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Welcome

ew 911s can stir your emotions quite in the same way as a fabled Rennsport. Ever since the 2.7 Carrera RS in 1973, Porsche has mastered the art of crafting a beautifully accomplished race car still fit for that drive home on the public road afterwards. It's a legacy that few other sports car manufacturers have managed to execute with similar aplomb – certainly over such a sustained period and with just the one ever-evolving, evertrailblazing car. Make no mistake then: nobody does it better than Weissach.

Key to the 911 Rennsport's success has been its stubbornness to deviate from the concept under which it was created some 42 years ago. This was evidenced first hand by the Total 911 team this month when Josh, our Features Editor, pedalled both the 964 RS and 997.2 GT3 RS during a breathtaking back-toback assessment through the Peak District, documented from page 26.

Of course, this blueprint for Rennsport simplicity has been muffled somewhat for the latest instalment. In fact, the

"An RS is simply the ultimate Porsche, and the latest is also the greatest"

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new 991 represents arguably the most radical technological overhaul of any Rennsport before it, besieged by an influx of tech including PDK (with different maps), rear-axle steering, and launch control.

However, the result is a simply sensational new 911 GT3 RS and one that, to our surprise, is already making the idolised 997 RS 4.0 look inferior in terms of on-track performance and balance. A 911 RS is simply the ultimate Porsche and, tantalisingly, this latest instalment is also set to be the greatest. The fascinating on-track test from Bilster Berg circuit, Germany, starts on page 18.

Of course, the race track is the undisputed home for any 911 with the RS nomenclature, and one of the most successful Rennsports to compete for Porsche was actually turbocharged, too (and no, it's not a 997 GT2 RS). The full story on the historically momentous Carrera Turbo RSR begins on page 36, rounding off an exquisite Rennsport package in this issue of Total 911. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as we relished creating it.



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Shopping Shopping GT3 RS never builtra-wi than-ev

As gorgeous as it is mesmerising, the new 991 GT3 RS is teeming with intricate new details never before seen on a 911 Rennsport. The ultra-wide body, new cooling ducts and higherthan-ever rear wing are apt examples here.

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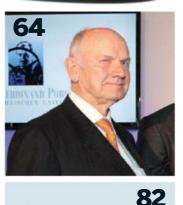














Latest news, key dates, star products and race results from the world of Porsche



Porsche open new North America HQ PCNA Headquarters and Experience Centre at Atlanta, Georgia, officially opened

ne Porsche Drive, the new home of Porsche Cars North America, has been officially opened in Atlanta, Georgia. The unique 27-acre facility has been built at a cost of \$100 million on the north-east corner of the Hartfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest passenger airport.

PCNA's new headquarters – due to be visited by around 30,000 visitors a year - also houses the first Porsche Experience Centre in the USA, featuring a 1.6mile purpose-built handling track, off-road course and the only kick plate in North America. The American PEC also features a human performance centre and a finedining restaurant - aptly named Restaurant 356 - as it follows the template seen at the UK's Silverstone PEC.

Elsewhere at One Porsche Drive, there is a museum space (housing a number of historic models from Zuffenhausen's road and race past), a restoration centre and 13,000 square feet of event and

conferencing space, making the new development not just a go-to for Porsche customers, but also automotive enthusiasts and the general public.

"We celebrate a significant milestone in the history of Porsche as we expand our footprint in the United States and reaffirm our commitment to the state of Georgia and the city of Atlanta." said Matthias Mueller. President and CEO of Porsche AG, referencing the fact that PCNA has called Atlanta 'home' since 1998. "We are investing more than ever before, heightening visibility for the Porsche brand in the US and worldwide.'

After assessing more than 70 different locations across the USA, the decision to stay in Atlanta and expand was taken, in part thanks to the logistics on offer at the local airport. With Hatfield-Jackson on the doorstep of One Porsche Drive, 80 per cent of the US population can reach the new site within two and a half hours. The expansion will also see employee

numbers swell from 300 to 450 as staff from Porsche Financial Services, Porsche Business Services, Porsche Consulting and Mieschke Hofmann & Partners join PCNA at the new headquarters.





Track Precision app launched for Porsche GT cars

Improve your performance with Porsche's data-logging app for the circuit

Drivers of Porsche's latest 911 GT cars can monitor their performance with Porsche Track Precision, a data-logging programme available for both Android and iOS smartphones.

Zuffenhausen (inspired by data-logging systems used in motorsport) has created the Track Precision app as a tool for circuit enthusiasts. The app, which uses the GPS capabilities of modern smartphones, logs your position while monitoring metrics such as throttle, brake and steering position.

By pointing the smartphone's camera out of the windscreen, the app can also record video of your on-track action, all while producing a GPS trace (via the phone or car) of your racing lines. Using this, you can compare your current lap time to previous efforts.

991 GT3 and GT3 RS customers who didn't order Sport Chrono Package can have the Track Precision app retrofitted by Porsche Tequipment at your local OPC.

What's on in 2015

June

Bonhams Summer Classic **20 June** Bonhams heads to Oxford as a number of classics go under the hammer

'From Stuttgart into the World' **24 June – 13 September** The Porsche Museum's latest exhibition looks at Zuffenhausen's first sports cars

Goodwood Festival of Speed **25-28 June** Lord March's annual celebration

Lord March's annual celebration Base of all things automotive has the Pors theme 'Flat-out and Fearless' som

Porsche Alpine Tour 10-12 July Based out of St Moritz, the Porsche Driving Club take on some of the Swiss Alps' finest

July

Ennstal Classic 15-18 July This tour through the Alps

will see numerous classic Porsches take to the roads

RMA Nordschleife 28 July

RMA Track Days heads to the infamous Nürburgring Nordschleife circuit



High-spec new 991 Black Edition revealed The Porsche 911 goes back to black with a new special edition model

Porsche has announced it is now offering the Porsche 911 Carrera in a special 'Black Edition' trim as part of the 991 generation's run-out phase. Only available on the base-level 3.4-litre Carrera, it can be ordered as a C2 or C4, in either Coupe or Cabriolet body styles.

As the name suggests, the Black Edition is available in either a solid noir shade or Jet Black Metallic (the latter at an extra cost), while the interior is also trimmed in black leather. Like any special edition, the 911 Black Edition comes with a host of optional extras as standard, including automatically dimming rear-view mirrors, rain sensors, cruise control and a Sport Design steering wheel.

RPM Technik paint protection

UK specialist now offering Gtechniq paint protection on all pre-owned Porsches

RPM Technik has announced that all its pre-owned Porsches will be sold with a complimentary Gtechniq paint protection service. The Gtechniq's Platinum Crystal Coat forms a chemical bond with the car's paintwork, creating a durable UV and dirt-repellent surface that comes with a five-year guarantee.

"We are delighted to offer Gtechniq vehicle protection," says RPM's commercial

RPM s commercial director, Darren Anderson. "We believe Gtechniq is a premium product that can add value to our used Porsche sales cars, as well as a great add-on to customers' vehicles."



Also included in the list price are the 20-inch 911 Turbo wheels and Bose Surround Sound system. While the thinking behind the model is particularly shady, the Black Edition should have no problems being spotted thanks to the inclusion of Porsche's Dynamic Light System Plus (PDLS+). Also pre-ticked on the options list are heated sports seats, the telephone module and park assist both front and rear (including a reversing camera).

Available to order now, the Porsche 911 Carrera Black Edition starts at £75,074 (€95,058). Head to your local Porsche Centre to register your interest.

New Classic 911 dashboards

Porsche Classic recreates new dashboard fascia for historic 911s



Like any component, the Porsche 911's five-dial dashboard is subject to wear. With modern materials more capable of withstanding this, Porsche Classic has redeveloped the classic dashboard for 911s from 1969 to 1975.

Costing €951.99 in Germany, the new classic dashboard provides the ideal blend of new and old. The texture and feel of the black coating is, according to Porsche, identical to the original.

The dashboard also includes the loudspeaker cover, meaning it can only be installed by removing the windscreen. As such, Porsche Classic recommends fitment by a trained expert. For more information, head to your local Porsche Centre.



Pop art Porsche

A 1973 Porsche 911S owned by Richard Hamilton will go under the hammer at Bonhams' Festival of Speed sale on 26 June at Goodwood. Bought new in 1973, the car remained in his possession for three decades until passing into the care of his son.

In 2013, it had a complete restoration to Concours standard with Clarke & Carter, one of Europe's foremost car restoration specialists. Bonhams has placed an estimate of £250,000-£300,000 on it.

"The car is exceptional and correct in every detail and is one of the finest right-hand drive examples today," enthused Tim Schofield, Bonhams UK's Head of Motor Cars.



Forge 997 Turbo induction system

Tuning component specialists Forge Motorsport have released a new induction system for the Porsche 997 Turbo with a carbon fibre induction cowl and Pipercross air filter. This has a lightweight, laser-cut aluminium frame and multilayered foam that claims to allow up to 30 per cent more air flow than the most efficient OEM filters. The filter has a lifetime warranty, while the carbon fibre cowl is attached using all the existing factory fittings.

The two-piece kit can be ordered for £418.95 plus VAT from www.forgemotorsport. co.uk. US customers can get it from www.forgemotorsport. com for \$700.

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Porsche podium brings Spa silverware Factory 911 RSRs gets second & third but win eludes Weissach

n the traditional Le Mans 'warm up' event, Porsche Team Manthey scored second and third at the Six Hours of Spa, the second race of the 2015 FIA World Endurance Championship season, with Weissach repeating the same result in the LMP1 class with their two full-season 919 Hybrids.

With Patrick Pilet and Michael Christensen on United SportsCar Championship duty at Long Beach, Porsche's GTE-Pro line-ups were shuffled for Spa, with Richard Lietz moving across to the no. 92 911 RSR alongside Frédéric Makowiecki. The sister no. 91 RSR would be piloted by Porsche Junior Sven Müller and ex-Supercup frontrunner Kévin Estre, both of who would be making their FIA WEC debuts.

After a lack of pace in qualifying - the no. 91 car would line up sixth, one place ahead of the no. 92 - the factory Porsche 911 RSRs showed much better speed during the course of the six-hour main event around the famous Belgian circuit. However, Weissach's hunt for a first win of 2015 was stymied by both cars being penalised during the course of the race. Estre was hit with a drive-through

penalty after a collision with Nick Tandy's 919 Hybrid in the opening 15 minutes, yet thanks to some sterling driving from both the former and his teammate, Müller, the no. 91 RSR mounted a remarkable recovery to take the chequered flag in third.

The race ran more smoothly for the no. 92 car of Lietz and Makowiecki, although this didn't stop them getting a drive-through penalty for abusing track limits. Thankfully for Porsche 911, their closest rivals up to that point – the no. 51 Ferrari 458 – had already been handed a one-minute penalty for a pitstop infraction, making the Austro-French duo's fight back to second place slightly easier.

In the LMP1 class, the no. 18 Porsche 919 Hybrid of Neel Jani, Marc Lieb and Romain Dumas lost out on victory after the no. seven Audi R18's alternative tyre strategy paid off during the final stints. The no. 17 car of Mark Webber, Brendon Hartley and Timo Bernhard took third after starting from pole, while the no. 19 entry of Tandy, Nico Hulkenberg and Earl Bamber came home sixth after the team's earlier incident.



Ammermüller aces Supercup opener

Superb start to the Supercup season for stalwart racer

Michael Ammermüller strolled to a comprehensive victory in the opening race of the 2015 Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, leading home last year's championship runner-up, Kuba Giermaziak, by over seven seconds. Ammermüller, who is once again driving for the Lechner Racing squad, dominated proceedings at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, as the German led every lap from pole position. If that wasn't enough, the perennial Supercup frontrunner grabbed the fastest lap of the race by a remarkable 0.6 seconds.

Giermaziak's second-place finish looked impossible after a tough qualifying session on the Saturday left the Pole starting from ninth. However, a lightning-fast launch saw the VERVA Lechner racer enter turn one in third, ahead of the carnage behind as Porsche Junior's Sven Müller and Connor de Phillippi collided.

After a two-lap safety car period, the multiple Supercup race winner picked off Côme Ledogar on lap ten before Christian Engelhart followed through in similar fashion to take third. Ledogar would eventually finish sixth behind Philipp Eng and Alex Riberas. Total 911's Ben Barker finished ninth after qualifying in 14th on his debut for the MOMO-Megatron team.

