 1955 at the age of 24 as an experienced motor mechanic, at a time when Zuffenhausen was an engineering hothouse. What had started as an open car based on VW Beetle mechanicals a few years earlier, had become the renowned manufacturer of the fastest four-cylinder Coupe on the market. Porsche was also the source of 1,500cc racers, class winners at Le Mans since 1953, and prevalent in European hillclimbs.

"I went straight into the racing department," says Schäffer. "In my entire career, I practically only ever worked on racing engines." It was a busy time with long days followed by evenings at Stuttgart Technical Institute where over a period

of years he obtained his engineer's certificate. "Once we got the four-cam engine (largely developed by his department colleague Ernst Fuhrmann) there was a rush of racing customers," says Schäffer. Within 18 months, he was a racing team mechanic, accompanying Herbert Linge and Hans Herrmann to Florida in 1957. Thanks to importers like John von Neumann and the irrepressible Max Hoffman, the US was already Porsche's largest market. A racing presence was deemed essential and works cars became regulars at Daytona and Sebring just as they were at Le Mans. It was the beginning of Schäffer's travel career during which he reckons he must have attended 1,000 races.

If the flat four, even with outputs approaching 180bhp, was rarely powerful enough to beat its 3.0- and 4.0-litre opposition on fast circuits such as Monza, the Porsche's famous dexterity enabled it to win outright at the 1956 Targa Florio, and on the Alpine hillclimbs it became unbeatable, driven by Edgar Barth to three championships in the 1960s. This was the RSK 718, latterly fitted with a 2.0-litre flat eight, whose career from 1959 to 1963 when it was overlapping with the 904 was so long that it was known affectionately as 'die Grossmutter'. "I went to many races supporting that car," says Schäffer. "That was in the days of Huschke von Hanstein. He was an organiser, a manager not an engineer. He didn't care what

went on under the bonnet but when Ferdinand Piëch took over, all that changed. Piëch had big ambitions. The 2.0-litre eight cylinder was a great engine and the 3.0-litre of the 908 brought a lot more torque, but Piëch wanted more power. He asked me whether it was feasible to put two flat sixes together to make an F12. I told him that if all the parts fitted, then yes, in principle. He gave the green light – when he'd enquired about this elsewhere, they'd told him it would take six months to get an answer!"

The Porsche racing department became a very exciting place under Piëch, as he left no stone unturned or exotic metal untested in his quest to win the Le Mans 24 hours. Not everyone in Porsche appreciated his demanding approach but in Schäffer, he identified one engineer who was potentially vital to this endeavour. The latter says of Piëch, former chairman of the VW group: "He was a hard man but he was always fair with me. People always say he was an engineer but I think his real talent was in understanding engineering concepts and getting people to carry them out."

By now a seasoned engineer himself, Schäffer had been involved in several significant projects, including Porsche's 1962 GP car, the 804: "We tested all the rally engines before they were sent to customers and we developed the *Sportpaket* for the 911." Piëch evidently trusted Schäffer enough to leave him considerable autonomy:











he was charged with building a turbocharged 911 and a 914/6, officially an engineering exercise but not unconnected with the fact that a turbocharged BMW 2002 had beaten a 911T in the German touring car championship.

"It was top secret," he recalls. "Piëch sent me to Eberspächer to buy a couple of turbos. People didn't just buy turbos over the counter then: I asked what on earth should I tell them - that they were for my motorbike? When I got there. they asked how much horsepower I wanted. I had no idea so I said 1,000!" As it turned out, that was exactly the kind of output they needed; the real opposition was not BMW in Europe but the McLaren Chevrolets of the Can-Am series. For if the naturally aspirated 917 was able to vacuum up prizes in Europe - to such effect that the FIA would ban it - it was clearly not powerful enough for the Can-Am. Jo Siffert had campaigned a privately entered 917 in several Can-Am rounds in 1971 and his results confirmed that the 917 was left behind by the mighty 8.0-litre 800bhp McLarens. Schäffer says Piech had Weissach construct a flat 16 of 7.2-litres but it still fell 100hp short. Then Toyota revealed it had obtained promising results from its attempts to mount twin turbochargers on its 5.0-litre Group 7 racers (a project later aborted). This looked like the answer and by mid-1971, Porsche was experimenting at Weissach with a blown 917 and Schäffer was

discovering the complexities of balancing twin turbos while reducing the crippling turbo lag, which meant that power would come in suddenly, at worst throwing the 917 off its trajectory.

The problems were still not resolved before the 1972 season, yet the company had contracted to supply a car to Roger Penske's team and driver Mark Donohue. Porsche had appointed Helmut Flegl as managing engineer and Schäffer continued in his role as turbo engineer. It became apparent that the fuel injection system, designed for natural aspiration, was not coping with the sudden rush of air as the turbo chargers reached their operating velocity. From dynamometer readings showing fuel flow throughout the rev range, Flegl and Schäffer devised a cam that metered fuel flow according to boost pressure; it operated a wastegate to evaluate the excess pressure, allowing the turbos to spin freely rather than die back in enclosed compressed air. This calibration of the fuel/air/boost combination was the breakthrough that set the 917 on the road to the first of its two Can-Am championships. Subsequent turbocharging improvements would relate to boost pressures and flow rates. But the most radical advance had, in a sense, been made.

Attention now turned to a production application: Porsche's new CEO Ernst Fuhrmann, recently invited back to Zuffenhausen after a 15 year stint at Goetze, saw the company urgently

needing to revitalise its main product, the ageing 911. Turbocharging was by far the quickest route to get a new, lucrative model on the market. Porsche was also well aware of work being done on turbocharging by Swiss engineer Michael May at his Esslingen workshop in southern Stuttgart and if it was officially dismissive of May's blown Ford Capris, it had not been above copying the twin turbo configuration he had devised for Toyota's stillborn race car. Heads turned to Schäffer, who would carry out initial development: "I had a turbocharged 2.7 running by April 1973. It didn't take long." He then handed the project on to Herbert Ampferer for development and turning the 911 Turbo into a manufacturing reality.

Schäffer is a cheerful, engaging and voluble fellow and you imagine he must have been a popular colleague. He recounts how Fuhrmann, a respected engineer in his own right, used to speak to him: "If he wanted to know something, he'd often come directly down and see me." He chuckles: "Bott used to get cross about it strictly, Fuhrmann should have gone through him but Bott was a chassis man, never an engine man, and he just used to get impatient with us - 'why aren't those verdammte engines ready yet?'"

After 20 years at Porsche, Schäffer's newly discovered turbo expertise suggested he would be at Weissach for life, particularly as Fuhrmann had authorised a Turbo 911, the 934, to race in



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Group 4. This quickly led to the 935, which won Porsche the World Championship of Makes in 1976 and 1977 and would notch up many victories with private teams. All the indications were that the technology of forced induction was now crucial to the company's development. But this was to reckon without Piëch. Schäffer found that Porsche's former technical director was trying to poach him. In company with other members of the ruling Porsche and Piëch families, he had been obliged to resign in 1972. Now he was the key technical figure at the new VW subsidiary Audi-NSU at Ingolstadt and working on a turbocharged range for Audi, which would materialise as the stunning Audi Quattro among others. Understandably, he wanted the best people on this project - and that included Schäffer.

"He campaigned quite hard to get me; he offered me a much better paid job, a house, and schooling for my kids – all very tempting. Bott objected strongly though, and eventually I turned him down. In 2009 I saw Piëch, just after the VW takeover, and I asked whether he was still angry with me for not accepting. 'No, not at all', he said, 'just look at everything you've done for me at

Porsche since then!" And indeed he did plenty: Porsche's turbo dominance would go on over a decade in Group 5 and sports racing cars, and furnish championship-winning race engines to F1, though the TAG venture was the one occasion where, Schäffer says, he was not involved. But when Mark Donohue took the 917-30 to Talladega in 1975 for his brave and successful attempt (221.12mph) on the closed-circuit world record, Schäffer's presence was deemed essential.

Porsche began looking for other avenues in the US and alighted upon Indianapolis. But despite immense development work, Porsche's 2.7-litre engine was never raced due to changes in the rulebook. "The real problem was control," he says. "With Roger Penske, Porsche provided the car and the support and it worked, but here we were supplying only the engine." The Indy experiment surfaced again in 1987 and lasted through several seasons but the outcome was again a disappointment. Although the Porsche-engined March was starting to come good after two poor years, Porsche withdrew: "We had developed a chassis, but instead, Al Holbert wanted to use a March chassis. If we could have tested it

properly at Weissach, it would have been right, but relationships with March were difficult." At the end of the 1980s, Porsche was severely affected by the fall in the US dollar. There were many changes, leading to the appointment of Wendelin Wiedeking. "Things were bad. When I was 60 in 1991, Porsche said to me 'you're the oldest guy in the racing department. You can take extended leave on full salary as we owe you the weekends you worked.' I was happy to accept," says Schäffer. "Porsche was changing: I said to Norbert Singer that the research department had become a coffee drinkers' club as it now took a year to accomplish what we did in a week!"

Schäffer retired in 1993 during a wave of redundancies: "They gave me the option and I took it!" Once a keen tennis player, he has finally had to give that up but the lithe physique remains. Schäffer returns periodically to Porsche, usually to help with research projects in the Archive. He says he is always surprised at how many young employees seem to know who he is. It is typical of the man – modest, unassuming and still evidently delighted if not a little surprised that people take so much interest in his startling career.



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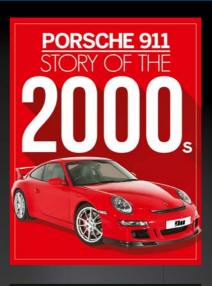


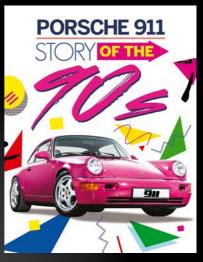


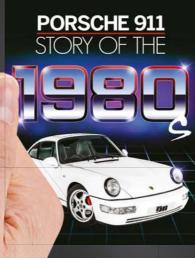
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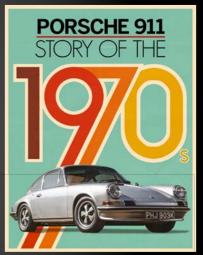
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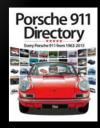












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Model 911T Targa Year 1972 Acquired 2013

Model 911E Year 1972 Acquired 2014

Model 930 Turbo 3.0

Year 1977 Acquired 2014
Model 930 Turbo 3.0

Model 930 Turbo 3.0 Year 1977 Acquired 2015

Model Carrera 3.0 Year 1977 Acquired 2016

Model 911 SC Year 1981 Acquired 2015

Model 911 Carrera Year 1986 Acquired 2015

Model Carrera M491 Year 1988 Acquired 2015

Model 993 C4S Year 1996 Acquired 2016

Model 964 Carrera 4 Year 1994 Acquired 2016



Modifying a classic air-cooled Porsche 911 is a fun, exciting and liberating experience but not all cars are good candidates for

customisation, and sometimes keeping your car original is the better and more sensible option.

For example, my Silver 1977 930 Turbo Carrera is a well-documented car and has a great factory specification, including factory sunroof delete, sports seats, and my favourite interior option: tartan seat inlays. These are some of the less common options for a 930 3.0 Turbo but more importantly, these are choices that I absolutely love.

In honour of its 40th birthday, I've commissioned a mechanical and light cosmetic refresh for the car. The aim is to preserve the original features and refresh all parts of the Turbo to its factory original configuration. At the time of writing, the nice chaps over at Eurocar-Werk have the engine out and the engine case split. The engine rebuild is a full

mechanical and cosmetic project, with an emphasis on creating a very periodcorrect external look.

This engine rebuild will include new Mahle pistons and cylinders, new valve guides, new bearings, complete reseal, refreshed fan housing, refreshed engine tin with a few discreet upgrades (including 964 cams, upgraded oil pump, ARP head studs, connecting rod bolts) that will be totally concealed without opening the engine case.

A new engine pad and a set of period-correct engine decals will finish up the engine compartment to a really functional but period-correct appearance. One of the nice features of the rebuild is that all the period-correct emission items, required for the United States in the 1970s, will be included but will not be connected and robbing horsepower – which is definitely a best-of-both-worlds solution.

A period-correct exception will be the exhaust, headers and wastegate. Eurocar-Werk has recommended B&B for the best horsepower gains. I'll report back on the outcome when the build is finished.

Externally, the paintwork is not perfect, however, it is not so bad to require a fresh coat of paint, so I have decided to do a two-stage paint correction to revive the existing paint and the 16-inch Fuchs wheels have also been refinished. The interior has been getting some love and attention too, of course. We started off with the sports seats – all have been sympathetically restored and the period-correct tartan inlays were replaced (and this very much pleases my Scottish roots).

Next the damaged parcel shelf is being restored and the icing on the cake will be a period-correct Blaupunkt Bamberg radio, with completely useless but delightfully retro microphone (to record your thoughts to cassette while driving down the autobahn circa 1977 at 180mph, of course).

Finally, the 930's brake system and suspension will be refreshed, including new front struts and master brake cylinders. Once the project is completed, my 930 will be ready to be daily driven and enjoyed the way Porsche 911s are meant to be.

















**Gina Purcell** Oxford, UK

Model 911 SC Year 1982 Acquired April 2014 Model 964 Carrera 4 Year 1989 Acquired September 2004



Living next to one of south England's coldest spots means I have a lot of driving 'downtime' in winter. Our local

council must have an inexhaustible supply of road salt, scattered with regularity and determination, so the S4 Avant has been the weapon of choice. When a gap in the weather opened after heavy rain, I leapt at the chance to unleash Wolfi the C4. My excitement had built to fever pitch...

I never get bored when at the wheel of either of my 911s, but of the two, Wolfi is the one that's much easier to get into the groove with, of course. It gives up a reasonable amount of initial feedback, which quickly settles into a smooth murmur of suggestions at speed. It's that relative 964 'modernity' kicking-in; that quieter, insulating competence that leads you to believe you're going slower than you are... oops! Even 250bhp can throw you about. Whip-crack gear changes preceded a pop 'n' bang from a hot exhaust, the nose bobbing slightly. It was all going on.

After a long stint in the Audi, Wolfi felt like a fizzing ball of energy, its short wheelbase giving the impression of wanting to change direction like a mid-engined car! I was shocked at the feedback I was getting after 1,000 miles with the dead helm of an Audi

- maybe I was getting complacent about what the C4 offered.

So, on this opportunist drive, I looked about me with fresh eyes. Inperiod reviews of the 964 damned the interior with faint praise, which, if your job was driving several marques a month, may have grated. But after 26 years this is my 'normal' state of car interior, my happy place, so those old road tests grate with me. I understand I'm sat in a motoring icon. I've been staring at air-cooled 911 cockpits for 160,000-plus miles and still love every detail of their classic instrumentation.

I love the sharpness of the switch to the 'modern' Microgramma Bold font, a typographic icon in itself from 1952, used on the 964's dials, and the elegant taper of their needles. Iconic Porsche sports seats are the most comfortable seats I know, and they are perfection for vigorous driving. I also notice that the gearshift's mushroom shape echoes that of 356s and the VW Beetle! Icons everywhere, from the pedals to the aroma you inhale, from the door releases to the 'Elastoplast' headlining: from the quarter light windows to the dashboard buttons that a young Jeremy Clarkson described as "boiled sweets." But it all works. It's all you need and no more, and to me, it looks fresh and beautiful.