Carrera Cup round-up

Carrera Cup Deutschland

Christian Engelhart opened his Carrera Cup campaign with a double victory at the Hockenheimring, holding off Alex Riberas and Jeffrey Schmidt. Ben Barker took a brace of third places.



at Brands Hatch, Josh Webster secured victory in round three at Spa-Francorchamps. Championship leader, Dan Cammish, won round four with Webster second.

Carrera Cup France

Maxime Jousse bounced back from a DNF at round one at Nogaro to win a wet first race at the Le Mans Bugatti circuit. Oleksandr Gaidai took victory in the dry second encounter.

Motor racing in 2015

Porsche Supercup Austria 19-21 June The Porsche Supercup field of 2015 takes on the challenging Red Bull Ring

June

VLN round three 20 lune The third round of the 2015

VLN is the first race on the Nordschleife after the N24

Six Hours of Watkins Glen 26-28 lune The third US endurance monument takes the USCC circus to upstate New York

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Blancpain Sprint Series 3-5 July Downtown Moscow is the venue for round four of the Blancpain Sprint Series

Carrera Cup Deutschland Zandvoort 10-12 July The Carrera Cup series heads to Holland as Ben Barker's podium hunt continues

Total 911's racing columnists



Supercup superstar: Ben Barker

I've been lucky enough to race at places such as Le Mans and Monaco, but before this year

I'd never had a chance to compete at possibly the most legendary track in the world: the Nürburgring Nordschleife. Luckily, the second round of this year's Carrera Cup Deutschland saw us support the famous 24-hour race, giving me my first taste of the Green Hell. It was absolutely insane. The circuit is like a Hot Wheels track (only bigger), with loads of elevation changes and plenty of cambered corners.

It's an amazing place, but you hear so much from so many different people about the track, because it's so famous. Everyone thinks it's awesome, but then everyone says, "Oh, it can really bite you." In the end, I switched off to everyone's opinions and got on with my preparation. Being in the Carrera Cup Deutschland really forces you to learn fast, as it is so competitive, so I took it corner-by-corner and tried to remember the characteristics of each turn!

I don't think you can go to a track like the Nordschleife for the first time and expect to run Before jetting off to Monaco, Ben remarks on his first competitive experience of the Green Hell...

Carrera Cup GB Croft

Josh Webster will be hoping

for more victories at one of his

27-28 June

favourite circuits

at the front. I didn't go into the meeting with any preconceptions, and I left pretty pleased with my performance. The first practice session got wetter and wetter, so I was about 12 seconds off the fastest (around a 16-mile circuit), but the hour-long qualifying session was much better as it was completely dry.

After continuing to learn the circuit on my first set of tyres, I bolted on a fresh set after two laps and went quicker straight out the box - an 8:41s lap. Next time I was three seconds up on that by the time I got round to the fast downhill left-hander at 'Fox Hole', but had to back off completely after my teammate, Connor de Phillippi, had a massive shunt. I qualified 13th, but I reckon a top six would have been on the cards.

At the start of the race, I managed to pass Nicki Thiim (the 2013 Supercup champion, and an overall winner at the 24 Hours of Nürburgring) before closing onto the tail of Christian Engelhart the winner of rounds one and two. I was the man on the move and, on the second lap, I found a way through, challenging the group ahead for sixth place. I made a little mistake at Brünnchen 2 though,



running through the gravel and allowing Nicki back in front. Latching onto him, I managed to eventually finish ninth, with a fastest lap just 2.5 seconds slower than the quickest time. Although this meant that I dropped to fourth in the championship standings, I'm now only three points from the top, as it has all closed up

The last lap of the race was actually really disappointing, as I just wanted to keep going. I've never felt that way at the end of a race before, so I really want to come back again, hopefully to do a VLN race with a view to getting on the 24-hour grid next year.



Josh Webster

Where do I start? Spa was just an awesome, awesome weekend. Obviously, after the crash in testing

there, I was a little apprehensive (especially about Pouhon), but I quickly got that out my mind as soon as I arrived at the circuit.

The Thursday practice sessions were soaking wet, and the Michelin wet tyres we use are so soft that when they're new, they're so much faster than a used set. Just in case either qualifying or the races saw similar conditions, we decided not to use any of our new tyres, which meant we flew under the radar a bit when it came to ultimate lap time.

Qualifying was dry, and I put together three laps that would have been good enough for pole position (which was just as well, because I had one of my times disallowed for running over the track limits). Normally, track limit offences happen on the exit of corners as you run wide, but I actually went four wheels off on the inside of the La Source hairpin, as the apex curb is big enough to fit an entire Cup car! I'm not normally as hot at qualifying as I am in the races - I prefer the racecraft

Carrera Cup champion: Success at Spa has put Josh Webster's Carrera Cup title aspirations back on track...

required in the latter – but without wishing to blow my own trumpet, I think this was probably my best ever qualifying session, due in no small part to the excellent car set up by Team Parker Racing.

In race one, I kept the lead from the start and held off Dan Cammish to take my first win of the year (on team boss Stuart's birthday too). The car is feeling better than ever, and with the talents of Team Parker Racing's engineer, Brad Fincham (Define Performance), it has been coming on leaps and bounds.



Race two was meant to be a 45-minute affair, so with tyre wear quite high at Spa, we set the car up to be strong in the final stages. Unfortunately, a crash meant the safety car was out for nearly two thirds of the race, putting our strategy out the window. Combined with a few mistakes on my behalf, it meant that Cammish was just able to reverse the result from the first race.

Elsewhere, the Porsche Supercup race at the British Grand Prix isn't far away. With the help of Porsche GB and the scholarship, I'll be back on the grid. After my experience in last year's event, I'm aiming for a top five finish, though I would love to get a podium. It's a track I've always done well at, and I want to get a good result, as a full Supercup season is the aim for next year.

First though, I need to defend my Carrera Cup title. Spa has put my championship hopes right back on track. We're third in the standings, still a way off Cammish, but it's a long season and, without wishing bad luck on anyone, I'm sure everyone will have one poor race. I've already had mine, so I think everyone feels like they're just waiting until it's their turn. When that happens, it'll be game on.

The factory driver: Nick Tandy gives his views from beyond the pit wall



A class apart: LMP vs GTE competition

This month, Nick looks at the differences between racing a prototype and a GT car

uring my time in the 919 Hybrid side of Porsche's garage, I've done a lot of testing, and I've always said that when driving, the way to get speed out of a racing car is pretty much the same whether you're in a GT car or a prototype. But actually racing an LMP1 – or LMP2 – car requires a slightly different philosophy, as I've found out over the first three rounds of the FIA World Endurance Championship.

Everyone says modern endurance racing is flat out and, from my own experiences in the factory Porsche 911 RSR, this is certainly true in the GT ranks. Over in the US or in the GTE-Pro class of the FIA WEC, we're driving at almost 100 per cent for the entire race, as are our rivals, and it results in some incredible action. However, from my time behind the wheel of the 919 Hybrid (and KCMG's ORECA), this isn't strictly the case. As drivers, we're still pushing to our maximum, but the boundaries are slightly different, as both the tyres and the energy systems (fuel and electric) need to be managed through each race.

If you go off the racing line – which is quite often when you're lapping in traffic – the prototypes seem to pick up a lot of rubbish on their tyres. It's odd, as we're all racing on the same track at the same time, and I've never experienced anything similar in the RSRs, but it takes a few laps for the tyre to come back to you. Given how close the LMP1 class is looking this year, this can have quite an effect, but at least it is the same for all the manufacturers.

With the energy systems, a lot of the management is done by the team on the pit wall, who relay messages to us to change certain parameters. However, compared to the 911, there are also more ways of changing the 919's dynamics from the cockpit. For example, if you increase the traction control on the front axle, it reduces the effect of the e-motor, helping the car to turn on corner exit.

During an LMP1 race, there are 30-40 people monitoring the three race cars' metrics (from energy recovery to driver inputs) from back in the garage. Although this is similar in the 911 team, because there is so much more to adjust in a prototype the crew can effectively tell the driver what is going on, and how to help it, as it happens. It's the first time I've been on the receiving end of this sort of live coaching, but while some drivers don't like it, anything that can help make us faster behind the wheel can only be a good thing, so I'm really willing to try things out if my engineer suggests it. While my time this season in the 919 is now over (I'll still be completing the FIA WEC season in KCMG's LMP2 car), I'm looking forward to getting back to the number 911 Porsche 911 RSR in the United SportsCar Championship. Since leaving Sebring, I've been fully focused on the prototype side of things, so it will be nice to catch up with the team back in the States. My first race back is at Watkins Glen, which is probably the toughest track on the US calendar. Everyone knows that Sebring is a tight and bumpy place, but there's no let-up at the Glen, especially on the long circuit. It's full of fast, longradius corners where the loadings really build up, and it's always really hot inside the cockpit in the middle of summer.

Only the Nürburgring Nordschleife is a tougher challenge in my opinion. It was sad to miss this year's running of the Nürburgring 24 Hour, but I'm hopeful that I'll be back out on the Green Hell later this year. It's such an incredible track, not just because of its length or how fast it is. There's something really special about the place that I can't quite put my finger on. If you have a Porsche 911 and enjoy driving it as it's intended to be used, you have to make the pilgrimage to do a couple of laps.

Porsche lifestyle



Total 911 brings you six miniature versions of Porsche's storied Le Mans legends

1998 Porsche 911 GT1 6 1 1971 Porsche 917K £40 £40

2:40 Porsche's last outright victory at Le Mans came in 1998 with the rulebending Porsche 911 GT1-98. With a mid-engined layout and carbon fibre monocoque, it was a 911 in name only, but Allan McNish, Stéphane Ortelli and Laurent Aïello used its reliability to good effect, seeing off Mercedes-Benz.

Porsche is so iconic, this car is the reason. Cementing the 917's legend, Helmut Marko and Gijs van Lennep took their short-tailed, magnesium-chassised car to victory in 1971, setting a 24 Hours of Le Mans distance recor that would not be bettered, unbelievably, for some 39 years.

1982 Porsche 956 LH 5 £40

When the Porsche 956 made its Le Mans debut in 1982, Weissach's first Group O prototype didn't just win; it dominated. The factory Rothmans Porsche cars locked out the podium with the number one longtail 956 o Derek Bell and Jacky Ickx leading home siste machines two and three

2 1986 Porsche 962C £40

The Porsche 962 picked up where its predecessor – the 956 – left off, winning the 24 Hours of Le Mans at its first attempt. Victory in the 1986 running of the French classic – driven by Derek Bell, Hans Joachim Stuck and Al Holbert – marked Porsche's seventh straight win at La Sarthe.

K 4 3 1994 Dauer 962 LM £40 £40

By 1994, Group C was in its death knell, and the Porsche 962 had long since been surpassed at the top of the tree. However, exploiting a loophole in the GT regulations, Dauer entered two of their 962 Le Mans 'ro cars', securing victory with Mauro Baldi, Yannick Dalmas and Hurley Haywood.







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Star correspondence



A question from the Pinky Lai interview...

Dear Sir,

I enjoyed your interview with Pinky Lai in issue 126, but I was disappointed that you didn't ask him what the thinking was behind the headlight design. Aside from the move away from air cooling and oft reported engine problems, I've always felt the headlights were a major factor in making the 996 the least loved 911.

Jack Dunning

Your wish is our command, Jack. We forwarded your comments to Pinky and here's what he had to say:

Dear Sir,

Thanks for the question. First and foremost the reason we combined all the lighting elements of the car into one unit was simply to save money, and this concept was also shared with the Boxster platform, too.

That said, I've never came across any reasonable soul that expressed his or her ill feeling about the 996 generation's headlamps. In fact, whenever we met, we celebrated the guts and the glory of the 996, because it's a success story: it turned the once financially broke car maker around into a profit making company. Furthermore, the most significant observation I've made is that those who still praised the circular headlamp and air-cooled engine are the ones that would never understand the reason why the 993 was a hard sell for 18 long months for Porsche. The numbers dropped so dramatically that we had to let go of designers and implement cost-cutting measures!

You should all be glad that thanks to the water-cooled engine revolution and the modernised headlamp shape of the 996, Porsche exists today, and is still competitive. **Pinky Lai**

Total911.com Poll How should the Porsche 911's engine be cooled?

With naturally aspirated 991s set to cease production soon, we wanted to know what runout model you'd like to see. Here are the results:



water-cooled 48%

@Total911

The tweets that caught our attention this month:

@darren_rpm This explains why my coffee cup was rattling!! Filming @ RPMTechnik today.

@BenBarkerMsport Happy to announce a seasons drive with Land Motorsport in Porsche CC Germany. Nice Bday present.

@MrRobFenn £100k premium [for a 991 GT3 RS] is strong but could happen. Big shame GT3s aren't being used and are just currency at the moment.

@**Timo_Bernhard** Here it is my special helmet for #WEC6hSpa #StefanBellof #legend @FIAWEC @PorscheRaces





Write to or email us with your Porsche opinions and the star correspondence will receive a complimentary copy of The Classic Porsche 911 Collection bookazine worth £9.99!



First time on track Dear Sir,

I just wanted to drop you a quick note to let you know that I finally got my car out on a race track - a first for me!

I belong to the Porsche Club of America, but have never attended any of their functions until they sent me an offer to join them for opening day at Watkins Glen race track.

We met early one Sunday morning - with some 40 cars in all - and took a nice 'back roads' trip to the Glen. It was perfect weather, a great drive and my 964 ran like a champ

My wife joined me and was a great sport as we ended up doing six laps around the track. I couldn't believe all of the changes in elevation, and the turns were much more imposing than they originally looked. It was very addictive, and I can see how people get hooked on club-type racing! I was also really impressed with how my old 964 handled it - having four-wheel drive is simply amazing.

After that workout, it's time to pamper the 964 with a trip into the



shop for a valve adjustment and once over. I also have my eye on that new navigation radio from Porsche Classic so I'll keep you updated!

I've attached a pic of us on the track for your perusal. I look forward to the next issue of Total 911! Ken Senter

We're glad you enjoyed your first time on track, Ken. It's certainly an exhilarating experience (even for seasoned circuit veterans) and is the only place to truly push the limits of any Porsche 911.

996 modifications Dear Sir.

I really enjoyed Joel Newman's recent article on wheels and tyres. His

modifications look like the right answer and I would like to do the same to my 4S, which I am developing in a way that I think the late, great Colin Chapman would approve, where less equals more! I think the size of wheels I need are identical to the ones your Living the Legend columnist, Joel, fitted. Joel, please can let me know what offsets yours are (and I would also like your comments on the noise generated by the new setup)?

So far, on my 95,000 mile 2002 Carrera 4S, I have fitted genuine hollow spoke Turbo wheels (which gave a noticeable improvement), stripped out all the rear seats and, probably most significantly, removed the 4WD system. This has transformed the feel of the car.

I am just about to have a bespoke sports equal length header exhaust system

with 200 cats made that I am hoping will sound wonderful, but not too loud. I may see if Jenvey throttle bodies would be a worthwhile fit. Have any of your Living the Legend owners experienced any of these? Lastly, I would like some lightweight, grippy seats to replace the heavy electric affairs that came as standard. Which ones would you choose?

Keep up the great work. **David Williams**

It sounds like you have a great project on your hands, David. Regarding seats, your choice depends on budget: you could go for an aftermarket option or you could always get some OEM 996 GT3/GT2 seats. Design911 have a good variety of both factory and aftermarket options.



Total911.com hot topic: Should we stop obsessing about the 911's past?

Josh wondered if, by continually harking back to its history, we're missing out on enjoying the 911's present. Here are the best of your responses:

- I am selling my 996 because it sits in the driveway collecting dust while I drive my 911 SC everyday. What does that tell you? Tom Helfrich Stone
- Never History cannot be erased! **Douw Raimondo**

Call me a Troglodyte, but if it's not air-cooled, it's not a proper 911. @ArvidBenjamin

I think the article said it all, you can experience the air-cooled Porsche at 'not go to jail' speeds and still have a smile on you while the current

generation needs to go beyond that to even feel the tickle! **Chris Gentle**

It's probably the best car ever made, maybe with the exception of its cousin the Beetle. Why not put it on a pedestal? Antonio Monrov Water is better coolant than air, but no doubt



less "cool" for 911 collectors. We want new 911s to be faster, more efficient and lighter, keeping the essential design and technology of a car design in the 60s. Porsche 911 customers could be the most conservative of the sports car universe! Pablo

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GTS worthy Dear Sir,

I recently read on Total911.com that the 991 Targa GTS "isn't a proper GTS". While I can see the point you are making, I still must disagree.

I think sometimes we can get a little carried away with our Porsche purist mentality. If we agree that the Cabrio is worthy enough for the GTS badge then we must also agree that the Targa is worthy. There simply is not enough space performance-wise between the two variants to include one and not the other. If that one tenth of a second in acceleration is making you think "yes" for the GTS Cabrio and "no" to the GTS Targa then maybe it's time to take a step back, a deep breath and relax. The other argument is that the Coupe is the only variant worthy of GTS. On that, I have this to say: stick with your GT3 (wait, it doesn't come in manual? Not my problem!). Why can't Porsche lovers who also love the feel and sounds of the open air also enjoy the coolness and performance upgrades that the GTS offers?

I'll close with this: not all 911s have to check all the little boxes in our heads. If that were the case then the 911 would get very boring, very fast. It's okay if there is a version of the 911 GTS that is inherently slower than the Coupe version. People need to stop trying to turn the GTS into some kind of track-only, super-enhanced race car. It's not, so relax.

Ryan Zaninovich

MY2016 price list? Dear Sir,

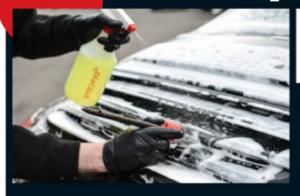
First of all – thanks for the best Porsche magazine in the market! Other editors can say what they want, but they can't turn your pages! Go on strong!

I'm in the market for a 911 (probably a new model), as the attractive 993s/997s are rocketing sky-high when it comes to pricing. I therefore have been sniffing on a manual 991 Carrera 4 or a manual 991 Carrera 4 GTS, as I feel the later model especially (as a possible classic) gives better value for money compared to cars like the 993 C4S. Due to signals that the Carrera will go turbo, I was on the edge of ordering a 2015 model year example this Easter, but held back for a year.

Scanning the Finnish Porsche websites, I came over this pricelist for MY2016. This, to my surprise, gives indications that the 991 Carrera will continue to be naturally aspirated for the next year, if we are to believe what's in the print. Or could the MY 2016 printing at the top left be a misprint? **Viggo Jørn Dale**

Porsche always play their cards very close to their chest and so will not likely disclose that a facelift model is coming, as this could be damaging commercially for this financial year. So we say you can still expect the 911 Carrera to go turbocharged by the end of this year. I hope that helps, and all the best with the new purchase! We recommend a GTS, a superb Carrera that's great value for money.

WIN! Win an Altec protection detail



Everyone wants their Porsche 911 to look pristine. One of the only ways to do that (short of a full restoration) is a professional detail, as we saw in issue 126. The only problem is, thanks to the labour-intensive nature of such a service, many people are put off by the cost. However, courtesy of Altec Detailing, one lucky **Total 911** reader will get their car a full protection detail worth around $\pounds400$.

Altec's protection detail includes a complete 20-stage wash involving snow foam, a high pressure rinse and twobucket hand wash with a lambswool mitt. Your Porsche's body will be cleansed of all contaminants (such as tar) with a comprehensive clay treatment before the paint is

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protected from day-to-day wear with carnuba wax. If that wasn't enough, your wheel arches, door shuts and other nooks and crannies will be cleansed, as will the wheels and brake callipers – and before your exterior brightwork is polished, the tyres are dressed and your wheels protected by PTFE tape.

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"Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming,

"Wow! What a Ride!"

Hunter S Thompson



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It's the most anticipated Porsche 911 in years, so just how does it take the 997 RS 4.0's crown as performance king? Total 911 finds

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out with the first drive of the new 991 GT3 RS

Written by Kyle Fortune Photography by Porsche AG

s confidence leaps go it's a huge one, the uphill, unsighted right-hander climbing out of a bomb-hole that's similar to the 'Seca Corkscrew in gradient, and no less challenging. We remember it well, the 911 Turbo feeling flighty at the peak, requiring every bit of nerve to keep it lit and ride out the slight transition to oversteer at comical speeds – just as the suspension lifted and gravity's hold was relinquished by the force of a turbocharged flat six and the crest of a right-hander. In the new GT3 RS the corner is no less senior,

but very different. The homologation hooligan's aero makes all the difference and keeps it tidier, even at the same speeds that the 991 Turbo managed. We're at Bilster Berg, Germany, which is a challenging track for any car and driver. We've been here once before in that Turbo (and Turbo S), and now there's a Porsche reprise, as it's where we get our world first drive in the 991 GT3 RS. There are some worried-looking faces from the

There are some worned-tooking Porsche hierarchy that the rather tight, heavily cambered track might not be the best place to demonstrate the GT3 RS's entire repertoire. And for the first time ever in a Porsche event, there's an edict that the stability and traction control systems are to remain on. Is this a tacit admission that the GT3 RS is a handful? The discussion prior to our test is that the GT3 RS is, and has to be,

more distinct than the GT3. In the metal, it's most certainly true: that much is obvious from the looks alone. There's no badging and no fancy contrasting livery to denote this limited-run RS model. It doesn't need it. Twice we've seen the 991 GT3 RS on motorshow stands, but nothing prepares you for the visual assault the modified, lighter, magnesiumroofed, bewinged and vented Turbo-bodied RS represents. More than ever before, the RS looks like it's been de-numbered after an endurance race. That rear wing, sat high on skeletal supports, those louvered vents atop the carbon fibre front wings, and the unique front spoiler all absolutely scream Porsche race car.

It's the wheels that really grab you though; the massive 21-inch rear centrelocks with their gargantuan 325-section Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tyres look almost cartoonish in size – it actually makes the GT3 RS look over-tyred. They're the same specification as the 918 Spyder, which tells you everything you need to know in terms of how much grip is on offer. The fronts are marginally smaller at 20 inches and with 265-section rubber. And, according to Porsche's chassis gurus, if one thing has been a developmental then it's been getting those wheels and tyres to fit.

They managed it though, and the result is breathtaking. Traction, always the 911's forte, is incredible, the 0-62mph dash taking just



3.3 seconds. There's never any hint of wheelspin either, the GT3 RS able to despatch its stopwatchbothering party trick without any drama. Keep your right foot on the floor and it'll reach 100mph in an incredible 7.1 seconds (and 125mph in 10.9 seconds) on its way to a 193mph maximum. If you're au fait with that most American measure of performance, it'll go from Christmas tree to the quarter mile marker in just 11.2 seconds, which is a pertinent marker of its performance insanity.

None of the straights at Bilster Berg are long enough to test out those numbers against the clock, but there is no reason to question them – and we know Porsche itself is always conservative when quoting numbers, with an emphasis on repeatability. This is something that troubles Andreas Preuninger, particularly when it comes to one specific number: the Nürburgring lap time. For the record it's being quoted as seven minutes and 20 seconds, which to put in context is nine seconds less



than a Carrera GT. That was achieved on a partially wet track though, and Preuninger says there's at least two – if not three – seconds more to come off that audacious time.

It feels every bit as fast as that, too. It's not the raw speed either, as although the enlarged, 4.0-litre flat six develops an additional 25hp and 20Nm of torque over the GT3, for 500hp and 460Nm respectively, the RS is supported by a chassis that's initially difficult to comprehend. That cresting right-hander we opened with demonstrated it, and the long twin-apex left hander at the end of the main straight at Bilster Berg underlines it.

The RS's nose is keener to turn in than any 911 before. It takes some learning, and even after a few increasingly faster laps it's tough not to have a slight confidence lift. But keeping the accelerator steady or even upping the speed sees the RS arcing a line through the tricky off-camber corner with eye-widening accuracy. Lift slightly, and there's a weight-shifted correction, the rear moving quickly and predictably, though the speeds involved dial up the intensity markedly. That's with the stability control on, the GT3 RS's safety thresholds high enough to allow that adjustability without locking it down with interference and assistance.