I realised I wasn't being complacent with Wolfi – I desperately needed that deep 911 infusion. Wolfi laughs in the face of huge, modern sports cars. It's not just small – it's 'right-sized' in modern Porsche parlance. It can carry two adults plus luggage for two weeks' worth of touring, then find room on any road to explore multiple lines. It's the perfect package. Put simply, for me, driving Wolfi that day was *pure* joy! Meanwhile, the killjoy local council have put more salt down, so Wolfi's back in the garage and the excitement will have to build again...



**Dana Pawlicki** Maplewood, New Jersey

Model 993 Carrera Year 1995 Acquired May 2007

Model 991 Carrera S Year 2013 Acquired March 2013

Model 930 3.3 Year 1986 Acquired April 2014

Model 964 Carrera Year 1994 Acquired June 2014

Model 930 Targa Year 1988 Acquired April 2015



Since winter is in full swing, I thought I would talk about the scramble to get cars properly stored for this cold season. Early this fall, I had

an issue with the 930 Targa, where the starter would turn but the car would not start. First, though, let me tell you a bit about my 1988 930 Targa. The car is one of 12 Turbo Targas registered in the US, and I believe the only one in Venetian blue – a fantastic colour! The seats are light cream with blue piping. The car was previously owned by the president of the Midwest PCA region and is in fantastic condition and nearly 100 per cent stock. It also has factory coloured Fuchs, which are a nice touch.

Ironically, when I went to call the flatbed, I thought I'd try it one more time and it started instantly, upon which I immediately drove it to the nearest specialist. Rudy's European in Lewes, Delaware, was a relatively new business in the area, but was well established in Florida. The owner, Rudy, has owned several "old-school" 911s and 1980s BMW M cars, which gave me great confidence, as there is nothing like owning them to truly understand them.



Rudy noticed that my 930 had a Perma-tune ignition control unit, which is apparently a popular upgrade, but the company makes it very clear that if you replace the factory unit, you should also replace the Bosch ignition coil with theirs. In my car's case, this had not been done. Rudy had checked, cleaned, and tightened several other areas beyond replacing the coil with a Perma-tune unit, but once he was done, the car started quickly every time. I got the car back to my garages just before the bad weather.

In other news, it is always an interesting debate what to do with batteries over the winter. Clearly, the best solution is a Battery Tender or other maintainer, but what if electricity is not available? The next best route is to disconnect the battery, or "cut-off" switch, but that also has its issues. If



you go down this route, I am convinced the key is to not jump-start the car with a charging station when you return the vehicle to service. I have made this mistake and damaged key electrical components. Also, as a German car guru I know recently told me: "Do not use the alternator as a battery charger. Just because the car starts, doesn't mean you should restore the battery this way." Therefore, the second best option is to disconnect the battery, and then before starting in the spring, slow charge the battery with a computer-controlled charger over a day or two, and resist the temptation to just "start it up", "jump" the vehicle, or even worse, "boost charge it."

Although winter has now set in, I recently had a fantastic visit to one of Roger Penske's Porsche dealerships, but more on that next month!



Tony McGuiness San Diego, USA



Model 997.2 GT3 RS
Year 2011
Acquired February 2011
Model 991 GT3
Year 2015
Acquired December 2014



According to 2015 statistics from the California Department of Motor Vehicles, there were 24,487,807 registered automobiles in

the state of California. Incidentally, that massive number doesn't include other vehicles such as trucks and motorcycles. You might think in a state whose life's blood is the automobile, the standards required for allowing a car to be registered on the road would be very high indeed. Interestingly, and perhaps unfortunately, the standards are not very high. The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) does not require regular safety inspections or a brake and light inspection. So you see all sorts of cars on the road that in many other places would perhaps not be deemed roadworthy.

Not surprisingly though, California has some of the most stringent smog laws. In order to renew a car's registration, vehicles must undergo a smog inspection every two years. Gasoline cars, model year 1975 and older, are exempt though. Vehicles six years old or less simply pay an annual smog abatement fee with the



vehicle registration. My 2015 991 GT3 still has four years to go before it needs a smog inspection. Yet, as my GT3 RS has just turned six, I received the registration renewal via the post from the DMV indicating I needed to take the GT3 RS for a smog inspection certificate.

There are several smog inspection shops in my area; I took the RS to Hoen Porsche in nearby Carlsbad. While a smog certification is quite simple, I would not be comfortable with anyone who isn't intimately familiar with the GT3 RS completing the inspection test.

Since Hoen is a Porsche dealer, they have all the state-of-the-art equipment necessary. The technician visually checked and electronically tested the car in under 30 minutes, and the car passed and the certificate was sent electronically to the DMV. This permitted me to complete the vehicle registration of the GT3 RS. It won't need another inspection for two years – not that I thought it would fail! It is good to know that, in a state with nearly 25 million automobiles, my GT3 RS is compliant with some of the strictest smog laws in the country.



Lee Sibley Bournemouth, UK



Model 996.2 Carrera 4 Year 2004 Acquired February 2016



The start of February marked one year of Porsche 911 ownership for me, which also meant it was time for another service for the 996.

For its major service last year I decided to try an independent specialist, so this time round, in the interests of balance, I opted to try my nearest OPC for the minor service.

The car was booked in with Porsche Centre Bournemouth, who loaned me a Basalt black Macan GTS while my 996 was having its annual service and subsequent health check (what an absurdly awesome mini SUV that is, by the way). I like the idea of getting a new car to ferret about in while my own car is being serviced; it means I can carry on with my life and don't have to sit around for a couple of hours. Even better, then, that the loan car in question sports the same badge on the bonnet as my own 911 - brand indoctrination it might be, but we all drive a Porsche because we choose to, and not many of us are going to turn down the opportunity to drive another one.

A courtesy call the next morning informed me the service was complete, and a video link emailed through provided visual evidence of the technician's health check of the 996



(interestingly, the car had a health check at the same centre a year ago and I was pleased to note the same observations were coming up, so kudos to Porsche Bournemouth's technicians for consistency).

I couldn't help but chuckle when I got the health check paperwork back. I think the difficulty here is the technician lists what is needed to make your car showroom perfect; in my case, it's a 13-year-old Porsche 911 worth £20,000 or less, so that's never going to happen. The car has its foibles and, you know what, some of them I quite like. I'm sure your 911 has them too. So, while it presents a great opportunity to get your Porsche on the ramps and have it looked over for any pressing issues, a health check should always be approached with a pinch of salt, unless you're adamant on one day giving the car back to a main dealer to sell.





Anyway, the day after I handed my 996 over for its service, I went back to collect it and found the car resplendent out the front. Pleasingly, it had been cleaned and vacuumed, with a selection of complimentary Porsche jelly sweets fanning out from the cubby in the centre console - a great touch and a job well done for a pleasant experience. Porsche Centre Bournemouth: I shall be back.



**Rob Clarke** Bristol UK



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Model 996.1 Carrera 4 Year 1999 Acquired February 2014



While on holiday my car was repaired due to my little indiscretion last month. It had new undertrays, refreshed brake lines, and

minor repairs to the underside. But the first issue was unlocking the car. Like all 911s, mine shuts itself down after five days to save battery and as the garage left the car on my drive, I had to use the spare key. I went through the procedure to wake up the car and all was fine.

The next day I went back to the car, click, nothing, so I went back through the key procedure... still nothing. I unlocked the car, set the alarm off, and then fired up the engine to stop the alarm. Then all but the driver's door would open and all the deadlocks had kicked in. So with the engine off, I locked and unlocked the car and fired the engine all in quick succession, to make sure the car was not deadlocked. Clearly I have a lock issue. I pondered this for a few hours thinking should I get the other key from



the garage to see if it was the fob, or should I just change the battery in the fob and hope it was that? I took the latter approach, slipped a new button cell in and tried again, but still nothing. The alarm went off, and with frustration mounting and thoughts of electrical nightmares, I took the key fob apart again. This is when I spotted my error - I had left the safety sticker cover on the button cell... idiot (I put it down to jet lag)! Cover removed, key back together, click and... success.

My euphoria was short-lived though, as when I got into the car the next day there was something on the driver's car



mat. I thought it looked like veneer from a kitchen worktop but soon realised it was the veneer from my walnuttrimmed steering wheel! I knew my veneer had cracks but I didn't expect it to fall apart! My wheel has a cover so any further loss will be minimised but this is where I need help. Do I get it refurbished? Can the walnut shading be matched, or do I get a new wheel? Are there alternative wheels, and do I also get paddles added to replace the Tiptronic buttons? I have lots of questions. Any advice from the Total 911 community would be greatly received. You can contact me via Twitter or Instagram.



**Greg James**Mercer Island, Washington

Model 3.2 Carrera Year 1985 Acquired 2008 Model 993 Turbo Year 1997 Acquired 2016



Winters in Seattle are not quite as nice as somewhere like San Diego, a city I lived in for nearly a decade back in the 1970s and 1980s. Although

Seattle doesn't get the biting cold of the American Midwest, we are still fairly far north, and the period from November to the end of March is often fairly cool and rainy. That said, we do have one big plus, and that concerns the roads in the winter... there is no salt. So unlike cars on the east coast and upper Midwest, out here they're mostly well preserved and rust-free. Winters for me are spent skiing and working but it's also a good time to look at other cars, and occasionally take my two Porches out for runs on dry, sunny (and usually cold) days.

I'm a conformed Porsche lover and have owned nine 911s over the years. All have been air-cooled. It's not that I have anything against the later cars, I honestly feel that it's more about the style for me. Pre-1999 cars just have a more appealing shape in my eyes; they are sleeker, smaller, and just look sportier. That said, a few months ago I got bitten by the old bug and came across a 1963 green/white VW pickup for sale in the Midwest



(originally from Texas, so no rust!). The owner was selling part of his car collection and I must admit, I've always loved the older buses, so I decided to buy it. After payment I had to arrange shipping, which if you've ever done it, can be a hassle. As expected, this time it again proved to be a bit of a fire drill as delivery times were knocked back several times due to bad weather, delays and closed winter passes.

Eventually, the driver got the car out here (two weeks late), and to my surprise, he was also delivering another car to a Seattle area customer, and it turned out to be a gorgeous Mexico blue 1974 Carrera. While not an MFI Euro Carrera, it was still a stunning car to look at, and the combination of the colour, the Carrera side graphic, and the ducktail





made it a real showstopper. The car was in immaculate condition and there was something really sexy about its overall appearance. The new owner is a local Seattle racing legend that campaigned a pair of Porsche 962s in the 1980s, and I'm sure he'll love this new addition to his already extensive collection – which still includes the two 962s!





**David Grover** Harpenden, UK

Model 991 Carrera S Year 2014 Acquired March 2016

Model 997 Cup Year 2014 Acquired December 2016



About a year ago I wrote about the promising new season ahead, both on track and trying a few GT Cup races in my newly acquired

2012 997 Gen2 Cup car. You may recall that I managed to destroy that 997 Cup car in winter testing at Silverstone after a full and expensive rebuild. Luckily, it was insured. My track and race plans then went on hold for understandable reasons: confidence levels somewhat lowered, alongside the bank account.

Well with Christmas just around the corner, I took an impromptu visit to GT Marques in High Wycombe to see a 2014 rebuilt car they had up for sale in great



condition and hardly used in recent years. I got on well with the owner of the business, Paul Mace, and promptly bought it, so we are back in the game and very excited about the year ahead.

The plans will largely be the same; I will get back out for some testing first and get used to the extreme nature of a Cup car, and then I will be taking some coaching from a Cup car specialist to build that confidence level back up again, so that I am ready for more intense activity – although the number one thing is that I get enjoyment by driving one of the purist 911 variants out there and stay safe. So there is plenty to do. First pick some days that work in terms of testing and getting some practice in, then decide which races to dip my toes into in the

GT Cup series. I will select limited events to get used to competing again and get down as much track time as I can in what looks to be a busy year.

In the meantime, we have some fun things to do, mostly related to spending money on the new car. I need to get a new helmet so will have researched for one at the Autosports Show at the Birmingham NEC in January, and I will also need to get some accessories to replace older items (gloves and nomex) and need to start planning a graphics scheme to make this beauty look like a race car – currently it is plain original-spec white. I have a few ideas, although much will, of course, relate to potential sponsors/partners for the season ahead.

Then I need to decide whether to fit a paddle system to the car – Hollinger seem to do a popular kit – and Bosch ABS, the same system as I had before. The latter in my mind will help confidence building in all weathers. I also want to take the opportunity to get some parts from my last car and, fortunately, it is at specialist RPM Technik, as they bought the car as salvage from the insurer. So it's been an exciting start to 2017 with plenty to report along the way.



Joel Newman London, UK

Model 996 Turbo Year 2003 Acquired April 2014



After months of bad luck with the Turbo, I've finally gone over the crest; the car has spent over two weeks at Porschacare and I can safely say that

performance has leaped to a different stratosphere. I'm sure the car has never run to its full potential until now. Let's begin with the first issue: the three-amp drain that was killing the battery. After some diagnostic work, we traced it back to the alternator. The good news was that I didn't require a whole new part; I just needed to replace the alternator's voltage regulator, which at £58 in comparison to the £550, was a stroke of good fortune. We also found a tracker on the car, which was also disconnected, as it was causing a further drain; we got that down to 0.04 amp, which I am told is very good.

With the Turbo now able to hold charge we needed to address the car's inability to boost. I had the car remapped at AMD Tuning a while back, and afterwards the maximum boost I remember seeing was 0.9 bar, but three months ago that started to drop off, and in the end, boost pressure would not exceed 0.6 bar. The performance felt a touch flat, but as I was so used to the car and as the process was gradual, I hadn't noticed how down it must have been. We started to look for leaks in the boost pipe system and the notorious boost control solenoid or N75 valve, which was likely limiting boost. As expected, the boost valve needed replacing - it was limiting the car to 0.6 bar, there was a leak in the





pipework connected to the diverter valve, and a split O-Ring on a boost pipe. All of the above were replaced and I decided to bite the bullet and have my annual service with all new fluids, filters and oil. Oh and remember the LTL driving tour we did in Wales? Well I finally had the two front arch liners I cracked replaced. Now I don't want to get into hyperbole but honestly, it's like a brand new car!

First of all, the engine feels a lot smoother; there was always a tiny flat spot just above 2,000rpm, which I thought was normal as the Turbo started to spool, but apparently it wasn't as it has stopped doing that! It is, however, the acceleration I need to tell you about. My car was purchased with a GT2 intercooler



and radiator and GT3 short shift kit, and since then, I have added lightweight OZ Racing wheels, a lightweight QuickSilver sports exhaust with 200-cell race cats and a remap. I am told this should equate to around 520bhp but I have not dyno'd the car. It is now boosting to 1.0 bar and I can safely say that from 4,000-7,000rpm, I have never felt acceleration like it. It's gone from very fast to stupid and silly fast; for the first time I'm actually scared of it and I will have to adjust to the sheer, brutal pace.

I have always found my Turbo to be a hugely fast and hugely capable car, but it has always lacked a bit of drama. But that's all changed. You cannot simply point and squirt, you must think about every input if you are pushing on, and I like that. That is what I think has been missing; it feels like a supercar now. A new adventure has begun.