The high-speed stability is remarkable, so much so that Walter Röhrl declared he would have the new GT3 RS over its same-capacity 997 namesake, simply because of the extra stability the longer wheelbase brings. And that's without mentioning Above Right: RS-style door pulls and 918-esque steering wheel are the major cockpit revisions from a GT3. Lightweight 918 buckets are available but speccing them means your RS won't arrive until autumn **Right:** The new RS is dripping in detail yet sadly there's no engine shot in sight, as the 991's unit remains hidden

the grip, which thanks to those larger wheels and tyres increases the contact patch by 20 per cent at the front and 18 per cent at the rear. Those Michelins are bi-compound too, using differing rubber compounds on the inner and outer edges, with Preuninger admitting that thanks to the rearwheel steering with RS-specific revisions, the tyres also deteriorate more slowly and are less prone to over-heating under extreme track use.

There's no obvious let-up in tyre performance around the 4.2-kilometre track, the GT3 RS absolutely monstering the 44 crests and dips and 19 corners that make up Bilster Berg's route. Turn the slightly smaller-diameter steering wheel, and the nose reacts with an immediacy more akin to a mid-engined car than a 911, such is the increase in turn-in speed. There is little or no tendency to understeer, even if you're a little bit ambitious with entry speed. In fact, the entire steering system is revised to cope with the additional forces exerted on it thanks to both the RS's downforce and the sheer mechanical grip on offer. There's fine, consistent weighting at the wheel allied to that instantaneous reaction to input. It's entirely possible to accurately judge what's going on at the RS's



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Model	991 GT3 RS
Year	2015
Engine	
Capacity	3,996cc
Compression ratio	12.9:1
Maximum power	500hp @ 8,250rpm
Maximum torque	460Nm @ 6,250rpm
Transmission	Seven-speed PDK
Suspension	
Front	Strut suspension, MacPherson type, Porsche optimised; cylindrical coil springs with internal dampers
Rear	Multi-link suspension on five links; cylindrical coils with coaxial internal dampers
Wheels & tyres	
Front	9.5x20-inch; 265/35/ZR20
Rear	12.5x21-inch; 325/30/ZR21
Dimensions	
Length	4,545mm
Width	1,880mm
Weight	1,420kg
Performance	
0-62mph	3.3 secs
Top speed	193mph

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"More than ever before the RS looks like it's been de-numbered after an endurance race" nose, even if there's paucity of real, quantifiable feel, at least in the traditional sense. It's the best electrically assisted power steering out there, without question, but even the might of Porsche's best and most talented chassis people haven't yet managed to deliver that sensation of genuine connectedness at the wheel.

Where the GT3 RS feels significantly different to its predecessors – and even the standard GT3 – is in its aerodynamic make-up. Here's a road car that's able to offer 80 per cent of the downforce of a GT3 Cup car, yet with only a marginal penalty in drag over the standard GT3. More than any road car before, you can feel the effect of the aerodynamics working on the RS. The front axle's pushed to the road with as much as 121 kilograms of force; the rear, thanks largely to that sizeable wing, generating 224 kilograms of downforce. You will certainly notice its effect on the track, if not the road.

Indeed, for all the talk of a more distinct personality for the RS over the standard GT3, it retains the on-road usability that arrived with the 991 GT3. There's reduced ride height, which causes some chin-scraping, but the optional lift kit should assist here. Such is the performance of the standard GT3 on the road it's all but impossible to ascertain the real differences between the two cars at anything approaching sensible speeds. The RS feels wider, though those huge tyres and RS-tuned suspension, which sees ball joints replacing bushes almost throughout, seem to do little to upset the ride quality – on smooth German tarmac at least. It offers two damping choices via PASM, the firmer of the pairing adding frequency on the road, though works driver Jorg Bergmeister says it adds a touch of understeer on the track. Röhrl seems to disagree, preferring the GT3 RS on track – Bilster Berg at least – with the suspension on the softer of its two settings.

The steering is slightly more alert on the road, but it's not as if the GT3 RS is particularly lacking when it comes to response to input. Likewise, the engine, with its larger swept volume (thanks to a bigger crankshaft made of the same steel that's repeatedly vacuum heated for purity in Porsche's 919 WEC hybrid prototype racing car) doesn't feel markedly different in character. It is slightly more endowed with torque, that being most obvious in the mid-range, with the GT3 RS punching with more force from lower revs. The best of its performance is obviously revealed when that flat six's pistons are striving for their maximum rate, but the spread of power is more accessible, easier and faster than ever. If you're reaching the slightly lower (by 200rpm) redline at 8,800rpm in the GT3 RS on the road then you'll be asking for trouble. Literally, the GT3 RS's combined engine and exhaust note act like a siren-call for police for

many, many miles around. It sounds absolutely magnificent, the noise it makes unsurprisingly similar to the GT3, but infused with a slightly more guttural, harder edge. There's little advantage to pressing the button for the Sports exhaust, it adding noise rather than real intensity, and it's not short on volume with it on its more sensible setting.

A few laps in with confidence growing, it's possible to see where the GT3 RS betters the Turbo around the track. Following Porsche's Jorg Bergmeister in a Turbo S, it's obvious he's a bit busier around here than he might be in the RS: it's moving around where the GT3 RS feels utterly resolute. A lap alongside him later demonstrates that on at least a handful of corners we're being far too cautious with the new Rennsport.

Back in the driving seat, assured that the GT3 RS can carry more speed than we've been giving it until now, the change is notable. Even on a trailing throttle or braking deep into a bend, the GT3 RS's stability is remarkable. The fully variable electronic differential and torque vectoring unquestionably play their part here, as does the rear-wheel steering. It requires serious intent and an abandon of caution to really reveal what it's capable of, and the GT3 RS is unlikely to run out of ideas before the average driver runs out of bravery. If you're attuned to track driving, it's a hugely engaging, rewarding car to drive, feeling every bit the homologation "It's a sensational car that moves the RS game on – perhaps more significantly than any Rennsport before it"

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Walter Röhrl on the 991 GT3 RS

Bilster Berg is a relatively unfamiliar track, so we jump alongside Porsche legend Walter Röhrl for some sighting laps and a chat as a chasing pack of 991 GT3 RSs follow. "This or the 997 GT3 RS 4.0, then?" I ask. "Definitely this, it's so much more stable thanks to the longer wheelbase, and the grip is incredible," says Walter.

He's done over 6,000 miles in the new RS, mostly over the past few weeks and on the road, his role in the development not so involved as he was busy elsewhere working on the 918 Spyder. Even on the smooth track tarmac, Röhrl prefers the suspension in its softer setting. Like Preuninger, Röhrl finds the Nürburgring lap time chasing somewhat futile, saying that the difference between what pro drivers can achieve and what customers might be able to do leaves a sizeable gap. That said, his assertion that the 991 GT3 RS

That said, his assertion that the 991 GT3 RS can be fully exploited by owners is not in question, though even Röhrl admits it'd be his choice as a track car and he'd have something else for the road. What might that be? "The Cayman GT4," replies Röhrl. That's quite an admission from Porsche's most famous employee, the GT3 RS remaining the giant-killing, track-focused monster it's always been, but now operating on such a plane it's become a more specialist proposition, albeit not at the expense of its always rounded ability.



racer, with its faithfulness to input and incredible combination of both mechanical and aero grip. You genuinely need to recalibrate your expectations as to what's possible, as the RS delivers more the harder you drive it. Hesitancy creates imbalance, yet the RS needing real commitment, though the rewards are absolutely mighty if you're prepared to push yourself – and it – harder each time with increased confidence.

Less benign than the GT3, there is an edgier, more hardcore side as you'd expect, though it's not a car to be frightened of; it's simply a case of learning the 991 GT3 RS's ways and trusting its capabilities. Do that and it's little short of driving nirvana, the ultimate representation of Porsche's GT department, at least without the requirement for Nomex attire and a one-way, ultimately circular drive. Yet, for this road car, the track feels like its natural environment, the only place where it's genuinely possible to start nibbling away at its limits, carrying enough pace to start enjoying the effect of its aerodynamic enhancements and allowing for the joyous thrill of wringing that flatsix out to its redline to be realised.

Do so, and the forces acting upon you will be intense; the visceral, heady combination of building G-force (not just accelerative, but cornering too) allied to that intoxicating soundtrack being all but impossible to resist. Reach that redline, and the merest hint of pressure on the paddle sees the PDK swap ratios with astounding pace before it all starts again. Several laps in, we're still occasionally spitting out expletives in utter bewilderment, as our speed continues to increase on each lap. Just as the engine's ability to shift the RS's reduced mass is improved, so too are the brakes. All the launch cars were fitted with the \pounds 6,248 PCCB option, and on evidence of the sort of huge abuse meted out on them on the track they're a must-have. The pedal feel is assured, the stopping power never anything less than extraordinary. Indeed, the only way the braking experience could be improved would be to fit the Clubsport's multi-point harnesses to ensure you're held in place tightly rather than hanging off the inertia reels and holding the steering wheel too tightly as a result.

A lap bending the rules with everything switched off reveals that it's just as playful as the GT3, only at higher speeds. Switching it back on does nothing to detract from the Rennsport's appeal, and adds confidence behind the wheel - not least as this track shares the Nürburgring's barrier proximity and limited run-off in places. Not that the GT3 RS is a daunting prospect - far from it - but with them on, it never feels in any way like it's reining you in or second-guessing you. This reveals the fundamental correctness to how it's been set up in the first place, the GT3 RS a quite phenomenally able car that's seemingly without any vices. It's not just evident at the very extremities of its performance, but also when simply asked of the mundane, everyday grind. There's none of the previous RS traits of recalcitrance from the drivetrain (it's devoid of the transmission chunter or occasional hiccup at slow speeds), the GT3 RS blending the elements that define the 991 series, but with the focus of the GT department. Some might find that polish a little bit anodyne in comparison, but that'll quickly diminish

the second the RS is given a chance to shine in its natural environment. There, it'll challenge and goad you to ever swifter lap times.

The sometimes tight, usually fast, enormously undulating and always tricky track here at Bilster Berg is a huge challenge for any car, but the GT3 RS just keeps on revealing more with every single lap. It's a sensational car that moves the RS game on, perhaps more significantly than any Rennsport before it - even the mighty 997 RS 4.0. Given the starting point offered by the 991 GT3 is already among the most accomplished, rewarding and engaging cars that money of any amount can buy, that's a very serious statement for the 991 GT3 RS to adhere to. But then the GT3 RS is a very serious car, as we always knew it was going to be. It just took that first leap of faith through that cresting, blind right-hander to really underline just how sensational it really is.

991 GT3 RS first drive: the verdict

Positives

- Mechanical and aerodynamic grip is sensational, with quick steering and incredible agility;
- Much more distinct visually from its GT3 relation;
- Incredible value-to-performance ratio, in comparison to the used GT3 market it's ridiculously cheap.

Negatives

- Slightly over-wheeled look to the rear end;
- Wider than the GT3, which limits its ability when on tighter roads;
- Question mark over the ride on rougher surfaces and limited possibilities to really use its full performance.

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The more things change, the more they stay the same, as we found out taking two of the best driver's 911s on the open road

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n paper, this shouldn't even be close. They may both be united under Porsche's fabled Rennsport banner, but the statistics suggest these are two markedly different beasts; 18 years and nearly 200hp separates these virtuos.

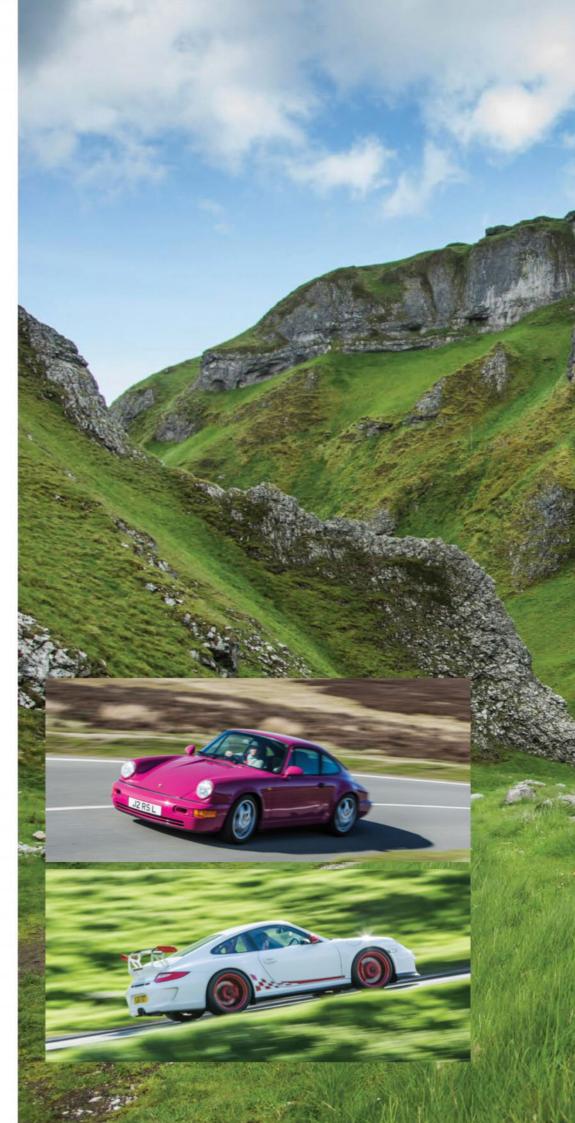
One is air-cooled, a bastion of the Carrera RS legacy; while the other was, until page 18 of this magazine, at the pinnacle of the hardcore GT3 RS genus. Both are gods, but they exist in diametrically opposed worlds. When we first considered this head-to-head, the prices of these two RS icons were at least roughly comparable. However, even the values of this dynamic duo have diverged in recent months, appearing to leave me with two (admittedly glorious) neunelfers at my disposal, but without a central tenet connecting them.

Released in 1991, some 16 years after the last true Rennsport 911, the Porsche 964 Carrera RS had big shoes to fill. Descended from the instantly legendary 2.7 RS and its full-fat brother, the 3.0 RS, the original 964 RS was tasked with continuing an impressive legacy. On the proverbial paper though, the 964 didn't look man enough for the job. Compared to a bog-standard Carrera 2, power was officially only hiked by a measly 10bhp and, while the car's mass was reduced by up to 120 kilograms (depending on trim specifications), the 964 RS wasn't as visually arresting as its Rennsport brethren. For one thing, where was the outlandish wing that had become an RS staple?

By comparison, the 997.2 GT3 RS was instantly admired upon its release just six years ago. Like the 964 RS, the 997.2 GT3 RS was the third iteration of its respective sub-brand but, while the former was the first of its kind for over a decade, the 997 was simply a follow-on to two superb water-cooled RSs: the 996 GT3 RS and the 997.1 GT3 RS. Complete with lairy decals, centre-lock wheels and a massive, motorsport-inspired rear wing, its success was guaranteed from the moment it rolled off the production line in Stuttgart. Its air-cooled cousin certainly seems to have its work cut out today if it wants to impress.

I had, until this point, never driven a 964 Carrera RS. In fact, I had only ever driven a 964 Carrera 2. Once. Despite this, the elder of the two Rennsports immediately fits me like a glove. Dropping into the as-new bucket seats, all the controls are straight to hand. With no electronic settings to play with, it's a simple case of slide in, strap up and switch on. And, when I do flick the key to engage the starter, the 3.6-litre flat six snarls into life with rumbling baritone, quite unlike any of its contemporaries. Its tone is rich, with the lack of rear seats and sound deadening behind me amplifying its effect throughout the cockpit. A few blips of the razor-sharp throttle highlights that despite the understated aesthetics, this is a true road racer, just like the 997.

Heading out of the sleepy village of Hathersage and onto the open roads of the Peak District National Park, the 964 is raring to be unleashed.







With a challenging set of twists ahead, I relent, burying the throttle into the bulkhead.

My god, no 25-year-old has the right to chase the horizon this fervently! While not as whiplashinducing as the modern machines, the 964 RS's pace over the straight tarmac is unrelenting, with a smooth slug of torque through the flat six's mid range. The effect is amplified by the closeratio G50 gearbox, with the second, third and fourth ratios sitting closer than they do in a standard Carrera. The clutch is perfectly weighted too, making each shift a joy. Lift, clutch, snick the next gear and back on the gas in one seamless transition. Christian Ayres, the custodian of these two incredible RSs, is currently piloting the GT3 RS, leading the way through some of the Peak's finest roads, and while the 997 (with its extra performance) may be racing ahead on straights, the 964 certainly isn't losing face given its greater age. Christian isn't hanging about, but as we enter our first real cornering test, the gap begins to stabilise. Faced with a succession of parabolas, the 964 begins to show its true colours.

Despite only just getting behind its wheel, I'm instantly able to start exploiting the delectable chassis balance, pitching the car towards the apex with gusto. The steering's weight is perfectly



judged, with just a hint of understeer on the initial turn in. The stiffened front damping allows the tyres just enough slip to inspire the confidence to carry ludicrous levels of speed into each corner. Yet, combined with the increased anti-roll control, the steering remains wonderfully precise and accurate. Despite its classic proportions and weight distribution, the steering doesn't go alarmingly light at these speeds, providing plenty of steering feel. It helps that Christian's car is just 6,300 miles old, but it's still apparent that the 964 RS is possibly the perfect tool for attacking a UK B-road.

For some 911s, carrying this level of entry speed would cause all manner of problems through the middle of a corner, yet the 964 is simply not fazed. Unlike later RS 911s, the 964 has a surplus of grip compared to power. You're not likely to find yourself doing long, lazy, oversteery drifts in it. Instead, you can immerse yourself in the most user-friendly Rennsport Porsche has ever built. From mile one, I've been instantly at ease in the 964 in a way that I've never experienced in any other car before, with the chassis allowing me to focus on keeping my momentum high. It's the classic 911 experience polished and purified to perfection.

All the control weights are ideally judged, unlike some of the other performance-orientated 911s, where things like the clutch feel artificially heavy. The brakes are similarly impressive. Sure, they

Left: The 964 RS's classic lines are even more prominent when contrasted with the various aero addenda on the 997 GT3 RS

997.2 GT3 RS 2010

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Engine

Capacity 3.800cc **Compression ratio** 12 2.1 Maximum power 450bhp @ 7,900rpm Maximum torque 430Nm @ 6,750rpm

Transmission Six-speed manual

Suspension

Front Independent; MacPherson strut; telescopic dampers with coil springs; anti-roll bar; PASM Rear Independent; Multi-link; telescopic dampers with coil springs; anti-roll bar; PASM

Wheels & tyres

Front 9x19-inch alloys; 245/35/ZR19 tyres Rear 12x19-inch alloys; 325/30/ZR19 tyres

> **Brakes** Front 380mm drilled and vented discs Rear

> 380mm drilled and vented discs Dimensions

Length

4,460mm Width 1,852mm Weight

1,370kg

Performance 0-60mph 4.0 secs Top speed 192mph



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3,600cc Compression ratio 11.3.1 Maximum power 260bhp @ 6,100rpm

1992

Engine

Capacity

964 Carrera RS

Maximum torque 310Nm @ 4,800rpm Transmission Five-speed manual

Suspension Front

Independent; MacPherson strut; telescopic dampers with coil springs; anti-roll bar Rear Independent; Semi-trailing arms; telescopic

47

31

dampers; coil springs; anti-roll bar

Wheels & tyres Front

7.5x17-inch magnesium wheels; 205/50/R17 tyres Rear 9x17-inch magnesium wheels; 255/40/R17 tyres Brakes Front 320mm drilled and vented discs Rear

299mm drilled and vented discs Dimensions

Length

4,250mm Width 1,650mm Weight 1,230kg (Sport)

Performance 0-60mph 5.4 secs Top speed 162mph

lack the ultimate pulling-up power of later 'Big Reds', yet they are easily the most sure-footed stoppers I've ever used on an air-cooled car. The pedal is stiff and reasonably short, giving plenty of feedback to my right foot as I anchor up for the next dose of dynamic brilliance.

I could drive – and wax lyrical – all day in the 964 RS. It's so superbly judged. Before I jumped behind its wheel, I thought that the 964 RS was overrated, but after thrashing around for 100 miles, the hype that helped prices to snowball last year is well and truly worth believing. In the real world, it is probably one of the only 911s that could have kept up with Christian in the 997.2 GT3 RS. That, I think, says it all.

Age has been kind to its looks too. The 964's small footprint and squat stance (40mm lower than a Carrera 2) gives it a purposefulness that the 997 instead achieves through its various aerodynamic addenda. They are very different beasts, yet they both strive towards the same goal. That much becomes clear as I switch seats and buckle up behind the GT3 RS's Alcantara steering wheel. Like the 964, the single-mass flywheel chatters away with the car in neutral, and as I get underway, the throttle is not just razor sharp; it's positively cut throat.

The Mezger engine packs one hell of a punch too, giving the 997 plenty more power than grip. From 3,000-4,000rpm, the induction noise permeates throughout the cabin before the idiosyncratic howl from the motorsport-derived motor kicks in. Like the 964 RS's powerplant, there's a noticeable kick to the delivery between 4,800-5,200rpm too. However, while the 964's transition to this higher level of shove is smooth, the 997 punts you forward with an almighty blast.

With so much extra velocity, I'm glad that the 'Big Red' stoppers in the GT3 RS are some of the best in the business. The pedal is even shorter and harder than the 964, with superb bite that helps me shed speed deep into each braking zone. If I had one qualm, it would be that the pedals don't feel ideally placed for heal-and-toe downshifts on the road; you really need to be pushing the brake pedal through the bulkhead to get it comfortably aligned with the throttle. It's clear that while the 964 RS is a road car for the track, the 997 RS is a track car for the road.

After the instantly gregarious relationship I had developed with the 964, the 997 feels much more nervous as I tackle the Peak's twisting tarmac. The front end is so much stiffer (in both its damping and its anti-roll), providing almost too much ability on turn in, certainly at road speeds, where the limits of adhesion aren't being tested to their maximum. The GT3 RS noses into each corner like a hound

Right: On the open road, the 964 RS's instant user-friendliness makes it a very real rival to the 3.8-litre GT3 RS

Far Right: With nearly 40 years of Rennsport expertise behind it, the second-generation 997 RS is the ultimate road rocket "I thought the 964 RS was overrated but the hype is well and truly worth believing"











after a scent, dialling straight in towards the apex before I've even had a chance to fully comprehend my new trajectory.

It takes me a while to recalibrate my brain, but when I finally do, the 997 really does feel as if it is painted to the road. The more I become reacquainted with the car's talents (it was only a few issues ago that I found myself piloting Porsche's press car), the more I feel like I'm able to exploit its worth. However, while I'm pushing more on corner entry, the 997's ability to kick the tail out on the exit requires a more measured approach compared to the 964. With 450hp on tap, it feels a bit more pointand-squirt, especially as the car's stiff suspension settings don't give me the confidence to get on the power early. Combined with its pointy front end, the 997 feels more like a mid-engined car, while the 964 retains more of the classic 911 character.

This is where the 964, in the real world, was coming into its own. It's so easy to get on with that you really can exploit 75, 85, maybe even 95 per cent of its talents within 20 miles. By comparison, the GT3 RS is more stand-offish, testing your talents and only fully unlocking to those it deems worthy. The 964 wants to shake your hand, while the 997 wants to rip it off.

Don't take this the wrong way though; this is not a bad thing. Far from it. The 997's hidden reserves make it possibly the more appealing as a long-term prospect. At the end of another large loop of the Peak District, I still don't feel like I've got on top of the car. It's left me wanting more, wanting to further my skill behind the wheel. Despite its extra size, the water-cooled Rennsport feels noticeably more nimble. While the 964 was providing a heavy workout for my shoulders, the 997 simply requires some smooth wrist work to flick it from corner to corner.

The GT3 RS's extra dynamic aggression also shines through in its aesthetic appeal. There aren't many cars that look faster when sitting at a set of traffic lights. The classic red-on-white colour scheme and that table-sized wing let you know that this car means business before you've even opened the door. In reality, I suppose I knew I was in for a challenge the moment I stepped out of the 964 RS. Andreas Preuninger's team really has turned things up to 11 since water was deemed greater than air. There's part of me that thinks the 997.2 GT3 RS is a little too much. After a while, it may become so, but paired with the 964 they probably create the perfect two-car RS garage. The early car is an inviting day-to-day proposition, while the 997 is the weekend toy that would make a pulse-racing tool for track work. I don't think I could choose between them; I'd have to own both, because in reality they are two sides to the same coin. Despite their obvious differences aesthetically, dynamically and statistically though, there is something intrinsic that bonds these two Rennsport heroes. They are the two greatest driver's cars Porsche has ever built, with an appetite for involvement that most 911s will never be able to match.