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Model 930 3.3 Year 1976 Acquired May 2012





I recently wrote an article for **Total 911** (issue 141) about erratic fuel level readings on my 930 and so I decided to replace my fuel

level sensor unit. Unfortunately, the fuel level sensor unit did not work as it was supposed to. I even thought the problem was on the display itself. After some searching, we found out that the aluminium tube, in which the fuel level sensor is inserted, was holding it in place and preventing it from measuring the correct level of fuel in the tank. Apparently this is a common problem in older 911 models. The solution was to remove the aluminium tube, allowing the fuel level sensor to correctly measure the level of fuel in the 930's tank. Now it is finally working!





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Model 997.1 Carrera S Year 2005 Acquired November 2012



The start of the New Year is always a little quiet in the Automotive Photography game, and with the icy weather my 997S

doesn't get much chance to see daylight either – but there's one thing I always look forward to in January and that's the Autosport Show at the Birmingham NEC. It's a great opportunity to catch up with good old friends from the industry and have a look at new products as well as a variety of Porsches, old and new!

There was plenty on offer this year, including some rare one-offs like the rather wide RAUH-Welt 964 in the auction section, along with the latest Carrera Cup cars on display at the official Porsche stand. It was the first time I'd had the chance to have a look round the 718 Cayman and its new turbo engine spec, and I must say, I was impressed with how it looked in its Miami blue paintwork and with its stunning interior. It left me wondering what it sounds and drives like, as I haven't seen any out on the roads yet.



A couple of new products caught my attention though. Milltek Sport announced the introduction of superlight titanium versions of their popular exhaust range, which will include the 911 models in the near future. Also, on the subject of weight saving, a German company called 'LiteBlox' (en.liteblox. de) unveiled a lovely range of carbon clad batteries, specifically for the majority of Porsche 911 models, saving a huge 25kg over the standard lead acid battery, and for a price not much more than a battery from your main Porsche dealer. Definitely something for the motorsport-inspired Porsches out there! Over the next month I plan to give the 997 a general health





check, fit a Pipercross replacement air filter element I've ordered, and I'd like to get the car on the rolling road to find out if its horsepower now matches the figures it should've rolled out of the factory with!





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Model 912 Year 1967 Acquired November 2014

Model 911 SC Year 1976 Acquired May 2015



This month sees me on the other side of the world in Australia, where I was on a long holiday visiting my two eldest children. It is wonderful to

escape the English winter and come Down Under to high summer. What a treat. It's been just lovely to get away from those bitter British frosts and short, wintry, grey days.

There's limited Porsche news unfortunately, but I have been driving – a lot! As many of you may know, driving in Australia is generally over long distances and invariably on great driving roads, because they have far fewer of the UK's boring, long, straight and grid-locked motorways. And there are few roads anywhere in the world better than the



Great Ocean Road, which runs west from Geelong (near Melbourne, Victoria's capital city). The road is 250 kilometres long and winds all the way along the south coast to Warrnambool.

It is a simply phenomenal drive; the road is virtually clear of any traffic and the tarmac hugs the coast for a large part of the drive. The sights on offer in this beautiful part of the world are terrific and some of the highlights are the views of the Twelve Apostles (actually, there are only nine I believe, as they keep falling into the ground, but you'll soon discover in Australia that exaggeration is a national pastime – and before too many letters are sent to the Editor, I am actually an Aussie!)

The towns along the road are wonderful, generally with a feel of small country towns, rather than the often

tasteless and 'kiss-me-quick' beach towns of our beloved United Kingdom. Food in Victoria (and in Australia generally) is a religion and they take it very seriously, but never more so than when they are making coffee. This is the High Priest of Beverages in Australia, taking over from the beer, which used to be a national pastime. The food is extraordinary, plentiful and wonderful in taste, but the coffee, now that is divine!

We then travelled back to Melbourne and drove up and along the East Coast, which is full of more wonderful roads, all of which I wished I had my old 1967 912 for, but unfortunately it was a Subaru Outback and a Mercedes Vito that we had to share the journey with. However, if the roads are still great in a LWB Vito, imagine just how amazing they would be in a Porsche 911.



**Joe Croser** Northamptonshire, UK



Model 997.2 Turbo Year 2010 Acquired March 2016



I know we don't get headings or titles for our columns in LTL but that never stops me thinking about how to frame each submission. This is

my thirteenth LTL column and it marks my one-year anniversary as a contributor, and it was the number twelve which my fingers tapped out first. Twelve months...

It's been quite a year, vanishing in a blur even when I wasn't driving my 997. Time seems to move faster as you age; perhaps we should drive slower cars to help reduce the affects. That may be a hard sell to you lot! So, where has my car taken me and what have we done?

I started my column last year with an introduction to my Porsche history. My 997 is my sixth Porsche, my fourth 911, but my first Turbo. And a year after acquiring it, it remains my favourite. As something of a history fan, my second column highlighted the research I had conducted to uncover my car's history. Using the DVLA's superb service for acquiring previous history and by using social media, I traced five of the six previous owners and opened up a dialogue with each. Lovely, passionate people with a shared love for Porsches. A year later I still correspond with a couple.

As spring turned to summer, I visited Porsche Silverstone to renew my Extended Warranty – fear of very expensive parts and failures saw me handing over my credit card with a big smile on my face where a grimace would usually be when parting with that sort of cash. PCGB membership enabled me to join a super skills-honing course at the Silverstone PEC where I was reminded of what I already knew; I'll run out of talent a long time before my mighty car runs out of ability. Soon after on a sunny June Sunday, I joined others at the PCGB HQ for a summer BBQ. Lots of Porsches attended and a fun time was had by all.

I attended various car shows at Sharnbrook and Salon Privé where I bagged a runner-up trophy in the Supercar Concours competition class for 911 Turbos. It was an amazing day even though it rained. A week in the summer saw me using my 'high days and holidays' Porsche as my daily driver while waiting for my new car to arrive. By the end of the week I would have been quite content to keep the 911 as the daily driver but it's not a family car, no matter how hard I try to convince myself.

In late summer, I got to meet up with fellow LTL chaps for a weekend of more wet weather weaving through Wales' finest countryside. It wasn't meant to be



wet of course, but it was summer so we should have expected it. Still, we had fun and I popped my Evo Triangle cherry!

On various occasions, I downed tools and took the car out, 'just for fun' with no higher purpose. It carried me up to Yorkshire and around the dales and moors for a couple of days before dropping in on a family funeral. And as 2016 drew to a close, I renewed the MOT without a hiccup and finally in December I SORNed my car due to yucky weather and a lack of time to get out and drive it. A month later and I'm still waiting for the weather to pick up. Fingers crossed. Until then, it's all tucked up, nice and warm.





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Model 993 Carrera 2 Year 1994 Acquired December 2014



Rats. Damn them.
One whole day of the
Christmas holidays
saw me clear out
the garage after
rats decided to set
up home in there.

I'd planned on shifting things about in the garage anyway, with my less than completely watertight roof seeing some drops landing on the 911, so my 205 GTIs switched sides, the Porsche getting the 'dry' side. Doing that saw me discover a rats' nest under the Peugeot's bonnet, which had me worrying that they might have also opted for a German address as well as a French one. A thorough check



all over, including under the bonnet, which has typically been left on the clasp to allow battery management, discovered nothing, though I'm now on full alert, checking the garage regularly for some unwanted residents.

The car has been getting some use, though, transporting me to Aston Martin for a drive in something British, the 993 looking absolutely tiny alongside Aston Martin's Vanquish S. I have more journeys planned with it too, probably down to Porsche Reading in the coming month, and more, though with that nice warm engine parking in the garage periodically, I'll be double-checking that the engine bay's not become a heated home for unwanted visitors.



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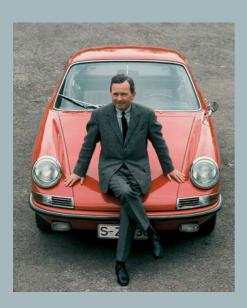
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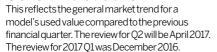
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# Definitive facts and figures for every 911 model from 1964 to the present day



911s in the data file are organised in rows according to release date, beginning with the very first model in 1964. Many models were available in Coupe, Targa and Cabriolet forms. with the option of automatic transmission. Here, data has been provided from the Coupe variants unless stated. All data here has been compiled, where possible, from Porsche's own figures.

#### General valuations: AV-



#### Ratings: \* \* \* \* \*

Each model is rated out of five in our half-star system according to their performance, handling, appearance and desirability.

#### (O series) —

#### 911 2.0-litre 1964-67



The 911 that started it all off when the prototype appeared in 1963, this is the car that set the style for all 911s to follow. Developed to replace the 356, a four-pot 912 was also made.

ers:9,250
123
1,991c
9.0:
132hp @ 6,100rpn
.149Nm@5,200rpn
8.3se
131mpl
4,163mn
1,610mn
1,075kg
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Wheels & tyres: Front: 4.5x15-inch; 165/80/R15 Rear: 4.5x15-inch; 165/80/R15

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#### (0 & A series) —

# **911S** 1967-68



Porsche soon produced more powerful variants. The first of these was the 911S – for Super – which had a higher compression engine and twir Weber 401DS carburettors.

Production numbers:	4,015
Issue featured:	148
Engine capacity:	1,991cc
Compression ratio:	9.8:1
Maximum power:162	hp@6,600rpm
Maximum torque: 179N	lm@5,200rpm
0-62mph:	8.0sec
Top speed:	137mph
Length:	4,163mm
Width:	1,610mm
Weight:	1,030kg
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 285mm discs	

Wheels & tyres: Front: 4.5x15-inch; 165/80/R15 Rear: 4.5x15-inch; 165/80/R15

#### (A series) — 911L 1967-68



In 1967, the 911 was updated and was standard and sat alongside the high-performance 911S and entry-level 911T.

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Production number	rs:1,603
Issue featured:	138
Engine capacity:	1,991cc
Compression ratio	9.0:1
Maximum power:	132hp @ 6,100rpm
Maximum torque:	.173Nm @ 4,600rpm
0-62mph:	8.4sed
Top speed:	132mpl
Length:	4,163mm
Width:	1,610mm
Weight:	1,080kg
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	;
Pear: 285mm discs	

Wheels & tyres: Front: 5.5x15-inch; 185HR Rear: 5.5x15-inch; 185HR

#### (A & B series) — 911T 1967-69



To save money, the 911T's engine used cast-iron cylinder heads, unlike the Biral aluminium/iron items, which

Production number	rs:6,318
Issue featured:	127
Engine capacity:	1,991cc
Compression ratio	8.6:1
Maximum power:	112hp@5,800rpm
Maximum torque:	156Nm@4,200rpm
0-62mph:	8.8sec (est)
Top speed:	124mph
Length:	4,163mm
Width:	1,610mm
Weight:	1,020kg
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 285mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 5.5x15-inch; 18	5HR
Rear: 5.5x15-inch; 185	5HR

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#### (E series) = **911T** 1972



inclusion of Zenith 40 TIN triple-choke carburettors led to the relatively lower power output of 130bhp despite the new 2,341cc engine size

Production number	rs:16,93
	(including F serie
Issue featured:	10
Engine capacity:	2,3410
Compression ratio:	7.5
Maximum power:	132hp@5,600rp
Maximum torque:	197Nm@4,000rp
0-62mph:	7.6se
Top speed:	128mp
Length:	4,163m
Width:	1,610m
Weight:	1,077
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 290mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 5.5x15-inch: 16	5HR



#### (E series) -**911S**



A 2.4-litre engine increased torque. The mostly chrome brightwork had a black decklid grille with a '2.4' badge External oil filler on right rear wing

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Production number	rs:5,054
	(including 1973)
Issue featured:	120
Engine capacity:	2,341cc
Compression ratio	8.5:1
Maximum power:	193hp@6,500rpm
Maximum torque:	.211Nm@5,200rpm
0-62mph:	6.6sec
Top speed:	
Length:	4,163mm
Width:	
Weight:	1,077kg
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 290mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 6x15-inch; 185	/70/R15
Rear: 6x15-inch; 185/	70/R15



#### (F series) -

#### Carrera 2.7 RS 1973



developed 210bhp. The body was lightened and fitted with flared rear arches and an optional ducktail rear wing. Sport and Touring available

Production numbe	rs:1,59
Issue featured:	14
Engine capacity:	2,687c
Compression ratio	8.5
Maximum power:	213hp@6,300rpn
Maximum torque:	255Nm@5,100rpn
0-62mph:	5.8se
Top speed:	152mp
Length:	4,163mr
Width:	1,610mn
Weight:	975kg (Spor
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 290mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 6x15-inch; 185	/70/R15
Rear: 7x15-inch; 215/	60/R15

#### (F series) =

#### 911E 1973



series 911s with petrol via the external oil-filler, the filler returned to under the engine decklid. Fitted with the front spoiler of the 911S.

Production numbers: 4,406
(including Eseries)
Issue featured: 144
Engine capacity: 2,341cc
Compression ratio: 8.0:1
Maximum power:167hp@6,200rpm
Maximum torque: 206Nm@4,500rpm
0-62mph:7.5sec
Top speed: 137mph
Length:4,163mm
Width: 1,610mm
Weight:1,077kg
Brakes:
Front: 282mm discs
Rear: 290mm discs
Wheels & tyres:
Front: 6x15-inch ATS; 185HR
Rear: 6x15-inch ATS; 185HR
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#### (I & J series) -

#### 911 Carrera 3.0 1976-77



Not sold in the US, the Carrera 3.0 was basically the same model as the previous Carrera, only fitted with a new 2,994cc engine, essentially from the 911 Turbo.

i ioduction numbers	,.
Issue featured:	1
Engine capacity: 2	,994
Compression ratio:	8
Maximum power: 200hp@6,0	00r
Maximum torque: 255Nm@4,2	:00rj
0-62mph:	6.3
Top speed: 1	45m
Length: 4,2	
Width: 1,6	510n
Weight:1	,093
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 290mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 6x15-inch; 185/70/VR15	

Rear: 7x15-inch: 215/60/VR15

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# 930 3.0



Fitted with a KKK turbo, this was the world's first production Porsche to be turbocharged. Flared arches, whaletail rear wing and four-speed gearbox were standard

Production numbers:	2,85
Issue featured:	14
Engine capacity:	2,9940
Compression ratio:	6.5
Maximum power: 264	hp@5,500rpr
Maximum torque: 343N	m@4,000rpr
0-62mph:	5.5se
Top speed:	155mp
Length:	
Width:	1.775mr
Weight: 1,140kg (1	,195kg from '76
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 290mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 7x15-inch; 185/70/	VR15
	Issue featured; Engine capacity: Compression ratio: Maximum power: _ 264 Maximum torque: _ 343t O-62mph: Top speed: Length: Width: Weight: 1,140kg (1 Brakes: Front: 282mm discs Wheels & tyres:

Rear: 8x15-inch: 215/60/VR15

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40bhp, and an intercooler on top of the engine led to the adoption of a new 'tea tray' rear wing. Brakes were upgraded from 917 racer.

Production numbers:	5,807
(plus '78-'7	9 Cali cars)
Issue featured:	116
Engine capacity:	3,299cc
Compression ratio:	7.0:1
Maximum power: 304hp@	5,500rpm
Maximum torque: 412Nm@	4,000rpm
0-62mph:	5.4sec
Top speed:	160mph
Length:	4,291mm
Width:	1,775mm
Weight:	1,300kg
Brakes:	
Front: 304mm discs	
Rear: 309mm discs	

Wheels & tyres: Front: 7x16-inch; 205/55/VR16 Rear: 8x16-inch: 225/50/VR16 \*\*\*\*

# 911 SC



From 1978, the SC was the only normally aspirated 911. Developed from the Carrera 3.0, but produced less power to suit all markets. Upgraded Sport options were available.

Production numbers:	
Issue featured:	127
Engine capacity:	2,994cc
Compression ratio:	8.5:1/8.6:1/9.8:1
Maximum power:	183/191/207hp
	@5,500rpm
Maximum torque:	265/265/267Nm
0-62mph:	6.5sec
Top speed:	141/146mph
Length:	4,291mm
Width:	1,626mm
Weight:	1,160kg (1978)
Brakes:	
Front: 287mm discs	
Rear: 295mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 6x15-inch; 185/7	70/VR15
	Issue featured: Engine capacity: Compression ratio: Maximum power: Maximum torque: 0-62mph: Top speed: Length: Width: Weight: Brakes: Front: 287mm discs Rear: 295mm discs

Rear: 7x15-inch; 215/60/VR15

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#### (B series) -911E



The 911 received its first major update, evolving into what is known as the B series. The 911E replaced the 911L as the 'standard' car. The 'E' stood for 'Einspritz' (injection).

Production numbe	rs:2,826
Issue featured:	n/a
Engine capacity:	1,991cc
Compression ratio	9.1:1
Maximum power:	142hp@6,500rpm
Maximum torque:	.175Nm@4,500rpm
0-62mph:	7.6sec
Top speed:	130mph
Length:	4,163mm
Width:	1,610mm
Weight:	1,020kg
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 290mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 5.5x15-inch; 18	S5HR
Rear: 5.5x15-inch; 18	5HR



#### (B series) -9115



Like the E, the S gained a fuel injection boosting power to 170 bhp. To help cope with the extra demands on the engine, an additional oil cooler was fitted in the front right wing.

Production numbe	rs:2,106
Issue featured:	n/a
Engine capacity:	1,991cc
Compression ratio	9.9:1
Maximum power:	172hp@6,800rpm
Maximum torque:	.183Nm@5,500rpm
0-62mph:	7.0sec (est)
Top speed:	140mph
Length:	4,163mm
Width:	1,610mm
Weight:	995kg
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 290mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 6x15-inch: 185	/70/R15



Rear: 6x15-inch; 185HR

#### (C & D series) -

### 1969-71



Engine improvements included revised cylinder heads, larger valves and stronger con rods. 1970 'D' series cars had hot-zinc coated undersides.

(C & D series) -

911E

1969-71

Production numbe	rs:4,92
Issue featured:	
Engine capacity:	2,1950
Compression ratio	9.1:
Maximum power:	157hp@6,200rpn
Maximum torque:	.196Nm@4,500rpn
0-62mph:	7.0se
Top speed:	
Length:	4,163mn
Width:	1,610mn
Weight:	1,020kg
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 290mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 6x15-inch: 185	HR



#### **911S**



An upgrade in engine size gave the 911S 180bhp. Unlike the 911E, the S didn't gain improved low-down por and torque, so you had to keep the revs up for good power.

Production number	rs: 4,691
Issue featured:	120
Engine capacity:	2,195cc
Compression ratio:	9.8:1
Maximum power:	183hp@6,500rpm
Maximum torque:	199Nm@5,200rpm
0-62mph:	6.6sec
Top speed:	145mph
Length:	4,163mm
Width:	1,610mm
Weight:	1,020kg
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 290mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 6x15-inch; 185	HR
Rear: 6x15-inch; 185H	IR



#### (C & D series) 911T 1969-71



Like the E, the 911T's torque curve driveable. Ventilated discs from the S were fitted and a five-speed gearbox became standard.

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Production numbers

Issue featured:	107
Engine capacity:	2,195cc
Compression ratio	8.6:1
Maximum power:	127hp@5,800rpm
Maximum torque:	.169Nm@4,200rpm
0-62mph:	7.0sec (est)
Top speed:	127mph
Length:	4,163mm
Width:	1,610mm
Weight:	1,020kg
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 290mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 5.5x15-inch: 16	5HR

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#### (E series) — 911E 1972



2,341cc was achieved by increasing the stroke from 66mm to 70.4mm while at the same time leaving the bore unchanged. The new 915 transmission was stronger.

Production numbers: 4,406
(including F series)
Issue featured: 117
Engine capacity: 2,341cc
Compression ratio: 8.0:1
Maximum power:167hp@6,200rpm
Maximum torque:206Nm@4,500rpm
0-62mph: 7.5sec
Top speed:137mph
Length:4,163mm
Width:1,610mm
Weight:1,077kg
Brakes:
Front: 282mm discs
Rear: 290mm discs
Wheels & tyres:
Front: 6x15-inch; 185HR
Rear: 6x15-inch; 185HR
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#### (F series) — **911S** 1973



The 911S had the same upgrades as the 911E, including deletion of the external oil filler. It also adopted black trim around the front and rear lights and black front quarter grilles

Production numbe	rs:5,054
Issue featured:	120
Engine capacity:	2,341cc
Compression ratio	8.5:1
Maximum power:	193hp@6,500rpm
Maximum torque:	.211Nm@5,200rpm
0-62mph:	
Top speed:	140mph
Length:	4,163mm
Width:	1,610mm
Weight:	1,075kg
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 290mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 6x15-inch; 185	/70/R15

Rear: 6x15-inch: 185/70/R15



#### (F series)

Rear: 6x15-inch; 185/70/R15

#### 911T 1973



US-bound F series 911Ts were the first 911s to have Bosch K-Jetronic fuel injection, improving emissions. This was mainly mechanical, with some electronic sensors.

Production numbers: 16,933
(including Eseries)
Issue featured: 127
Engine capacity: 2,341cc
Compression ratio: 7.5:1
Maximum power:132hp@5,600rpm
Maximum torque: 197Nm@4,000rpm
0-62mph: 7.6sec
Top speed: 128mph
Length: 4,163mm
Width: 1,610mm
Weight:1,077kg
Brakes:
Front: 282mm discs
Rear: 290mm discs
Wheels & tyres:
Front: 5.5x15-inch; 165HR
Rear: 5.5x15-inch; 165HR

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#### (G. H. I. J series)

#### Carrera 3.0 RS 1974



Updated version of the 1973 2.7 RS, complete with impact bumpers and Turbo-spec whaletail rear spoiler. Steel arches added by hand at the factory, with 917 brakes

Production numbe	rs:10:
Issue featured:	14
Engine capacity:	2,9940
Compression ratio	8.5:
Maximum power:_	233hp@6,200rpn
Maximum torque:	.275Nm@5,000rpn
0-62mph:	5.3se
Top speed:	152mpl
Length:	
Width:	1,680mn
Weight:	900k
Brakes:	
Front: 300mm discs	5
Rear: 300m discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 8x15-inch: 215	5/60/VR15



#### (G, H, I, J series) —

#### 911 1974-77



'911' was now the entry level. Bumpers were added to conform to US regs. From 1976, all 911s were hotdip coated and fitted with 'elephant ear' mirrors.

Production number	rs:9,320
Issue featured:	12
Engine capacity:	2,6870
Compression ratio	8.0:
Max power:	150hp@5,700rpn
	(165bhp from '76
Max torque:	235Nm@3,800rpn
	(4,000 from '76
0-62mph:	8.5se
Top speed:	130mpl
Length:	4,291mn
Width:	1,610mn
Weight:	1,075kg
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 290mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front & rear 6v15.in	ch: 185\/P

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#### (G, H, I, J series) — **911S** 1974-77

Rear: 5.5x15-inch; 165HR



911S was now a mid-range model comparable to the previous 911E. It had the same body changes as the base model, and came as standard with 'Cookie Cutter' rims.

Production number	S:1/,124
Issue featured:	n/a
Engine capacity:	2,687cc
Compression ratio:	8.5:
Maximum power:	.175hp@5,800rpm
Maximum torque:	235Nm@4,000rpm
0-60mph:	7.0sed
Top speed:	142mpl
Length:	
Width:	1,610mm
Weight:	1,080kg
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 290mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
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#### (G&H series) -

#### 911 Carrera 2.7 1974-76



to range-topping 911. Essentially the same engine as previous year's RS for all markets except USA. Whaletail available from 1975.

Production number	rs:I,66/
Issue featured:	134
Engine capacity:	2,687cc
Compression ratio	8.5:1
Maximum power:	213hp@6,300rpm
Maximum torque:	.255Nm@5,100rpm
0-62mph:	6.3sec
Top speed:	148mph
Length:	4,291mm
Width:	1,610mm
Weight:	1,075kg
Brakes:	
Front: 282mm discs	
Rear: 290mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 6x15-inch; 185	VR

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#### **SCRS** 1984



True homologation special built so that Porsche could go Group B rallying. Six Rothmans cars used fibre glass front wings and lid. Tuned 3.0-litre engine had its basis in 930's crankcase.

Production number	rs:2
Issue featured:	109
Engine capacity:	2,994cc
Compression ratio	10.3:
Maximum power:	259hp @ 7,000rpm
Maximum torque:	.250Nm@6,500rpm
0-62mph:	4.9sec
Top speed:	153mpl
Length:	4,235mm
Width:	1,775mm
Weight:	940kg
Brakes:	
Front: 304mm discs	3
Doors 200mm diago	

Wheels & tyres: Front: 7x16-inch; 205/55/VR16

Rear: 8x16-inch: 225/50/VR16

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# 930 3.3



engine management improved efficiency and emissions upon its return to the US market.

Production numbers:	11,135
Issue featured:	144
Engine capacity:	3,299cc
Compression ratio:	7.0:
Maximum power:304hp@	5,500rpm
Maximum torque:432Nm@	4,000rpm
0-62mph:	5.4sec
Top speed:	161mpl
Length:	4,291mn
Width:	1,775mn
Weight:1,300kg (1,335kg	kg from '86
Brakes:	
Front: 304mm discs	
Rear: 309mm discs	
Wheels 9 house	

Front: 7x16-inch: 205/55/VR16

Rear: 8x16-inch: 225/50/VR16

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#### Carrera 3.2 1984-89

Rear: 9x15-inch: 235/60/VR15



Almost the same galvanised body as the SC. Engine was claimed to be 80 per cent new, and the first production 911 to feature an ECU to control ignition and fuel systems.

Production numbers:/0,0	4
Issue featured: 1	4
Engine capacity: 3,164	1c
Compression ratio: 10.	3
Maximum power:234hp@5,900rp	pr
Maximum torque: _284Nm@4,800m	pr
0-62mph:5.6s	se
Top speed: 152m	ıp
Length: 4,291n	nr
Width: 1,652n	nr
Weight:1,210	)k
Brakes:	
Front: 286mm discs	
Rear: 294mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 7x15-inch; 195/65/VR15	

Rear: 8x15-inch, 215/60/VR15

(16 inches for '89)

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#### 930 SE 1986-89



race cars, with pop-up headlamps. Front spoiler made deeper to accommodate extra oil cooler, rear intakes fed air to brakes.

Production numbers:	.50 (UK only)
Issue featured:	146
Engine capacity:	3,299cc
Compression ratio:	7.0:1
Maximum power:335hp	@5,500rpm
Maximum torque:432Nm	@4,000rpm
0-62mph:	4.6sec
Top speed:	173mph
Length:	4,291mm
Width:	1,775mm
Weight:	1,335kg
Brakes:	
Front: 304mm discs	
Rear: 309mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 7x16-inch; 205/55/V	R16
Rear: 9x16-inch: 245/45/VF	216

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#### 959 1986-1988

Rear: 6x15-inch; 185VR



Had tech later used on 911s including 4WD, ABS and twin turbos. A 959S was also available, featuring lighter cloth Sport seats, five-point harnesses and a roll cage.

Production numbers	:33
Issue featured:	14:
Engine capacity:	2,850c
Compression ratio:	
Maximum power:	.456hp@6,500rpn
Maximum torque:	500Nm@5,000rpn
0-60mph:	3.9sec
Top speed:	
Length:	4,260mn
Width:	1,840mn
Weight:	1,450k
Brakes:	
Front and rear: Ventilat	ed drilled discs;
4-piston aluminium ca	lipers
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 8x17-inch; 235/4	15/ZR17

Rear: 9x17-inch; 255/40/ZR17

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# **Speedster** 1989

Rear: 7x15-inch; 205VR



raked windscreen and hood and stripped-out interior. Porsche insisted the simple hood was not designed to be 100 per cent watertight.

Production number	s: 2,274
(for both wid	de and narrow-bodied)
Issue featured:	128
Engine capacity:	3,164cc
Compression ratio:	10.3:1
Maximum power:	235hp@5,900rpm
Maximum torque:	.284Nm@4,800rpm
0-60mph:	6.0sec
Top speed:	148mph
Length:	4,291mm
Width:	1,775mm
Weight:	1,220kg
Brakes:	
Front: 286mm discs	
Rear: 294mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 6x16-inch; 205/45/VR16	
Rear: 8x16-inch; 245/	60/VR16

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# **930 LE** 1989



Essentially an SE without a slantnose front the I F had the same engine

Production number	rs:50
Issue featured:	110
Engine capacity:	3,299cc
Compression ratio:	7.0:1
Maximum power:	335hp@5,500rpm
Maximum torque:	432Nm@4,000rpm
0-62mph:	
Top speed:	173mph
Length:	4,291mm
Width:	1,775mm
Weight:	1,335kg
Brakes:	
Front: 304mm discs	
Rear: 309mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	

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# **3.2 Clubsport** 1987-89



Removing 'luxuries' sliced off around 40kg of weight. Revised engine management gave a higher rev limit of 6,840rpm. Suspension uprated and LSD standard.

Production numbe	rs:340
Issue featured:	126
Engine capacity:	3,164cc
Compression ratio	10.3:1
Maximum power:	234hp@5,900rpm
Maximum torque:	284Nm@4,800rpm
0-60mph:	5.1sec
	152mph
	4,291mm
Width:	1,650mm
Weight:	1,160kg
Brakes:	
Front: 286mm discs	
Doors 20 Among diago	

Wheels & tyres: Front: 6x16-inch, 205/55/VR16; Rear: 7x16-inch, 225/55/VR16



# **964 Carrera 4** 1989-93



Heavily revised bodywork deformable bumpers over coil-spring suspension and four-wheel-drive marked this radical overhaul of the "87 per cent new" 911.

Production number	s:13,353 (Coupe)
Issue featured:	111
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio:	11.3:1
Maximum power:	.254hp@6,100rpm
Maximum torque:	310Nm@4,800rpm
0-62mph:	5.7sec
Top speed:	162mph
Length:	4,250mm
Width:	1,652mm
Weight:	1,450kg
Brakes:	
Front: 298mm discs	
Rear: 299mm discs	

Wheels & tyres: Front: 6x16-inch; 205/55/ZR16 Rear: 8x16-inch; 225/50/ZR16



#### 964 C2 Speedster 1993-94

Front: 7x16-inch: 205/55/VR16 Rear: 9x16-inch; 245/45/VR16



Combined the 964 bodyshell with Carrera 3.2 Speedster, plus RS

Production number	59
Issue featured:	1
Engine capacity:	3,600
Compression ratio:	11.
Maximum power:	.254hp@6,100rp
Maximum torque:	310Nm@4,800rp
0-62mph:	5.5s
Top speed:	161m
Length:	4,250m
Width:	1,652m
Weight:	1,340
Brakes:	
Front: 320mm discs	
Rear: 299mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 7x17-inch; 205/	50/ZR17
Rear: 9x17-inch; 255/4	IO/ZR17



#### 964 Turbo 3.6 1993-94



Engine based on modified 3.6-litre 964 unit. Distinctive 18-inch split-rim Speedline wheels covered the Big Red brake calipers. Suspension lowered by 20mm.