After a truly incredible day – such stuff as dreams are made of – the statistics that suggested this would be a one-sided fight are well and truly put to the wind. Weissach may have made huge strides since the switch to water-cooling – the 997.2 GT3 RS is undoubtedly a huge technological leap forward from the 964 Carrera RS – but this Porsche 911 pair are perfectly suited to one another. Blood truly does run thicker than water.



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THE FIRST MONSTER

A little-known piece of Weissach's history, this Martini-liveried Le Mans icon is one of the most important 911 racers ever built

Written by Josh Barnett Photography by Dan Pullen

n 1972, Porsche launched the 917/20, a car designed for the Can-Am Challenge Cup, North America's no-holds-barred series for prototype racers. In the hands of George Follmer, the car dominated that year's championship, and in doing so helped to irrevocably change the face of the motorsport landscape during the Seventies and Eighties. How? The 917/20 was Porsche's first turbocharged racer, utilising two Kühnle, Kopp & Kausch turbos to produce a brutal 850hp from its 5.0-litre flat 12 engine.

A year later, Porsche upped their game even further with the Porsche 917/30, a 5.4-litre evolution of the previous season's machine that could turn out around 1,500hp in qualifying trim. Once again, the twin turbocharged car was the class of the Can-Am field, comfortably propelling Mark Donohue to that year's title. The 917/30 was so effective that it was almost single-handedly responsible for the decline of the series (which took a two-year hiatus after the 1974 season).

Thanks to the dominant fashion of the 917/30's success, turbocharging had well and truly proved its worth to Zuffenhausen's board, who immediately set about applying the lessons learnt on the track to furthering the Porsche 911 on the road. First to arrive was a 2.7-litre, narrow-bodied test mule gifted to Louise Piech in 1973 (a car featured in **Total 911** issue 112) before the 930 was first unveiled at that year's IAA in Frankfurt. To help the development of the new 911 Turbo ahead of its launch for the 1975 model year though, Porsche wanted to prove the abilities of a turbocharged 911 in competition. To do so, they created this: the Porsche 911 Carrera RSR Turbo 2.1. Turbolade

Designed to the FIA's Group 5 rules, the car would have to race against bespoke sports prototypes from the likes of Matra and Ferrari. This wasn't unfamiliar territory for Porsche though, as the year before, the Martini-liveried factory 2.8 RSRs were extensively modified with a wider rear track, huge 'Mary Stuart' ducktail wings, centrelock wheels and 3.0-litre engines, forcing them to race among the prototype ranks for the majority of the 1973 season.

Chassis numbers 911 360 0588 and 911 360 0686 (often known as 'R6' and 'R7' respectively) still proved competitive on occasion, with the former famously winning the final running of the Targa Florio road race and the latter coming home fourth overall in that year's 24 Hours of Le Mans, both times with Gijs van Lennep and Herbert Müller at the wheel.



Model	911 Carrera RSR Turbo 2.1
Year	1974
Engine	
Capacity	2,143cc
Compression ratio	6.5:1
Maximum power	480hp @ 8,000rpm
Maximum torque	461Nm @ 5,900rpm
Transmission	Five-speed manual 915-type
Suspension	
Front	Independent; MacPherson strut with Bilstein damper and titanium coil spring; lower wishbone, anti-roll bar
Rear	Independent; semi-trailing arm; Bilstein dampers and titanium coil springs; anti-roll bar
Wheels & tyres	
Front	10.5x15-inch magnesium alloys; 10.5/23.0-15 racing slicks
Rear	16x15-inch magnesium alloys; 15.0/26.0-15 racing slicks
Brakes	
Front	300mm drilled and vented discs; finned calipers
Rear	300mm drilled and vented discs; finned calipers
Dimensions	
Length	Unknown
Width	Unknown
Weight	825kg
Performance	
0-62mph	3.2 secs
Top speed	189mph

The knowledge garnered by these prototypes helped Weissach to develop the Carrera 3.0 RSR for the 1974 season. However, these would be exclusively raced by privateers, freeing up the works Martini Racing Team to focus its efforts on the 911 Carrera RSR Turbo 2.1, four of which were built (three for racing and one for testing). While it used a G-Series '460' chassis as a basis, the same as a 3.0 RSR, the Carrera RSR Turbo 2.1 was, in reality, a markedly different beast, requiring the full attention of the factory. At the rear sat a 2,143cc flat six engine with a single KKK turbocharger. While the displacement may seem random, the Group 5 regulations stated a maximum engine capacity of 3.0 litres (introduced after the dominance of the 917s earlier in the decade). The equivalency factor for forced-induction cars was 1.4, giving a total capacity of just over 2.1 litres. To achieve this, Porsche reduced the bore diameter to 83mm (7mm smaller than the 3.0 RSR) and shortened the stroke to 66mm with the same crankshaft design as the 2.0-litre Porsche 911.





Like the standard RSR, the RSR Turbo 2.I's engine featured a magnesium alloy crankcase, polished titanium con-rods and sodium-cooled valves. Enlarged oil pumps were tasked with keeping the flat six lubricated, while there was also a dual ignitions system with Bosch mechanical fuel injection. The engine bay came in for extensive modifications, with the rearward chassis legs drilled out to save weight and the rear bulkhead removed, replaced by a tubular subframe, used to support the turbocharger and large intercooler. Running 1.4 bar of boost, the flat six produced 480hp at 8,000rpm (impressive statistics, even by today's standards). This power was fed through the RSR's standard 915 gearbox, an 80 per cent locked differential and uprated driveshafts.

Suspension-wise, the torsion bar system seen on the road-going 911 and 3.0 RSR was replaced with a MacPherson-style strut, Bilstein damper and titanium coil spring at the front, mounted to a lower wishbone. At the rear, a similar damper-andspring arrangement was utilised, connected to a semi-trailing arm. Spherical bearings were used all around, with anti-roll bars at either end allowing some degree of dynamic tuning. While the front



wheels and tyres were carried over from the 3.0 RSR, the rear wheel width was increased to 16 inches, with the magnesium alloys housing drilled/ vented discs and finned calipers from the 917.

In order to save weight, the majority of the body panels were manufactured in fibreglass, including the entire door assemblies (which hit the scales at just 4.5 kilograms for the pair). After extensive testing, the fuel tank - traditionally located in the front recess of racing 911s - was moved inside the cockpit, sitting behind the passenger seat and taking up the majority of the space usually occupied by the rear pews. The change helped to keep the car's balance more stable as fuel burnt off during a stint, although it also helped to keep the majority of the Carrera RSR Turbo's mass over the back axle. With 70:30 weight distribution to the rear, Porsche was clearly focussed on helping the traction of the turbocharged monster, albeit at the cost of an incredibly light front end, accentuating the 911's traditional understeer.

As well as the extensive lightening and engine modifications, the Group 5 regulations also allowed Porsche to experiment with more extreme aerodynamics. At the front, the bonnet's line is continued onto the front bumper, featuring a deep 'air dam' chin and lip spoiler. However, it is the rear end that grabbed the most attention. Gone was the 911's curved rear screen, instead replaced with a nearly horizontal unit from which two angular wing supports extended on either side. The rear three-quarter windows were removed, replaced by fibreglass NACA ducts that fed air into the engine's intake while the right-hand wing support was home to a large scoop for the turbocharger. Between the two wing supports was another vent, this time feeding the intercooler with fresh air.

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The pièce de résistance, though, was undoubtedly the huge, adjustable rear wing. From almost any angle it stole the visual show, causing displeasure from the Porsche board. In order to provide some semblance of the 911's classic silhouette, it was ordered that the rear wing should be painted black, helping it to blend in with the tarmac when viewed from the grandstands.

Three different chassis were used in competition by the factory Porsche team during the 1974 season. 911 460 9016 and 911 460 9101 (known as 'R9' and 'R11') were the first to see action at the non-championship Four Hours of Le Mans, run on the shorter 'Bugatti' circuit. The same two cars took part in March's test day on the Le Mans track before heading to the Monza 1,000km on 25 April, the first round of the World Sportscar Championship.

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With 'R9' as a spare car, van Lennep and Müller finished fifth overall in 'R12' before heading to the Spa 1,000km and getting the Porsche 911 Carrera RSR Turbo 2.1 onto the outright podium for the first time. At the Nürburgring 1,000km, 'R9' would be back in action as Manfred Schurti and Helmuth Koinigg finished seventh, one place behind the sister car of van Lennep and Müller. The latter duo would switch to 'R9' at Imola for round four, but after retiring, a new chassis - 911 460 9102 - was readied for the 24 Hours of Le Mans. That car, christened 'R13', is the very car featured in these pages. Driven by van Lennep and Müller in that year's running of the famous French endurance event, Porsche nearly pulled off a giant-killing performance of remarkable proportions, only to be scuppered by their own sportsmanship.

As was the case throughout the 1974 season, the RSR Turbo 2.1s were not expected to challenge for overall victory against the hordes of outright prototypes of Matra, Alfa Romeo and Mirage.



Weissach's hopes were further dashed after just 87 laps when 'R12' was forced out of the race with a damaged connecting rod. However, in the hands of van Lennep and Müller, 'R13' was running reliably in second, bested only by the Matra of Henri Pescarolo and Gérard Larrousse.

Heading into Sunday morning, the 911's gearbox – heavily stressed by the enormous torque and turbo lag – broke, leaving its Dutch-Swiss driving duo stuck in fourth gear, losing them around 40 seconds a lap to the Matra. Then, with just over four hours to go, the Matra's gearbox also failed. The RSR Turbo was back in with a chance – at least, it would have been if Porsche hadn't sent two mechanics over to the Matra pits to help repair the French team's gearbox. The Matra MS670 used a Porschedesigned transmission, leaving Weissach obligated to provide assistance. After losing 45 minutes, Pescarolo was back out, narrowly retaining the lead. With Porsche unable to effect a similar gearbox replacement on their 911 (the transmission mounted awkwardly in front of the engine), the Matra pulled out a six-lap lead, leaving the Carrera RSR Turbo 2.1 to take a still-impressive second.

'R13' was rested for the 1,000km of Zeltweg before returning as Porsche's sole entry at the Six Hours of Watkins Glen, where van Lennep and Müller once again finished second overall behind a Matra. It was to be the last piece of silverware for any 911 Carrera RSR Turbo 2.1, as Porsche could only manage seventh and fifth in the season-ending 1,000km races at Paul Ricard and Brands Hatch. It was still good enough to secure third overall in the World Sportscar Championship though, three points ahead of Alfa Romeo's full-fat T33 prototype.

With the season over, the Turbo 2.1s were mothballed (although 'R13' would surface again in 1977, taking part in the 24 Hours of Daytona in the hands of Interscope Racing before passing onto Vasek Polak Racing for that year's 3 Hours of Mid Ohio). However, the car's impact would be felt for many years after its service came to an end, with Porsche implementing many of the lessons learnt on the Turbo 2.1 onto the legendary 935 racer. It's easy to see the resemblances, from the sloping lines of the front bumper, to the extended wing supports.

That gives 'R13' – the most successful car of the trio – huge historic significance. 'R9' sold at auction in 2012 for \$3.245 million (when Gooding & Co had estimated it at between \$1.75-\$2.25 million). With its added glories, 'R13' is likely to have proved a sound investment for its current custodian, the Fica Frio Collection. In reality though, it is impossible to put a value on a car like this. The worth of Porsche's first 911 monster cannot simply be measured in financial terms. Without the Carrera RSR Turbo 2.1, the fire-breathing leviathans of the late Seventies and Eighties would probably not have enjoyed the success they did.

The Carrera RSR Turbo 2.1's Le Mans legacy



935 After a year out in 1975, Porsche returned to Group 5 racing with the silhouette 935 racer. Initially featuring the 911's upright wings, the 935 switched to the famous flatnose design in its debut season. Although the works 935s never triumphed at Le Mans, Kremer Racing took their K3 version to the top of the podium in 1979.





Based on the Porsche 959 supercar and built to Group B regulations, the 961 made its racing debut at the 1986 24 Hours of Le Mans, finishing seventh overall in the hands of René Metge and Claude Ballot-Léna. A year later, the car was again rolled out at La Sarthe, but an accident meant the 961 didn't finish the race.