Production numbers:	1,43
Issue featured:	12
Engine capacity:	3,600c
Compression ratio:	7.5
Maximum power:365hp	@5,500rpr
Maximum torque: _520Nm	@4,200rpr
0-62mph:	4.8se
Top speed:	174mp
Length:	4,250mr
Width:	1,775mr
Weight:	1,470k
Brakes:	
Front: 320mm discs	
Rear: 299mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 8x18-inch; 225/40/ZR:	18
Door: 10v19, inch: 265/25/70	10



#### 964 Anniversary 1993-94



'30 Jahre' anniversary 964 utilised a Tubb wide body melded to the four-wheel-drive Carrera running gear. Available in Viola metallic, Polar silver or Amethyst.

Production numbe	rs:911
Issue featured:	112
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio	11.3:1
Maximum power:	254hp@6,100rpm
Maximum torque:_	_310Nm@4,800rpm
0-62mph:	5.7sec
Top speed:	162mph
Length:	4,250mm
Width:	1,775mm
Weight:	1,470kg
Brakes:	
Front: 298mm discs	;
Rear:299mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 7x17-inch; 205	/50/17
Rear: 9x17-inch; 255/	40/17





# 993 Turbo



Fitted with two KKK turbochargers in order to reduce lag. Power went to all four wheels using the Carrera 4's transmission system. Brakes were 'Big Reds'.

Issue featured: 147
Engine capacity: 3,600cc
Compression ratio: 8.0:1
Maximum power:414hp@5,750rpm
Maximum torque:540Nm@4,500rpm
0-62mph: 4.3sec
Top speed: 180mph
Length: 4,245mm
Width: 1,795mm
Weight:1,500kg
Brakes:
Front: 322mm discs
Rear: 322mm discs
Wheels & tyres:
Front: 8x18-inch; 225/40/ZR18
Rear: 10x18-inch; 285/30/ZR18



# 993 Carrera S



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The features that come with the Carrera S are similar to the Carrera 4S's, only this time in rear-wheel drive. Sought after for its superb handling and wide-body looks.

Production numbers:

Issue featured:	11
Engine capacity:	3,600c
Compression ratio	:11.3:
Maximum power:	289hp@6,100rpr
Maximum torque:	340Nm@5,250rpr
0-62mph:	5.4se
Top speed:	168mp
Length:	4,245mr
Width:	1,795mr
Weight:	1,450k
Brakes:	
Front: 322mm discs	
Rear: 322mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	

Front: 8x18-inch: 225/40/ZR18

Rear: 10x18-inch: 285/30/ZR18



# 993 Turbo S



The final hurrah for the last air-cooled 911. With 450bhp for UK models, it was the fastest and most luxurious road-going model Stuttgart had ever produced. Manual only.

Production number	ers: 345
Issue featured:	115
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio	8.0:1
Maximum power:.	456hp@5,750rpm
Maximum torque:	_585Nm@4,500rpm
0-62mph:	4.1sec
Top speed:	186mph
Length:	4,245mm
Width:	1,795mm
Weight:	1,583kg
Brakes:	
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Front: 320mm discs Rear: 322mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 8x18-inch; 225/40/18 Rear: 10x18-inch: 285/30/18



#### 964 Carrera 2 1990-93



Rear-drive Carrera 2 offered an emphatically more traditional 911 experience, and was 100kg lighter, but looked identical to the Carrera 4. Tiptronic was a new option.

Production number	rs:19,484
Issue featured:	119
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio:	11.3:1
Maximum power:	254hp@6,100rpm
Maximum torque:	310Nm@4,800rpm
0-62mph:	5.6sec
Top speed:	162mph
Length:	4,250mm
Width:	1,652mm
Weight:	1,350kg
Brakes:	
Front: 298mm discs	

Rear: 299mm discs Wheels & tyres

Front: 6x16-inch; 205/55/ZR16 Rear: 8x16-inch; 225/50/ZR16



# **964 Turbo** 1991-92



This used the revised 964 bodyshell, extended arches and 'teatray' wing.
The engine was essentially the
3.3-litre unit from the previous model,
but updated.

Production numbers:	3,660
Issue featured:	116
Engine capacity:	3,299cc
Compression ratio:	7.0:1
Maximum power: 324hp	@5,750rpm
Maximum torque: 450Nm	@4,500rpm
0-62mph:	5.4sec
Top speed:	168mph
Length:	4,250mm
Width:	1,775mm
Weight:	1,470kg
Brakes:	
Front: 320mm discs	
Rear: 299mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 7x17-inch; 205/50/ZR	17
Rear: 9x17-inch; 255/40/ZR1	.7



#### 964 C4 **Lightweight** 1991



964 Leichtbau made use of surplus parts from 953 Paris-Dakar project par is no 11 903 Faris-Dakar project.
Highlights include four-way adjustable differential, short-ratio gearbox and stripped interior

stripped interior.	
Production number	s: 22
Issue featured:	131
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio:	11.3:
Maximum power:	269hp@6,720rpm
Maximum torque:	304Nm@6,720rpm
0-62mph:	4.5sec
Top speed:	125mph
Length:	
Width:	1,652mm
Weight:	1,100kg
Brakes:	
Front: 322mm discs	
Pear: 200mm diece	

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#### 964 RS 1991-92



Around 120kg saved by deleting 'luxuries' and fitting magnesium Cup wheels. Power was boosted by 10bhp, suspension lowered by 40mm and uprated, as were brakes.

Production numbe	rs: 2,405
Issue featured:	131
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio	: 11.3:1
Maximum power:	264hp@6,100rpm
Maximum torque:	.310Nm@4,800rpm
0-62mph:	5.4sec
Top speed:	162mph
Length:	4,250mm
Width:	1,650mm
Weight:	1,230kg (Sport)
Brakes:	
Front: 320mm discs	;
Rear: 299mm discs	

Wheels & tyres: Front: 7.5x17-inch; 205/50/ZR17 Rear: 9x17-inch; 255/40/ZR17

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#### 964 Turbo S 1992-93



180kg lighter than Turbo. Intakes in the rear arches funnelled air to the brakes, while the engine power vas boosted by 61bhp. RS-spec

Production numbe	rs:81
Issue featured:	108
Engine capacity:	3,299cc
Compression ratio	
Maximum power:	386hp@6,000rpm
Maximum torque:	490Nm@4,800rpm
0-62mph:	4.6sec
Top speed:	180mph
Length:	4,250mm
Width:	1,775mm
Weight:	1,290kg
Brakes:	
Front: 320mm discs	
Rear: 299mm discs	

Wheels & tyres: Front: 8x18-inch; 225/40/ZR18 Rear: 10x18-inch; 265/35/ZR18

#### 9643.8 RS 1993



Identifiable by a lightweight Turbo bodyshell, large rear wing and 18-inch Speedline wheels. Power came from a new 3.8-litre unit with hot-film air sensor and twin exhaust

Production numbers:55
Issue featured: 12
Engine capacity: 3,746cc
Compression ratio: 11.6:1
Maximum power:304hp@6,500rpm
Maximum torque:359Nm@5,250rpm
0-62mph:4.9sec
Top speed: 169mph
Length:4,250mm
Width:1,775mm
Weight:1,210kg
Brakes:
Front: 322mm discs
Rear: 290mm discs
Wheels & tyres:
Front: 9x18-inch; 235/40/ZR18
Rear: 11x18-inch; 285/35/ZR18

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# 964 RS America



Offered in five colours, fixed whaletail wing and two cloth sports seats, with just four options: air-con, sunroof, 90 per cent locking rear differential and stereo.

Production number	s:701
Issue featured:	102
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio:	11.3:1
Maximum power:	254hp@6,100rpm
Maximum torque:	310Nm@4,800rpm
0-62mph:	5.5sec
Top speed:	164mph
Length:	4,250mm
Width:	1,650mm
Weight:	1,340kg
Brakes:	
Front: 298mm discs	
Rear: 299mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 7x17-inch; 205	/50/ZR17
Pear: 8v17-inch: 255	∕/\0/7P17



#### 993 Carrera 1993-97



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Restyled bodywork had swept-back headlamps, curvaceous wings and blended-in bumpers. Engine was revised, with VarioRam available

Production numbers:	38,626
Issue featured:	110
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio:	11.3:1
Maximum power: 276hp	@6,000rpm
Maximum torque:330Nm	@5,000rpm
0-62mph:	5.6sec
Top speed:	168mph
Length:	4,245mm
Width:	1,735mm
Weight:	1,370kg
Brakes:	
Front: 304mm discs	
Rear: 299mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 7x16-inch; 205/55/ZR	216

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#### 993 Carrera 4 1994-97



As per the 993-model Carrera, but with four-wheel-drive. Transmission was half the weight of the previous Carrera 4, and was designed to give a more rear-drive feel.

Production numbers:	2,884 (Coupe
Issue featured:	1
Engine capacity:	3,6000
Compression ratio:	11.3
Maximum power: 276	hp@6.000rpr
Maximum torque:_330N	
0-62mph:	5.8se
Top speed:	166mp
Length:	
Width:	1,735mr
Weight:	1,420k
Brakes:	
Front: 304mm discs	
Rear: 299mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 7x16-inch: 205/55/	ZR16
Rear: 9x16-inch; 245/45/	ZR16



#### 993 Carrera 4S 1995-96



The 4S was effectively a Carrera 4 with a Turbo wide bodyshell albeit lacking a fixed rear wing. Also boasted Turbo suspension, brakes and Turbo-look wheels.

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	rs:6,948
Issue featured:	109
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio	11.3:1
Maximum power:	289hp@6,100rpm
Maximum torque:	.340Nm@5,250rpm
0-62mph:	5.3sec
Top speed:	168mph
Length:	4,245mm
Width:	1,795mm
Weight:	1,520kg
Brakes:	
Front: 322mm discs	
Rear: 322mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 8x18-inch; 22	5/40/ZR18
Rear: 10x18-inch; 28	5/30/ZR18

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#### 993 Carrera RS 1995-96

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Lightweight body as per RS tradition, teamed with a 3.8-litre engine Varioramintake system and remapped ECU to create 300bhp, fed to the rear wheels only.

Production numbers:	1,014
Issue featured:	119
Engine capacity:	3,746cc
Compression ratio:	11.5:1
Maximum power:3	04hp@6,000rpm
Maximum torque:35	5Nm@5,400rpm
0-62mph:	5.0sec
Top speed:	172mph
Length:	4,245mm
Width:	1,735mm
Weight:	1,279kg
Brakes:	
Front: 322mm discs	
Rear: 299mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 8x18-inch, 225/4	10ZR18;
Rear: 10x18-inch, 265/	35ZR18

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#### 993 GT2 1995-96



911 Turbo, but with reduced equipment. Also included rear-wheel drive, making it a better track car.
Fitted with huge front and rear wings and bolt-on arch extensions.

Production numbers:	1/3
Issue featured:	131
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio:	8.0:1
Maximum power:436hp@	5,750rpm
Maximum torque:540Nm@	4,500rpm
0-62mph:	3.9sec
Top speed:	189mph
Length:	.4,245mm
Width:	1,855mm
Weight:	1,290kg
Brakes:	
Front: 322mm discs;	
Rear: 322mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 9x18-inch; 235/40/ZR1	8
Rear: 11x18-inch; 285/35/ZR1	.8

#### 996 Carrera 1998-2001



An all-new 911 with larger, restyled bodywork and a water-cooled engine. Interior was redesigned in order to enable better ergonomic efficiency and more room.

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Issue featured:	117
Engine capacity:	3,387cc
Compression ratio	11.3:
Maximum power:	304hp@6,800rpm
Maximum torque:	.350Nm@4,600rpm
	5.2sec
Top speed:	174mpl
Length:	4,430mm
Width:	1,765mn
Weight:	1,320kg
Brakes:	
Front: 318mm discs	
Rear: 299mm discs	
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Front: 7x17-inch; 205/50/R17

Rear: 9x17-inch; 255/40/R17



#### 996 Carrera 4 1998-2001



per cent of power in normal driving, increasing to 40 per cent when required. PSM used for first time, rolled out across the range in 2001.

Production numbe	rs:22,054
Issue featured:	11
Engine capacity:	3,387cc
Compression ratio	11.3:
Maximum power:	304hp@6,800rpm
Maximum torque:	350Nm@4,600rpm
0-62mph:	5.2sec
Top speed:	174mph
Length:	4,430mm
Width:	1,765mm
Weight:	1,375kg
Brakes:	
Front: 318mm discs	
Rear: 299mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	

Front: 7x17-inch: 205/50/R17

Rear: 9x17-inch: 255/40/R17

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#### 996 GT3 1998-2000



Commonly called the Gen1 GT3, this was a lightweight 996 with power driving the rear wheels. Suspension was lowered by 30mm and brakes were uprated.

Issue featured:	11
Engine capacity:	3,600c
Compression ratio:	11.7:
Maximum power:36	55hp@7,200rpn
Maximum torque:370	Nm@5,000rpr
0-62mph:	4.8se
Top speed:	188mp
Length:	4,430mr
Width:	1,765mr
Weight:	1,350k
Brakes:	
Front: 330mm discs	
Rear: 300mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 8x18-inch; 225/40	/R18
Rear: 10x18-inch; 285/30	)/R18

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#### 996 Turbo 2001-05



1,858

air intakes and deep front wing, plus part-fixed, part-retractable rear wing. Different engine to naturally aspirated 3.6-litre 996 unit. Production numbers

Issue featured:	114
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio:	
Maximum power:	426hp @ 6,000rpm
Maximum torque:	560Nm
	@ 2,700-4,600rpm
0-62mph:	4.2sec
	189mph
Length:	4,435mm
Width:	1,830mm
Weight:	1,540kg
Brakes:	
Front: 330mm discs	
Rear: 330mm discs	
Wheels & tyres	

Front: 8x18-inch: 225/40/R18

ear: 11x18-inch; 295/30R18

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#### 996 Carrera 4S 2001-05



bodyshell, without rear air intakes, but with a full-width rear reflector panel. Suspension and brakes were similar to the Turbo spec.

20,499	Production numbers:	23,055
114	Issue featured:	124
3,600cc	Engine capacity:	3,596cc
9.4:1	Compression ratio:	11.3:1
000rpm	Maximum power: 324	hp@6,800rpm
.560Nm	Maximum torque:3701	Vm@4,250rpm
600rpm	0-62mph:	5.1sec
4.2sec	Top speed:	174mph
189mph	Length:	4,435mm
,435mm	Width:	1,830mm
,830mm	Weight:	1,495kg
1,540kg	Brakes:	
	Front: 330mm discs	
	Rear: 330mm discs	
	Wheels & tyres:	
	Front: 8x18-inch; 225/40.	/R18
	Rear: 11x18-inch; 295/30	/R18

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#### 996 GT2 2001-03



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A lightweight, Turbo-bodied 996 with uprated turbocharged engine and suspension. PCCB was standard, Revised ECU later gave an extra 21bhp. Production numbers:...

Issue featured:	127
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio:	9.4:1
Maximum power:	468hp@5,700rpm
Maximum torque:	620Nm
	@ 3,500-4,500rpm
0-62mph:	4.1sec
	196mph
Length:	4,450mm
Width:	1,830mm
Weight:	1,440kg
Brakes:	
Front: 350mm discs	
Rear: 350mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	

Front: 8x18-inch: 235/40/R18 Rear: 12x18-inch; 315/30/R18

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#### Can there be too many 991 GTS models?



The 997 GTS was the last hurran for that generation and a Total 911 favourite, but the 991.1 GTS was launched much earlier and was available in every body style. That meant there was a version for everyone but did too many cooks spoil this particular 911's broth?

'You could argue that making it available across so many variants had diluted the GTS badge," says Paragon's Jason Shepherd. "But having said that, I think that being the last of the normally-aspirated 911s helps its case, and goes some way to offsetting any accusations of being less exclusive. The GTS cars are always well-received by buyers, so I don't really think that it affected how they were perceived." It's a view broadly echoed by Greig Daly from RPM Technik: "It's understandable that Porsche would want to capitalise on the popularity of the 997 GTS, and while I think it's a pity it arrived so early in the 991's lifecycle, it's still a more focused model. So. no. I don't see it as having diluted what the GTS stands for, and Jason's right in that being the last of the non-turbo cars definitely adds further appeal as far as many buyers are concerned."

The cache of the GTS name seems secure, then, so is it safe to assume that values are unaffected by the expanded 991 lineup? Daly certainly thinks so, saying "prices have remained stable at around £90,000 for the last 12 months and I can't really see that changing. The wider choice of variants has made what is still a very special car a more appealing prospect to a bigger audience, and that can only be a good thing. I'd expect values to remain steady, with a GTS still a good place to put your money." Shepherd agrees: "Values seem to be holding firm of late, and while it's difficult to predict how they'll change, I can't see any major fluctuation on the horizon." That brings us to which version our experts view as the pick of the bunch, a question we put to Daly first.

"The Coupe is always a sound choice but I'd go for the Targa. It's proved really popular and looks cool and I'd be happy to go for one with a manual gearbox, which I find perfectly okay to use although not everyone agrees." Shepherd has a different choice: "I don't think the manual was that well received, so for me it would be PDK. It makes the most of the extra performance offered by the Powerkit, so a two-wheel-drive Coupe with PDK would be a really good specification." Ultimately, while opinions might differ on choices, it seems Porsche were right all along with the Gen1991 GTS. Did we really ever doubt them?

#### Gen2 996 C2 2002-04



Facelifted with Turbo-style eadlamps and revised front and rear pers, fitted with more po umpers, ritted with more power di .6-litre engine and VarioCam Plus. Manual and Tiptronic 'boxes updated

Production numbe	rs:29,389
Issue featured:	136
Engine capacity:	3,596cc
Compression ratio	11.3:1
Maximum power:	324hp@6,800rpm
Maximum torque:	.370Nm@4,250rpm
0-62mph:	5.0sec
Top speed:	177mph
	4,430mm
Width:	1,770mm
Weight:	1,370kg
Brakes:	
Front: 318mm discs	
Rear: 299mm discs	

Wheels & tyres: Front: 7x17-inch; 205/50/R17 Rear: 9x17-inch; 255/40/R17 \*\*\*\*

#### Gen2 996 C4 2002-04



Facelifted in line with rear-drive Carrera though the all-wheel-drive version drives very much like its rear-driven brethren. Cabin received minor undates over Gen1

upuates over de	111.
Production numl	pers: 10,386
Issue featured:	107
Engine capacity:	3,5960
Compression rat	io:11.3:
Maximum power	:324hp@6,800rpn
Maximum torque	:370Nm@4,250rpn
0-62mph:	5.0se
Top speed:	177mpl
	4,430mn
Width:	1,770mn
Weight:	1,430kg
Brakes:	
Front: 318mm disc	cs
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Wheels & tyres Front: 7x17-inch; 205/50/R17 Rear: 9x17-inch; 255/40/R17

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#### 996 Anniversary 2003-04



Available in GT silver, and included Carrera wheels, Powerkit -10mm

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Production numbers:	1,963
Issue featured:	112
Engine capacity:	3,596cc
Compression ratio:	11.3:1
Maximum power: 350h	p@6,800rpm
Maximum torque:370Nr	n@4,800rpm
0-62mph:	4.9sec
Top speed:	175mph
Length:	4,430mm
Width:	1,770mm
Weight:	1,370kg
Brakes:	
Front: 330mm discs	
Poor: 220mm disce	

Wheels & tyres: Front: 8x18-inch; 225/40/R18 Rear: 10x18-inch; 285/30/R18

#### Gen2 996 GT3 2003-05



Based on facelifted 996 Carrera, but with new wings. Suspension lowered and uprated, PCCB optional, Fullspec interior unless Clubsport option

Production numbers:	2,313
Issue featured:	142
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio:	11.7:1
Maximum power:3	86hp@7,400rpm
Maximum torque:38	5Nm@5,000rpm
0-62mph:	4.5sec
Top speed:	190mph
Length:	4,435mm
Width:	1,770mm
Weight:	1,380kg
Brakes:	
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Front: 350mm discs Rear: 330mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 8.5x18-inch: 235/40/R18

Rear: 11x18-inch; 295/30/R18



# **997 Carrera S** 2004-08



As per the 997 Carrera, but with nore powerful 3.8-litre engine and PASM. 19-inch wheels as standard, with bigger ventilated brakes. Quad

exnaust talipipes.	
Production number	rs:41,059
Issue featured:	107
Engine capacity:	3,824cc
Compression ratio:	11.8:1
Maximum power:	.360hp@6,600rpm
Maximum torque:	400Nm@4,600rpm
0-62mph:	4.8sec
Top speed:	182mph
Length:	4,427mm
Width:	1,808mm
Weight:	1,420kg
Brakes:	
Front: 330mm discs	
Poor: 220mm dicor	

ear: 11x19-inch; 295/30/R19 \*\*\*\*

# **997 Carrera 4** 2005-08



Like the 997 Carrera, but with drive to all four wheels via a multi-disc viscous coupling, transferring between five and 40 per cent of traction to the front. 44mm wider at rear.

Production number	s:8,53
Issue featured:	
Engine capacity:	3,596c
Compression ratio:	11.3
Maximum power:	.330hp@6,800rpr
Maximum torque:	370Nm@4,250rpr
0-62mph:	5.1se
Top speed:	
Length:	4,427mr
Width:	1,852mr
Weight:	1,450k
Brakes:	
Front: 318mm discs	
Rear: 299mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 8x18-inch: 235	/40/R18

Rear: 10x18-inch; 295/35/R18 \*\*\*\*

#### 997 Carrera 4S 2005-08

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The same 3.8-litre, 355bhp engine as the Carrera S, with four-wheel-drive system on C4. 44mm wider than Carrera S to accommodate for wider

rear wrieers and tyres.	
Production numbers:	30,973
Issue featured:	111
Engine capacity:	3,824cc
Compression ratio:	11.8:1
Maximum power:360hp	@6,600rpm
Maximum torque: 400Nm	@4,600rpm
0-62mph:	4.8sec
Top speed:	179mph
Length:	4,427mm
Width:	1,808mm
Weight:	1,475kg
Brakes:	_
Front: 330mm discs	
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Wheels & tyres: Front: 8x19-inch: 235/35/R19 Rear: 11x19-inch; 295/30/R19

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#### 997 Turbo 2005-10



Similar to the 997 C4S body, but with extra intakes at the front and sides Essentially the 996 Turbo engine, but vith all-new twin turbos. VTG gave the best of small and large turbo Production numbers:19,201(up to 2008)

Issue featured:	107
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio:	9.8:1
Maximum power:	487hp@6,000rpm
Maximum torque:	620Nm
	@1,950-5,000rpm
0-62mph:	3.9sec
Top speed:	193mph
Length:	4,450mm
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,585kg
Brakes:	
Front: 350mm discs	
Rear: 350mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 8.5x19-inch: 2	35/35/R19
Rear: 11x19-inch; 305	5/30/R19

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#### Gen2 997 C2 2008-12

Front: 8x19-inch: 235/35/R19

Wheels & tyres



ith restyled LED rear lights and front driving lights. M97 engine replaced with a 91 DFI unit, using fewer parts – with no problematic Intermediate Shaft.

Production number	rs:10,500
Issue featured:	144
Engine capacity:	3,614cc
Compression ratio	12.5:1
Maximum power:	345hp@6,500rpm
Maximum torque:	390Nm@4,400rpm
0-62mph:	4.9sec
Top speed:	
Length:	4,435mm
Width:	1,808mm
Weight:	1,415kg
Brakes:	
Front: 330mm discs	
Rear: 330mm discs	
Wheels & tyres	

Front: 8x18-inch: 235/40/ZR18

Rear: 10.5x18-inch: 265/40/ZR18

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#### Gen2 997 C2 S 2008-12



larger 3.8-litre engine - again using fewer components and Direct Fuel Injection, Had seven-speed PDK optional, like the Carrera.

Production numbers:	15,000
Issue featured:	61
Engine capacity:	3,800cc
Compression ratio:	12.5:1
Maximum power:385	hp@6,500rpm
Maximum torque:_420N	lm@4,400rpm
0-62mph:	
Top speed:	187mph
Length:	
Width:	1,808mm
Weight:	1,425kg
Brakes:	
Front: 330mm discs	
Rear: 330mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	

Front: 8x19-inch: 235/35/7R19

Rear: 11x19-inch; 295/30/ZR19

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#### Gen2 997 C4 2008-12



as per the Carrera, but with a wide rear end plus full-width rear reflector. New all-wheel drive was initiated from the 997 Turbo.

Production number	ers: 1,384 (Coupe)
Issue featured:	41
Engine capacity:	3,614cc
Compression ratio	:12.5:1
Maximum power:	345hp@6,500rpm
Maximum torque:	.390Nm@4,400rpm
0-62mph:	5.0sec
Top speed:	176mph
Length:	4,435mm
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,470kg
Brakes:	
Front: 330mm disc:	S
Rear: 330mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	

Front: 8x18-inch: 235/40/7R18

Rear: 11x18-inch; 295/35/ZR18

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# Gen2 997 C4S



engine. Utilised the 997 Turbo's four-wheel drive and PTM. Viscous coupling gives way to electromagnetically controlled multi-plate clutch.

Production number	rs:/,910 (Coupe)
ssue featured:	111
Engine capacity:	3,800cc
Compression ratio:	12.5:1
Maximum power:	385hp@6,500rpm
Maximum torque:	420Nm@4,400rpm
0-62mph:	4.7sec
Top speed:	185mph
	4,435mm
	1,852mm
Neight:	1,480kg
Brakes:	
Front: 330mm discs	
Rear: 330mm discs	

Wheels & tyres Front: 8x19-inch: 235/35/7R19 Rear: 11x19-inch; 305/30/ZR19



#### 996 GT3 RS 2004-05



Same 3,600cc engine as in GT3, but with weight saving, offering 280bhp per ton - an improvement of four per cent over the 996 GT3 Clubsport

Production numbers	
Issue featured:	118
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio:	11.7:1
Maximum power:	,386hp@7,400rpm
Maximum torque:3	85Nm@5,000rpm
0-62mph:	4.4sec
Top speed:	190mph
Length:	4,435mm
Width:	1,770mm
Weight:	1,360kg
Brakes:	
Front: 350mm discs	

Rear: 330mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 8.5x18-inch: 235/40/R18 Rear: 11x18-inch; 295/30/R18



#### 996 Turbo S 2004-05



A 911 Turbo with the previously optional 30bhp power upgrade. with larger turbochargers, uprated intercoolers and a revised ECU. PCCB standard.

Production numbers:

Rear: 350mm discs

Issue featured:	
Engine capacity	3,600cc
Compression ra	rtio: 9.4:1
Maximum pow	er:456hp@5,700rpm
Maximum torq	ue: 620Nm
	@3,500-4,500rpm
0-62mph:	4.2sec
Top speed:	191mph
Length:	4,435mm
Width:	1,830mm
Weight:	1,590kg
Brakes:	
Front: 350mm d	liscs

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#### Wheels & tyres: Front: 8x18-inch; 225/40/R18 Rear: 11x18-inch; 295/30/R18 \*\*\*\*

# **997 Carrera** 2004-08



Fully revised 911 with 993-influenced bodywork and a new interior. Engine was like 996, but refined for more power. Six-speed Tiptronic option

Production number	rs:25,788
Issue featured:	112
Engine capacity:	3,5960
Compression ratio	: 11.3:
Maximum power:	330hp@6,800rpm
Maximum torque:	.370Nm@4,250rpn
0-62mph:	5.0se
Top speed:	177mpl
Length:	4,427mn
Width:	1,808mn
Weight:	1,395k
Brakes:	
Front: 318mm discs	
Rear: 299mm discs	

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Wheels & tyre	s:				
Front: 8x18-inc	h; 23	5/40	D/R18	3	
Rear: 10x18-inc	h; 26	5/4	0/R1	8	

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Track-focused, but based on narrow bodied Carrera with reworked 996 GT3 engine. PASM standard, revs to 8,400rpm, 200 higher than the Gen 2996 GT3.

Production number	s:2,378
Issue featured:	117
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio:	12.0:1
Maximum power:	_421hp@7,600rpm
Maximum torque:	405Nm@5,500rpm
0-62mph:	4.3sec
Top speed:	192mph
Length:	4,445mm
Width:	1,808mm
Weight:	1,395kg
Brakes:	

Front: 380mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 8.5x19-inch: 235/35/R19 Rear: 12x19-inch; 305/30/R19

Gen2 997 GT3

a unique front and rear wing, revised

PASM, centre-lock wheels and better

brakes, 2010 MY GT3s recalled to fix

2009-12

rear hubs



### 997 GT3 RS



rear bodyshell of the Carrera S. 20kg of weight saved from GT3 thanks to

Production number	s:1,106
Issue featured:	110
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio:	12.0:1
Maximum power:	421hp @ 7,600rpm
Maximum torque:	405Nm@5,500rpm
0-62mph:	4.2sec
Top speed:	194mph
Length:	4,460mm
Width:	1,808mm
Weight:	1,375kg
Brakes:	
Front: 380mm discs	

Rear: 350mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 8.5x19-inch: 235/35/R19



#### 997 GT2 2007-09



Essentially the 997 Turbo, but with rear-wheel drive only. Enjoyed a more track-orientated suspension and brake setup, with GT3-style interior

Production number	s:1,242
Issue featured:	127
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio:	9.0:1
Maximum power:	537hp@6,500rpm
Maximum torque:	680Nm
	@ 2,200-4,500rpm
0-62mph:	3.7sec
Top speed:	204mph
Length:	4,469mm
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,440kg
Brakes:	
Front: 380mm discs	
Rear: 350mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 8.5x19-inch; 23	85/35/ZR19



# 2006-07



Similar to GT3, with inclusion of v

Production number	's:1,106
Issue featured:	110
Engine capacity:	3,600cc
Compression ratio:	12.0:1
Maximum power:	421hp@7,600rpm
Maximum torque:	405Nm@5,500rpm
0-62mph:	4.2sec
Top speed:	194mph
Length:	4,460mm
Width:	1,808mm
Weight:	1,375kg
Brakes:	
Front: 380mm discs	
Poor: 250mm diece	

Rear: 12x19-inch; 305/30/R19



### Gen2 997 GT3 RS

Rear: 12x19-inch; 325/30/ZR19



Gen2 997 Turbo

with new LED tail-lights and driver by 16 per cent.