1995 993 GT2/GT2 Evo Built to the then-new GT2 regulation

Built to the thermore G12 regulations it was named after, the 993 GT2 had a steady start to life at Le Mans, finishing 15th overall in 1995. The following year it would win its class, repeating the feat in 1997, when it also achieved its best overall finish of ninth in the hands of Elf Haberthur Racing.



1996 **911 GT1**

Porsche built a bespoke, mid-engined GT1 racer under the 911 badge. They finished second and third overall in 1996, but disaster struck the Evo versions in 1997 when they proved both unreliable and uncompetitive. Returning with an all-new car in 1998, Porsche took its 16th outright Le Mans victory.

Inside the workmanlike cockpit, van Lennep and Müller were greeted by few creature comforts, though they did get two boost gauges; the fuel tank was also moved from the front compartment into the cabin









from the 917 had to help transfer nearly 500hp onto the tarmac der



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FAITHFUL FRIEND

After more than three decades of ownership, this 2.4-litre 911S and its owner have amassed 250,000-miles of glorious flat-six memories...

Written by Glen Smale Photography by Alisdair Cusick

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e all have our favourite possessions that, despite their years or state of repair, we just can't part with. It might simply be a faded old jumper that's too comfortable to throw away, or a trusty tool in the garage, or a long-playing record that continues to soothe all those worldly intrusions. For Robin and Jo Walker, that prized possession is their 1973 2.4-litre 91IS, a car they've owned for 33 years and racked up more than 250,000 miles driving around Europe in the meantime.

Robin's 911S adventure began in 1981 following a job redundancy. For years, he had helped friends by spannering for them and assisting on rally stages, and upon hearing the sound of a competition 911 at full stretch through the forests, he made up his mind that one day he would buy one. With all £3,500 of his redundancy money, he started a country-wide search, but one 911 caught his eye closer to home in Finchley, and Robin decided to purchase the car. He recalls, "The first time I put petrol in it, it was 38p a litre, and £20 filled it up. I was still unemployed at that point, but eventually I found a job with a company in Uxbridge."

Looking back at the early 911 range, for the first five years of the model's production the wheelbase was 2,211mm, but in 1969 it was extended by 57mm to 2,268mm. This was also the last year for the 2.0-litre engine, and the first year for mechanical fuel injection in the 'S' model. In 1972, the 911's wheelbase was extended by 3mm to 2,271mm, and due to increasing exhaust emission regulations in the US, a new 2.4-litre engine was introduced. This was necessary as in some export markets highoctane fuel was not available, and so the 2.4-litre engine compression was lowered to cope with regular fuel – yet the S model still boasted a healthy 190bhp at 6,500rpm.

In 1972, the new Type 915 manual transmission was introduced with a revised H-pattern, now with first and second gear on one line. In 1972, the oil tank was relocated ahead of the right rear wheel too, with the filler cap on the right rear fender. The 'S' model was fitted with a plastic front valance



to act as a spoiler, and the 'S' had 15mm thicker antiroll bars front and rear.

With the keys to a 911 in his hands and a new job to boot, Robin now had a 38-mile daily drive to work, and for the first three years he drove the 911 into London every day. Robin recalls, "In those London traffic jams, it would sometimes be quicker to walk because the traffic was solid, but I put on over 70,000 miles in three years in that car. In that time I did virtually nothing to the car apart from putting oil and petrol into it and cleaning it, but I learnt an awful lot about the car, how to handle it and how to drive it."

The car was sold to its first owner in Bologna, Italy, in 1973, but at some point in its early life it was involved in an accident. An attempt to cover this up was made, but the car was not repaired properly, and it was only much later that Robin discovered the damage on the offside inner wing. In an attempt to conceal the damage, the owner resorted to forward-dating the car by fitting impact bumpers, different front wings, RS 2.7 rear wings, seven-inch RS wheels and a whaletail at the rear. Despite having the underpinnings of an early car, it looked more like an SC, but unfortunately with the impact bumpers and additional bodywork items, the car was quite heavy. The 'S' still bears the scars of that whaletail, as illustrated by six screw holes across the engine cover. When he bought the car in 1981, Robin was the third owner, and it had 67,000 kilometres on the clock, which was actually 167,000 kilometres. Robin adds, "I have seen the clock go past 100,000 three times since then."

He later bought himself a regular runabout, which slowed the rate of the 911's mileage increase, and the Porsche was used on weekends and for Porsche Club runs. Robin has been an enthusiastic Porsche Club member since the early Eighties, and Club events meant trips to Europe for the bi-annual Porsche Parade. The first of these trips was the Porsche Parade in Germany in 1984, which coincided with Ferry Porsche's 75th birthday celebration. On their return, a group of three cars stopped at the Nürburgring, but the circuit was just a dirt track as the new Grand Prix circuit was under construction. The group then headed down to the Wiesbaden Air Base with Porsche Club of America, where they participated in a slalom event, and after finishing in first place, Robin went home with his first Porsche trophy. The Porsche Club of America awarded him a cooler chest full of beers!

Several more trips to the factory in the 911 followed until 1990, when Robin took the car off the road as rust was becoming an issue. Robin explains, "There is only so much polishing you can do to make it look pretty, but when holes start appearing you have to do something. I was still driving it but I had a problem with the inner wing, which had rusted away, and so eventually it went to Autofarm for a complete body restoration. When I got the

"The windscreen was fitted one morning, I got it MOT'd and taxed that same afternoon, and we drove it off to Northern Italy..." body home, I put the car together and it was back on the road. The windscreen was fitted one morning, it got MOT'd and taxed that same afternoon, and we drove it off to Cortina d'Ampezzo in northern Italy for the Italian Porsche parade."

Tripping across to Europe for various Porsche events offered the Walkers the opportunity of taking on a holiday to make the most of their venture. When driving in the Swiss and Austrian Alps the fog can come down quite quickly, and to avoid being rear-ended Robin fitted those twin rear fog lights. In 1994, the Porsche Parade was held in Vienna, the first stop being Dresden, which is where the car was unfortunately 'keyed' by some inconsiderate passer-by. Professor Ferdinand Porsche was born in Maffersdorf (now Liberec) in what is now the Czech Republic, and Doctor Ferry Porsche was born in Wien Neustadt (New Vienna), a small town near Vienna in Austria, so it seemed an ideal time to turn this into a grand tour. The next stop was Prague, but the cobbled streets are what Robin remembers most about the capital. "They are terrible; you just thought that everything was going to fall off the car driving around on those cobblestones," he says.

Before leaving for this trip, Robin was told by his insurance company not to go into Poland or Hungary. Robin recalls what they said, "You might be stopped by a Mercedes with darkened windows, invited to step out of the car, and you will not see the car again. The local Mafia were causing problems at that time, as this was just after the Berlin Wall had come down." The trip home included a stopover in Gmünd to see the original wood mill building where the first 356s were assembled, and of course, no trip to Austria in a Porsche would be complete without calling in at the Porsche family home in Zell-am-See.

"In 1996, we went to the Porsche Parade in Sweden, and that is a long way," Robin adds

The life of a 250,000-mile classic Porsche 911

With a quarter of a million miles covered, the 911S has had its fair share of new parts and refurbishments. When it comes to maintenance, Robin says, "I have found that Porsche parts, when fitted properly, do the job well and usually last a long time. They are often costly but then they don't need changing very often.

At 42 years of age and with that astronomical reading on the odometer, Robin's 911S has consumed the following, among others:

- Two sets of front discs (each lasting an average of 100,000 miles);
- Between eight and ten sets of tyres (average 20,000 miles per set);
- Oil changed on average once a year, although some years twice depending on mileage;
- The oil filter replaced every other oil change (now using Castrol Magnatec 10-30 semi-synthetic oil);
- Three clutch assemblies;
- A rebuild of the 915 gearbox in 2010;
- A single overhaul of the engine;
- One complete body restoration;
- Lots of petrol!



Outside the birthplace of Ferdiand Porsche, Maffersdorf, Czech Republic, 1996



An impressive shot of the 911S taken at the Italian Porsche parade at Cortina D'Ampezzo, 1992



Robin in his 911S outside Germany's famous Hockenheim circuit, again in 1992





with a sigh. The short Dover-Calais channel crossing ensured the maximum time behind the wheel, which saw the Walkers driving up through Holland to Travemünde in northern Germany, and then across by ferry to Denmark and Sweden. The European leg from Calais to Stockholm was no less than 1,100 miles of driving. The return journey followed the same route in reverse, with the whole trip taking two full days of driving back to Oxfordshire. Robin picks up the story: "I couldn't believe it, we filled the car up three times in two days and when we got back home it was nearly empty again. That's 205 litres, or the equivalent of a 45-gallon barrel of fuel in two days. These cars are quite thirsty, as I would only get about 20 or 22mpg on such a long run."

By 2010, the 'S' had racked up almost 395,000 kilometres and the flat six was showing signs of smoking and being low on power. The engine, gearbox and chassis still had the original matching numbers, so the block was given to a friend to overhaul. As can be expected, there was a fair bit of wear on the pistons, and while the accepted ovality of the barrels was two-thousandths of an inch, measurements showed that these barrels were 16-thousandths. The three-ring pistons each only had two rings left, and all six top rings had broken, leaving just one ring and an oil control ring per piston. Robin explains, "We had a problem getting barrels for it. The 2.4-litre barrels are made by Biral, and have a steel liner with aluminium fins. I eventually sourced them from Andial in America (of 962 fame), so we fitted the new barrels and

pistons, new chains, new chain wheels and new intermediate shafts. When the crankshaft was measured, I was told that they could not measure any observable wear on it. It was not even scored, so they just de-greased it and cleaned the oil ways."

After driving and owning the 911S for so long, Robin admits that you get to understand all of its foibles, both good and bad. "When I drove the car really fast for the first time, I was staggered at how it reacted to my driving. It made me feel really good, what with all of the little inputs I made through the steering and pedals, it felt alive," he explains. "The car is special to me; we have been everywhere in it and whenever we go to Porsche events, others expect me to be in the 911. It was my first Porsche and I have no intention of selling it. Its value has no meaning for me apart from when it comes to insuring it. A former Chairman of the Porsche Club once said, 'If you are not enjoying your Porsche then perhaps you bought the wrong model,' and I fully agree with that," Robin adds while looking back at the car.

The 2.4-litre 911S has not always been big money; it's only recently that the model has increased significantly in value. To Robin and Jo though, it has just been their Porsche, and being left-hand drive, it comes into its own on the continent. Robin concludes: "The car can be driven fast, but I do not drive it so hard today as I am getting older and the roads are busy. Not everyone is interested in the monetary value of their Porsche; sometimes it can become a barrier to driving the car, which is what it was designed to do." We couldn't agree more.

Model	911S
Year	1973
Engine	
Capacity	2,341cc
Compression ratio	8.5:1
Maximum power	190bhp @ 6,500rpm
Maximum torque	215Nm @ 5,200rpm
Transmission	Five-speed 915
Suspension	
Front	Independent suspension with wishbones and MacPherson struts; one round, longitudinal torsion bar per wheel; hydraulic double-action shock absorbers; anti-roll bar
Rear	Independent suspension with semi-trailing arms; one round, transverse torsion bar per wheel; hydraulic double-action shock absorbers; anti-roll bar
Wheels & tyres	
Front	6x15-inch Fuchs; 185/70/VR15 tyres
Rear	6x15-inch Fuchs; 185/70/VR15 tyres
Dimensions	
Length	4,147mm
Width	1,610mm
Weight	1,090kg
Performance	
0-62mph	7.0 secs
Top speed	143mph



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996 ANNIVERSARY The 996 might not have been everyone's

favourite 911, but the Anniversary model was a special car with a temptingly generous specification, as Total 911 investigates...

Written by Chris Randall Photography by Phil Steinhardt

aunched at the 1997 Frankfurt Motor Show, the 996 generation was larger in just about every dimension, stiffer by an impressive 45 per cent, and more aerodynamic (the drag co-efficient was 0.30 for the record) than any previous 911, and was the work of Pinky Lai and Harm Lagaay. But it also marked a change in the development of the legendary sports car, introducing the 911 faithful to the concept of water-cooling, which was to upset more than a few apple carts.