Production numbers:	2,200	Production numbers	3,800
Issue featured:	117	Issue featured:	116
Engine capacity:	3,797cc	Engine capacity:	3,800cc
Compression ratio:		Compression ratio:	
Maximum power:435hp@7,900rpm		Maximum power:	600hp@6,000rpm
Maximum torque:430Nm@6,250rpm		Maximum torque:	650Nm
0-62mph:	4.1sec		@1,950-5,000rpm
Top speed:	194mph	0-62mph:	3.4sec
Length:	4,460mm	Top speed:	194mph
Width:	1,808mm	Length:	4,450mm
Weight:	1,395kg	Width:	1,852mm
Brakes:		Weight:	1.570kg

Front: 380mm discs Rear: 350mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 8.5x19-inch: 235/35/7R19 Rear: 12x19-inch;305/30/ZR19





Same as the original 997 Turbo, but lights up front. Larger tailpipes and DFI engine, with fuel consumption cut

Compression ratio:	9.8:1
Maximum power:	.500hp@6,000rpm
Maximum torque:	650Nm
	@1,950-5,000rpm
0-62mph:	3.4sec
Top speed:	194mph
Length:	4,450mm
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,570kg
Brakes:	
Front: 350mm discs	

Rear: 350mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 8.5x19-inch; 235/35/ZR19 Rear: 11x19-inch; 305/30/ZR19





Wider front arches and a larger wing Dynamic engine mounts and PASM are standard. Air-con is optional, with no door handles, wheel brace or sound proofing.

Production number	rs:1,500
Issue featured:	125
Engine capacity:	3,800cc
Compression ratio	:12.2:1
Maximum power:	450hp@7,900rpm
Maximum torque:	_430Nm@6,750rpm
0-62mph:	4.0sec
Top speed:	192mph
Length:	4,460mm
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,370kg
Brakes:	
Front: 380mm discs	3

Wheels & tyres: Front: 9x19-inch: 245/35/7R19 Rear: 12x19-inch; 325/30/ZR19



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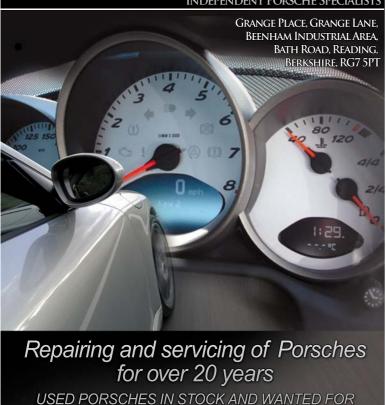
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# **997 Speedster** 2010



Built to mark Porsche Exclusive's 25th anniversary. Shorter windscreen but rake angle same as 997 Carrera. Wide body with 19-inch Fuchs wheels. Rear-wheel drive.

Production numbers	:35
Issue featured:	12
Engine capacity:	3,800
Compression ratio:	12.5
Maximum power:	.408hp@7,300rpi
Maximum torque:	420Ni
	@4,400-5,600rp
0-62mph:	4.4s
Top speed:	
Length:	
Width:	1,852mi
Weight:	1,540k
Brakes:	
Front: 350mm discs	
Rear: 350mm discs	

#### Rear: 11x19-inch: 305/30/ZR19 \*\*\*\*

#### 997 Sport Classic 2010



Based on a 3.8-litre Powerkit 44mm wider rear arches. Retro styling including iconic ducktail wing and large Fuchs wheels.

Production numbers:

Issue featured:	146
Engine capacity:	3,800cc
Compression ratio:	12.5:1
Maximum power:	408hp@7,300rpm
Maximum torque:	420Nm
	@4,200-5,600rpm
0-62mph:	4.6sec
Top speed:	187mph
Length:	4,435mm
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,425kg
Brakes:	
Front: 350mm discs	
Rear: 350mm discs	

Wheels & tyres: Front: 8.5x19-inch; 235/35/ZR19 Rear: 11x19-inch: 305/30/ZR19

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#### 997 GT3 RS 4.0 2010



erodynamically tweaked too with the angle of the rear wing increased and dive planes on either side of the front nose. A future collectors' gem.

Production numbe	rs:600
Issue featured:	125
Engine capacity:	3,996cc
Compression ratio	12.6:1
Maximum power:	.500hp @ 8,250rpm
Maximum torque:	460Nm@5,750rpm
0-62mph:	3.9sec
Top speed:	193mph
Length:	4,460mm
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,360kg
Brakes:	
Front: 380mm discs	;
Rear: 380mm discs	

Wheels & tyres: Front: 9x19-inch; 245/35/ZR19 Rear: 12x19-inch; 325/30/ZR19



#### 991.1 Carrera S 2011-15

Wheels & tyres: Front: 8.5x19-inch; 235/35/ZR19



speed manual 'box, but utilising oigger engine. Slightly larger front s than the standard Carrera PASM as standard equipment

Production number	s:Unknov
Issue featured:	1
Engine capacity:	3,800
Compression ratio:	12.5
Maximum power:	
Maximum torque:	440Nm@5,600rp
0-62mph:	
Top speed:	188.9m
Length:	4,491m
Width:	1,808m
Weight:	1,395
Brakes:	
Front: 340mm discs	

Wheels & tyres: Front: 8.5x20-inch: 245/35/7R20 Rear: 11x20-inch; 295/30/ZR20



#### 991.1 Carrera 4 2012-15



22mm wider body than C2, with 10mm wider tyres and connecting rear tail light as standard. Also features a torque distribution indicator on the digital dash clock

Production number	rs:Unknow
Issue featured:	9
Engine capacity:	3,4360
Compression ratio:	12.5
Maximum power:	,350hp@7,400rpr
Maximum torque:	390Nm@5,600rpr
0-62mph:	4.9se
Top speed:	177mp
Length:	4,491mr
Width:	1,852mr
Weight:	1,430k
Brakes:	
Front: 330mm discs	
Pear: 330mm discs	

Wheels & tyres: Front: 8.5x19-inch: 235/40/7R19 Rear: 11x19-inch;305/35/ZR19



#### 991.1 Carrera 4S 2012-15



Same wider body styling as Carrera 4, coupled to 3.8-litre 400bhp engine Also features six-piston brake calipers at front as opposed to four PTV

Production numbers:\_\_

118
3,800cc
12.5:1
00hp@7,400rpm
0Nm@5,600rpm
4.5sec
185mph
4,491mm
1,852mm
1,445kg

Wheels & tyres: Front: 8.5x20-inch; 245/35/ZR20 Rear: 11x20-inch; 305/30/ZR20



#### 991 GT3 RS 2015



The new turbo marks the introduction of rear axle steering, plus PDK-only transmission to forced induction 991 models. Rear fenders 28mm wider

Production number	rs:60(U
Issue featured:	1
Engine capacity:	3,996
Compression ratio	12.9
Maximum power:	500hp@8,250rp
Maximum torque:_	460Nm@6,250rp
0-62mph:	3.3s
Top speed:	193m
Length:	4,545m
Width:	1,880m
Weight:	1,420
Brakes:	
Front: 380mm discs	
Rear: 380mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: Q Ev20 inch: 2	65/25/7D20

Rear: 12.5x21-inch: 325/30/ZR21

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#### 991.2 Carrera 2015-



Facelift model is substantially coming from completely new 3.0-litre 9A2 turbocharged engine. PASM now standard.

Production number	s:Currently in	
	production	
Issue featured:	137	
Engine capacity:	2,981cc	
Compression ratio:	10.0:1	
Maximum power:	370hp@6,500rpm	
Maximum torque:		
	@1,700-5,000rpm	
0-62mph:	4.2sec	
Top speed:	183mph	
Length:	4,499mm	
Width:	1,808mm	
Weight:	1,430kg	
Brakes:		
Front & Rear: 330mm	n discs;	
Wheels & tyres:		
Front: 8.5x19-inch; 235/40/ZR19		
Rear: 11.5x19-inch; 29	5/35/ZR19	

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#### 991.2 Carrera S 2015-



9A2 engine as Carrera, with revised turbos, exhaust and engine management to produce an extra 50hp. Rear axle steering now an option

Production number	s:Currently in
	production
Issue featured:	132
Engine capacity:	2,981cc
Compression ratio:	10.0:1
Maximum power:	.420hp@6,500rpm
Maximum torque:,500	Nm@1,700-5,000rpm
0-62mph:	3.9sec
Top speed:	191mph
Length:	4,499mm
Width:	1,808mm
Weight:	1,440kg
Brakes:	
Front: 350mm discs	
Rear: 330mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 8.5x20-inch; 24	5/35/ZR20

Rear: 11.5x20-inch; 305/30/ZR20 \*\*\*\*

#### 997 918 Edition 2010



These exclusive 997 Turbo S-spec 911s were only available to those who had paid a deposit for a 918 Spyder. Acid green badging and brake calipers.

Production numbers	:121
Issue featured:	
Engine capacity:	3,800cc
Compression ratio:	9.8:1
Maximum power: 530	hp@6,250-6,750rpm
Maximum torque:	700Nm
	@2,100-4,250rpm
0-62mph:	3.3sec
Top speed:	195mph
Length:	4,435mm
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,585kg

Brakes: Front: 380mm discs Rear: 350mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 8.5x19-inch; 235/35/ZR19 Rear: 11x19-inch; 305/30/ZR19



#### 997 GT2 RS 2010-11



The GT2 went back to its roots with lightweight body and interior, plus extra power. Recognisable over standard GT2 thanks to carbon fibre bonnet, air intake and mirrors.

Product	ion number	s:500
Issue fea	atured:	114
Engine c	apacity:	3,600cc
Compre	ssion ratio:.	9.0:1
Maximu	m power:	620hp@6,500rpm
Maximu	m torque:	700Nm
		@2,500-5,500rpm
0-62mp	h:	3.5sec
		205mph
		4,460mm
Width:		1,852mm
Weight:		1,370kg
Brakes:		
Front: 38	Omm discs	

Wheels & tyres: Front: 9x19-inch; 245/35/ZR19 Rear: 12x19-inch; 325/30/ZR19 \*\*\*\*

#### 997 C2 GTS 2010-12



Features the C4's wider rear body, and powered by the 3.8-litre Carrera Sengine, with a Powerkit producing an extra 25bhp. The GTS is laden with Porsche options.

Production numbers:	Unknow
Issue featured:	11
Engine capacity:	3,800c
Compression ratio:	12.5
Maximum power:	.408hp@7,300rpr
Maximum torque:	420Nr
	@4,200-5,600rpr
0-60mph:	4.6se
Top speed:	190mp
Length:	4,435mr
Width:	1,852mr
Weight:	1,420k
Brakes:	
Front: 330mm discs	
Rear: 330mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 8.5x19-inch; 235.	/35/19
Rear: 11x19-inch; 305/3	80/19

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#### 997 C4 GTS 2011-12



Like the C2 997 GTS, but slightly heavier and with four-wheel drive. In either C2 or C4 form, it represented a great saving over optioning up a 997 Carrera counterpart.

Production numbers:

Issue featured:	12
Engine capacity:	3,800c
Compression ratio:.	12.5
Maximum power:	408hp@7,300rpr
Maximum torque:	420Nr
	@4,200-5,600rpn
0-62mph:	4.6se
Top speed:	188mp
Length:	4,435mr
Width:	1,852mn
Weight:	1,480k
Brakes:	
Front: 330mm discs	
Rear: 330mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 8.5x19-inch; 235/35/ZR19	
Rear: 11x19-inch; 305/	30/ZR19

#### 997 Turbo S 2011-13



A standard 997 Turbo but more power and higher level of standard equipment including PCCB, centre-lock wheels, crested sports seats and Sport Chrono Plus

Production numbers:	2,000
Issue featured:	123
Engine capacity:	3,800cc
Compression ratio:	9.8:
Maximum power: 530	np@6,250-6,750rpm
Maximum torque:	
	@2,100-4,250rpm
0-62mph:	3.3sec
Top speed:	195mpl
Length:	4,435mn
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,585kg
Brakes:	
Front: 380mm discs	
Rear: 350mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 8.5x19-inch; 235.	/35/ZR19
Rear: 11x19-inch; 305/3	0/ZR19

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#### 991.1 Carrera 2011-15



The first of the newest and latest Gen 911, it takes styling hues from the 993. A redesigned chassis with lengthened wheelbase reduces overhang of

Production numbers: Un	known
Issue featured:	137
Engine capacity:3	,436cc
Compression ratio:	12.5:1
Maximum power:350hp@7,4	00rpm
Maximum torque:390Nm@5,6	00rpm
0-62mph:	4.8sec
Top speed: 179	9.6mph
Length:4,4	191mm
Width: 1,8	08mm
Weight:1	,380kg
Brakes:	
Front: 330mm discs	
Rear: 330mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 8 5x19-inch: 235/40/7R19	

Rear: 11x19-inch; 285/35/ZR19

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#### 991 GT3 2013-



Wide body from 991 Carrera 4 was used for the first time. Mezger engine from previous GT3s replaced with revamped DFI version of Carrera S engine. PDK only.

Pr	oduction numbers:	Currently in
		production
ls:	sue featured:	143
Er	gine capacity:	3,800cc
Co	ompression ratio:	12.9:1
M	aximum power:475	hp@8,250rpm
M	aximum torque:4401	Nm@6,250rpm
0-	62mph:	3.5sec
To	p speed:	196mph
Le	ngth:	4,545mm
W	idth:	1,852mm
W	eight:	1,430kg
Br	akes:	
Fr	ont: 380mm discs	
Re	ear: 380mm discs	

Wheels & tyres Front: 9x20-inch; 245/35/ZR20 Rear: 12x20-inch; 305/30/ZR20



#### 991 Turbo 2013-15

Rear: 350mm discs



The new Turbo marks the introduction of rear axle steering, plus PDK-only transmission to forced nduction 991 models. Rear fenders 28mm wider than C4

Production numbers:

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Engine capacity:	3,800cc
Compression ratio:	9.8:1
Maximum power: 520	0hp@6,000-6,500rpm
Maximum torque:	660Nm
	@1,950-5,000rpm
0-62mph:	3.4sec
Top speed:	195mph
Length:	4,506mm
Width:	1,880mm
Weight:	1,595kg
Brakes:	

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Engine capa	acity:	3,800cc
Compressi	on ratio:	9.8:1
Maximum	ower:_520	hp@6,000-6,500rpm
Maximum	torque:	660Nm
		@1,950-5,000rpm
0-62mph:		3.4sec
Top speed:		195mph
Length:		4,506mm
Width:		1,880mm
Weight:		1,595kg
Brakes:		
Front & Rea	r. 38∩mm	diece

Wheels & tyres: Front: 8.5x20-inch: 245/35/7R20 Rear: 11x20-inch: 305/30/ZR20

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#### 991 Turbo S 2013-15



Same dimensions as 991 Turbo, but with a tweaked map to provide an extra 40bhp. Usual Turbo options as standard, including centre-lock wheels, PCCB, PDCC and Bose sound.

Production numbers:\_\_\_

Issue featured:	115
Engine capacity:	3,800cc
Compression ratio:	9.8:1
Maximum power: 560hp@6,500	0-6,750rpm
Maximum torque:_700Nm@2,	100-4,250
0-62mph:	3.1sec
Top speed:	197mph
Length:	4,506mm
Width:	1,880mm
Weight:	1,605kg
Brakes:	_
Front: 410mm discs	
Rear: 390mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 9x20-inch: 245/35/ZR20	)

Rear: 11x20-inch, 305/30/ZR20

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#### 991 Anniversary 2013-14

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Exuberantly styled Carrera S with wide body and generous spec. Many styling cues inside and out taken from original 901. Powerkit only came as standard spec in US.

Production numbe	rs:1,963
Issue featured:	112
Engine capacity:	3,800cc
Compression ratio	12.5:1
Maximum power:	400hp@7,400rpm
Maximum torque:	440Nm@5,600rpm
0-62mph:	4.5sec
Top speed:	188mph
Length:	4,491mm
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,420kg
Brakes:	_
Front: 340mm discs	
Rear: 330mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	

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#### 991 Carrera GTS 2014-2016



Big-spec GTS utilises wide body and a host of good options including Powerkit, PASM, Sport chrono, Sport exhaust to name a few all for £7,000 more than Carrera S

Production numbe	rs:UIRIOWI
Issue featured:	121
Engine capacity:	3,800cc
Compression ratio	12.5:
Maximum power:	430hp@7,500rpm
Maximum torque:	.440Nm@5,750rpm
0-62mph:	4.0sec
Top speed:	190mpl
Length:	4,491mn
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,425kg
Brakes:	
Front: 340mm discs	5
Rear: 330mm discs	
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Wheels & tyres: Front: 9x20-inch; 245/35/ZR20 Rear: 11.5x20-inch; 305/30/ZR20

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#### 991 C4 GTS 2014-2016



but with additional traction offered by four-wheel drive. As a result performance times are altered slightly over its rear-driven variant Production numbers: Unknown

Issue featured:	125
Engine capacity:	3,800cc
Compression ratio	12.5:1
Maximum power:_	430hp@7,500rpm
Maximum torque:	440Nm@5,750rpm
0-62mph:	4.4sec
Top speed:	188mph
	4,491mm
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,470kg
Brakes:	
Front: 340mm disc:	S

Wheels & tyres: Front: 9x20-inch; 245/35/ZR20 Rear: 11.5x20-inch: 305/30/ZR20

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# **991.2 Carrera 4** 2016-



New 9A2 turbocharged engine fused with all-wheel-drive running gear, now electro-hydraulically controlled. Distinguishable by wider body and full-width rear brake light. Production numbers: Currently in

	production
Issue featured:	133
Engine capacity:	2,981cc
Compression ratio:	10.0:1
Maximum power:	370hp@6,500rpm
Maximum torque:	450Nm
	@1,700-5,000rpm
0-62mph:	4.1sec
Top speed:	181mph
Length:	
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,480kg
Brakes:	
Front & Rear: 330mr	n discs;
Wheels & tyres:	

Front: 8.5x19-inch: 235/40/ZR19

Rear: 11.5x19-inch; 295/35/ZR19

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#### 991.2 Carrera 4S 2016-



As per the Carrera 4 but utilising revised turbos, exhaust and engine management from the C2S to produce an extra 50hp. Faster 0-62mph than C2S for first time.

Production number	s:Currentiyin
	production
Issue featured:	137
Engine capacity:	2,981cc
Compression ratio:	10.0:1
Maximum power:	.420hp@6,500rpm
Maximum torque;	500Nm@
	1,700-5,000rpm
0-62mph:	3.8sec
Top speed:	189mph
Length:	4,499mm
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,490kg
Brakes:	
Front: 350mm discs	
Rear: 330mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 8.5x20-inch; 24	45/35/ZR20
Rear: 11.5x20-inch; 30	05/30/ZR20
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#### 991.2 Turbo 2016-



It features a revised 9A1 engine from 991.1 now producing 540hp thanks to modified inlet ports in the cylinder head, new injection nozzles and higher fuel pressure.

Production numbers:

	production
Issue featured:	135
Engine capacity:	3,800cc
Compression ratio	9.8:1
Maximum power:_	540hp@6,400rpm
Maximum torque:	710Nm@
	2,250-4,000rpm
0-62mph:	3.1sec
Top speed:	199mph
Length:	4,507mm
Width:	1,880mm
Weight:	1,595kg
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Wheels & tyres: Front: 9x20-inch; 245/35/ZR20 Rear: 11.5x20-inch; 305/30/ZR20 \*\*\*\*

Front & Rear: 330mm discs;

#### 991.2 Turbo S 2016-

Front: 9x20-inch: 245/35/7R20

Rear: 11.5x20-inch; 305/30/ZR20



As per 991.2 Turbo but with power boosted to 580hp thanks to new turbochargers with larger compressors. Fastest ever Porsche 911 from 0-62mph.

Production numbers	s:Currently in
	production
Issue featured:	145
Engine capacity:	3,800cc
Compression ratio:	9.8:1
Maximum power:	.580hp@6,750rpm
Maximum torque:	750Nm@
	2,250-4,000rpm
0-62mph:	2.9sec
Top speed:	205mph
Length:	
Width:	1,880mm
Weight:	1,600kg
Brakes:	_
Front: 350mm discs	
Rear: 330mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 9x20-inch; 245.	/35/ZR20
Rear: 11.5x20-inch; 30	5/30/ZR20
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991 GT3 RS engine mated to speciallyrevised six-speed manual gearbox. Features Carrera Cabriolet active rear wing with diffuser aiding downforce. Lightweight flywheel optional

Production number	rs: 991
Issue featured:	141
Engine capacity:	3,996cc
Compression ratio	13.2:1
Maximum power:	500hp@8,250rpm
Maximum torque;	.460Nm@6,250rpm
0-62mph:	3.8sec
	201mph
Length:	4,532mm
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,370kg
Brakes:	
Front: 410mm discs	
Rear: 390mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: Qv20-inch: 24	E/2E/7D20

Rear: 12x20-inch: 305/30/ZR20

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#### 991.2 Carrera GTS 2017-



accent' styling as per 991.1, available in both rear-wheel drive and all-wheel drive form. C4GTS quicker than C2 GTS for the first time

Production numbers	:Currently in
	production
Issue featured:	150
Engine capacity:	2,981cc
Compression ratio:	10.0:1
Maximum power:	450hp@6,500rpm
Maximum torque:	550Nm@
	2,150-5,000rpm
0-62mph:	4.1sec
Top speed:	194mph
Length:	4,528mm
Width:	1,852mm
Weight:	1,450kg
Brakes: Front: 350mr	
Rear: 330mm discs	
Wheels & tyres:	
Front: 9x20-inch; 245/	'35/ZR20
Rear: 12x20-inch; 305	/30/ZR20
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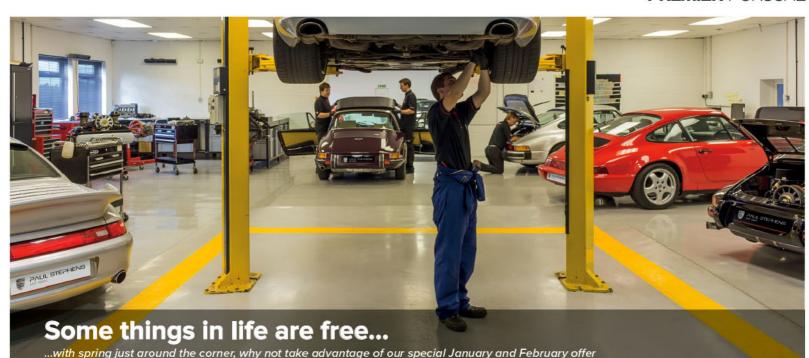


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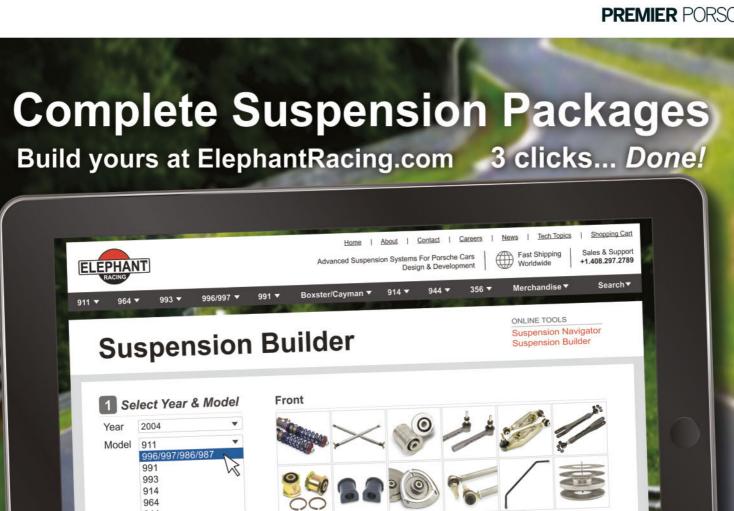
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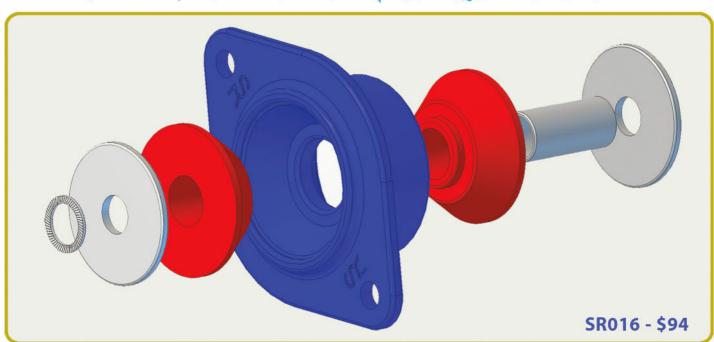
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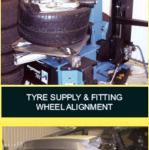




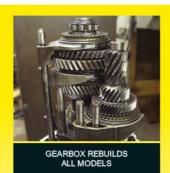


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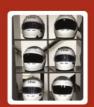


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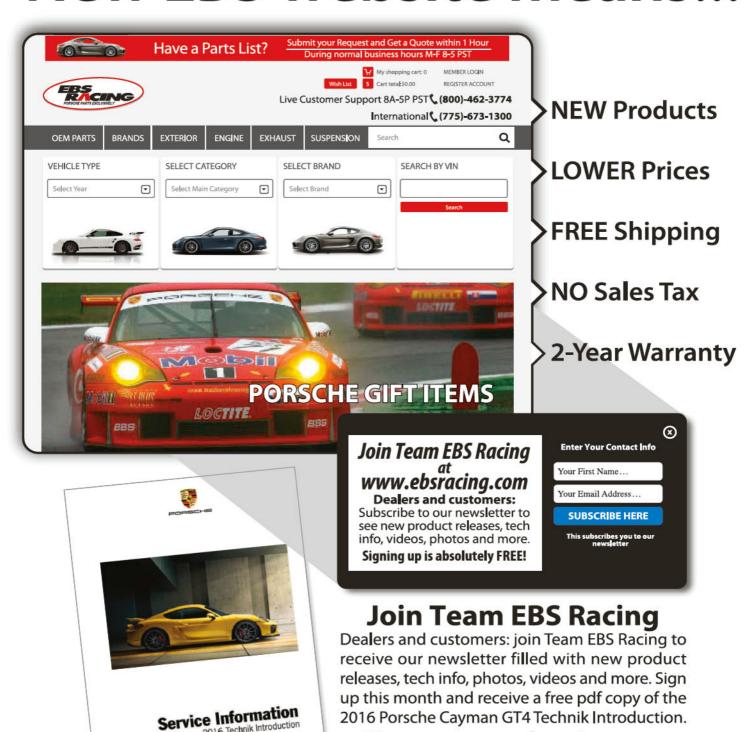




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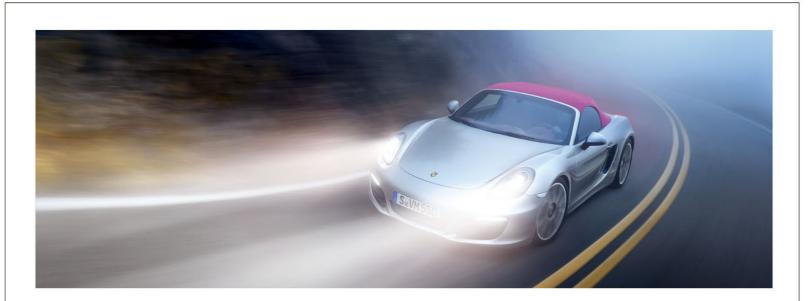


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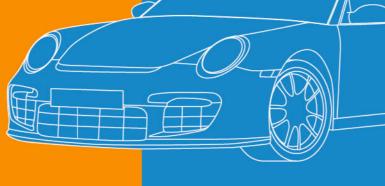
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Take a look through the Archives to Porsche's famous 911 prototypes



### ROAD LEGAL 3.5-LITRE RSR

We buckle up for a drive in Canford Classics' inspired Rennsport project



# 993-ENGINED 3.2 CARRERA

Ninemeister's Colin Belton chucks us the keys to his daily-driven 911 Q car









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# A picturesque and open drive over the beautiful moors of Devon, with a variety of elevation changes, straights and bends to explore

ne of the joys of Great Roads is in highlighting those tucked off the beaten track. Just take a look at our map on Total911.com and you'll see roads clustered out of the towns and spread all over the world. Yet there are still gaps, like the southwest of the UK. This month we right that, and offer up the B3357 in Devon.

Since 1951, Dartmoor has been a National Park. A walk there can take in everything from Bronze Age to Neolithic features, as well as the 'Tors', or hills usually topped with weathered granite. The military has long used it as a firing range, and a prison built in Princetown during the early 1800s is still in use today.

Devon has a bit of a reputation for narrow roads lined with tall, scratch-inducing hedges, which does explain the gaps in the Great Roads map. However, the B3357 is different, being a classic open-sided, well-sighted moorland to traverse.

The road is mostly open with long views, combining with undulating altitude and many bends and straights, while the built up areas are a little narrower. Leaving Tavistock we rise steadily up then open out to look over the moor, and even out to the Plymouth coast on the right. Here the road threads east, weaving an enjoyable line onwards. On the left you'll pass Wistman's Wood, and on the right will appear the eerie outline of

the prison. Look for long straights arching over hills, punctuated by a fun set of twists to break it up. The road narrows at Dartmeet but opens out for a few miles, then narrows after dropping down to Poundsgate.

Beatles fans may appreciate the bridge over the River Dart, where The Beatles' bus became stuck while filming Magical Mystery Tour. After this, it is a steady tootle to Ashburton. That it's a National Park means a 40mph speed limit, so be careful, though the rising and falling altitude, various bends and scenery changes mean there is always something to occupy you on the pedals. Take it steady, enjoy the drive and sample a traditional Devon cream tea on your travels!

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