In the ensuing years, the new engine developed a reputation for expensive trouble, and while the oft-discussed issue doesn't merit further detail here, suffice to say the car continues to divide opinion even today. By 2003, however, thoughts in Stuttgart were turning to how best to celebrate 40 years of this motoring icon, and the result was the car you see here. Just 1,963 examples of the 996 Anniversary – or '40 Jahre', to give it its proper title – were built. On sale between 2003 and 2004, it was the perfect example of Porsche's skill in blending the sort of subtlety and desirability that had buyers queueing at the doors of their local OPC, chequebook in hand. Not that this special model was cheap; the asking price of around £63,000 being the best part of £14,000 above that of a standard 996 C2 Coupe.

Based on the narrow-body Carrera, each car was painted in GT Silver metallic, and featured a special aluminium badge on the engine lid. The new model retained the standard electrically operated rear spoiler that rose at 75mph, but up front the bumper featured the larger air intakes from the 996 Turbo, with the side ducts finished in body colour and the central intake in black. GT3-style sill extensions added a meatier presence to the side profile, while the exterior styling was further distinguished by unique 18-inch Carrera wheels, although their polished finish perhaps added a little too much bling for some tastes.

Other special touches included polished stainless-steel tips for the exhaust and sill tread plates that featured a 911 logo. The overall effect, then, was impressively understated and a fitting tribute to the 911's longevity, but this wouldn't be a special Porsche if the mechanicals didn't also come in for some fettling. At the rear was the same M96/03 3.6-litre flat six as the regular model, the dry-sump unit boasting four-valves per cylinder operated by two camshafts per bank that were driven directly from the intermediate shaft via a double-roller chain with hydraulic tensioners. The unit used the same forged and 'cracked'

"This was the perfect example of Porsche's skill in blending subtlety and desirability in a 911"

Model	996 Anniversary 2003
Year	2003
Engine	
Capacity	3,596cc
Compression ratio	11.3:1
Maximum power	345bhp @ 6,800rpm
Maximum torque	370Nm @ 4,800rpm
Transmission	Six-speed manual, rear- wheel drive
Suspension	
Front	MacPherson struts with coil springs and anti-roll bar
Rear	Multi-link with telescopic dampers, coil springs, and anti-roll bar
Wheels & tyres	
Front	8x18-inches; 225/40/R18
Rear	10x18-inches; 285/30/R18
Dimensions	
Length	4,430mm
Width	1,770mm
Weight	1,370kg
Performance	
0-62mph	4.9 secs
Top speed	180mph



GT silver paint adorned all 996 Anniversary models, while a special '911' plaque on the decklid marked this out from the rest. Carrera wheels were chrome finished from the factory, unlike those seen here

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THE SPECIAL 911 TIMELINE

1989: 930 LE Essentially an SE without the slantnose, just 50 of the 930 LE models were made, one for each OPC at the time. 330bhp and a special bodykit were standard.

1993: 964 Anniversary The '30 Jahre' 964 Anniversary got a Turbo-look body and C4 running gear. Plenty of kit and some unique colours featured.

1998: 993 Turbo S The 993 Turbo S was the final model for the air-cooled generation. With 450bhp and a manual gearbox, it was very quick, very luxurious, and a very special 911 with just 345 made.

20003: 996 Anniversary Another Anniversary model, this time the 996. Upgrades included a boost to 345bhp, 10mm lower Sports suspension, a limited-slip differential, and a Turbo front bumper.

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2010: 997 GTS The GTS marked the end of the 997. The Powerkit was standard along with styling upgrades and centre-lock wheels, and there was a luxury interior too.

2013: 991 Anniversary Celebrating 50 years of the 911, the 991 Anniversary was special indeed, and with 400bhp it hit 62mph in 4.5 seconds and topped-out at 188mph. A wide body and lavish spec were standard.







"It certainly looked the part outside, but Porsche was determined to make this a special 911 on the inside too"

connecting rods as the smaller 3.4-litre engine, although there were larger crankshaft bearings and Graphal-coated pistons running in Lokasil bores.

The latest VarioCam Plus system now altered the valve timing on both inlet and exhaust camshafts. The difference here, though, was the addition of the X51 Powerkit that, via a compression ratio of 11.3:1, lifted power to 345bhp at a singing 6,800rpm, backed by a solid 370Nm of torque that was generated at a slightly higher 4,800rpm. Controlled by a tweaked Bosch DME management system, the extra 20bhp was liberated courtesy of wide-ranging modifications that included new pistons, larger

valves operated by re-profiled camshafts, changes to the cylinder head and porting, and revised inlet and exhaust manifolds.

Cooling was improved by the addition of a second radiator, and the lubrication system was upgraded. The result was performance that was as impressive as you'd expect, Porsche quoting a 180mph top speed with the 0-62mph sprint reeled off in just 4.9 seconds and 0-124mph in 16.5 seconds. And just in case you're thinking those increases seem modest compared to the standard C2 (which managed 178mph and 0-62mph in 5.0 seconds), the benefits were felt in improvements to the power delivery, with greater urge across the mid-range. Power was delivered to the rear wheels via a standard Getrag six-speed manual gearbox with doublecone synchromesh, a cable-operated shift and a mechanical limited-slip differential with a locking ratio of 22 per cent under power and 27 per cent on the overrun. Porsche Stability Management (PSM) was standard, although it could be manually disabled if you fancied a little extra excitement on the commute to work.

Underpinning the dynamic potential was the same suspension system found beneath the regular 996, a combination of MacPherson struts up front with plenty of aluminium used for the components and the multi-link 'Lightweight-Stable-Agile' (LSA) setup at the rear that was mounted on a separate alloy subframe. However, the Anniversary benefitted from firmer springs and a 10mm drop in ride height as part of the M030 suspension package. The hydraulically assisted rack and pinion steering

was unchanged, while the job of bringing things to a halt fell to ventilated and cross-drilled discs at all four corners clamped by four-piston, monobloc aluminium calipers backed by Bosch 5.7 ABS. Those unique wheels were 8x18-inch items up front and 10x18 inches at the rear, wearing 225/40 and 285/30 boots respectively.

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So the celebratory model certainly looked the part, and there was no doubting the performance on offer, but Porsche was determined to make this a very special 911 on the inside too. The cabin of the 996 had already received substantial changes compared to the previous generation, with a greater focus on comfort and luxury and a more logical control layout, while changes for the 2002 model year saw the addition of electric releases for the front and rear compartment lids, along with cup holders and a proper lid for the glove box. And while the floorhinged pedals had finally been consigned to This was the most lavish 996 interior outside of a Turbo, with another '911' plaque in the centre of the dashboard reminding its owner of the car's significance. Dials and other interior gubbins are finished in GT silver, while a sunroof was standard



BUYING TIPS

It's a well-known truism that tired 996s aren't too hard to find in the classifieds, but the rarer nature of the Anniversary model should mean it's been suitabl looked after. There's no guarantee of this, of course, so take the usual care when checking history and condition of any potential purchase. Some particular pointers include:

- **Bodywork:** Rust shouldn't be an issue, but it's worth checking for stone chips and dings in the panels, and make sure the electric rear spoiler operates correctly Windscreens are prone to de-laminating, causing a milky effect around the edges.
- Engine: The 3.6-litre engine is considered more robust than the 3.4-litre unit found in pre-facelift 996s but corroded radiators need watching for, while lumpy running could be indicative of Variocam issues. Oil leaks aren't uncommon either, so be sure to have a good look around for these.
- Running gear: Suspension and brakes are fairly straightforward, and just need checking for conditior 996s are sensitive to proper wheel alignment though so look for uneven tyre wear and ask about previous push replacement.
- Interior: Most cabin fittings on the 996 are fairly robust but as always it's worth ensuring that everything works, especially the climate control and optional PCM system, as well as the electric adjustment on the seats.

the history books, the five-dial instrument pack still featured, although the 996 came with the addition of a digital speed read-out in the tachometer, and the switchgear was more sensibly arranged, with the climate-control panel and hi-fi incorporated into the centre console, the latter (along with the handbrake) finished in the same GT Silver metallic as the exterior and featuring a numbered plaque.

Speaking of sound systems, the Anniversary was fitted with a suitably upgraded setup that comprised an RDS radio and CD player with speed-dependent volume control, along with a six-channel amplifier and four 40w speakers and two 70w items. A Bose system was optional, along with a four-disc CD changer, and buyers could also add the full Porsche Communication Management (PCM) system that included a 5.8-inch display screen, an on-board computer and satellite navigation.

Aural enhancements aside, Porsche had added a few other luxuries. The heated sports seats were trimmed in leather, and niceties such as an electric sunroof and bi-xenon 'Litronic' headlights were standard, although naturally Porsche had been canny enough not to over-endow the new version with kit. This meant that it was left to thse with deeper pockets to take advantage of an options list

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that included cruise control, electric memory seats, and full telephone preparation. Having said that, while the hike in the purchase price might have appeared steep, it's worth bearing in mind that adding the Powerkit to a standard Carrera would have cost the thick end of £6,000 alone, and in that context the Anniversary appeared slightly better value for the whole package.

But just in case buyers didn't feel they were getting enough for the money, Porsche filled the 130-litre front luggage compartment with two handmade suitcases, a large and medium-sized one that were covered in leather. A bespoke key case and wallet - both in soft leather again - were the finishing touches.

Make no mistake, Porsche can develop a special edition like few other manufacturers, and are masters of the art when it comes to mining that rich seam of buyers who want their 911 to be the very best available. And if, like us, you marvelled at the model's sheer staying power over the course of four decades, this would have been a fine way to celebrate indeed. Okay, it wasn't cheap, and it would have done little to change your mind if you were rooted firmly in the air-cooled camp, but as 996s go this one was very desirable indeed. In fact, you could argue it was models like this that ensured the 911 would still be around to celebrate 50 years.

"A bespoke key case and wallet – both in soft leather - were the finishing touches"

SPECIALIST VIEW

"The 40 Jahre Anniversary 911 is a very special 996 that boasts a limited build run and a host of enviable optional extras, including the Powerkit (which wasn't available to UK customers on the 991 Anniversary, don't forget).

It's far more desirable than a C4S and is without doubt the 996 to have outside of a Turbo or GT3. We've just sold the low-mileage car in your pictures but find a similar example and you'll have a special ownership experience with a special 911."

Philip Kyriacou, Hexagon







"I personally love the lines of the car, the Turbo front and GT3 skirts in my opinion really work on the narrow body. My number one reason for loving the car is the X51 Powerkit and sports suspension. I've driven normal Carreras and the difference is striking. Given the combined cost of adding these options the car is a real second hand bargain. Maintenancewise the Anniversary is very similar to a standard Carrera (with the exception of the Turbo radiators) and certainly cheaper than the C45.

of the Turbo radiators) and certainly cheaper than the C4S. I also like the exclusivity of it and there is a real club feeling growing around these models with a dedicated Facebook page running (find us!)." Paul Churnside

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911s similar to this model are available for immediate inspection at Hexagon Modern Classics' London showroom. For more information call Jonathan on +44(0)2072253388 or visit hexagonmodernclassics.com.



Peter Dumbreck is the lynchpin in Falken Tyres' racing team, bringing their Porsche 997 GT3R to the podium at the Nürburgring 24-Hours. But what's it like to pilot a 911 for an endurance race? Time to find out...

Written by Johnny Tipler Photography by Falken Motorsport & Johnny Tipler



If you'd flipped a Le Mans car into the woods at 190mph and walked away, you'd probably be content to rest on your laurels. Not Peter Dumbreck: he carried on racing in the DTM and the WEC, driving for

Mercedes-Benz, Spyker, Aston Martin and Opel, with a best result of third at Le Mans in 2013.

In 2005, Peter guested in a 997 GT3 at the Silverstone round of the Porsche Supercup, followed up by four seasons driving a Lexus in Super GT, and two seasons for Nissan in GT1. Aged 42 and married with two children, he has been anchorman on the Falken Tyres' Porsche 997 GT3R driver roster for the past seven years, specialising in the German VLN series and the Nürburgring 24-Hours – scoring third place on the N-24 podium in 2015. Hours before clinching that podium, the affable Scotsman met **Total 911** in the Falken garage to discuss his career to date – including *that* crash – and divulging just what it takes to be a modern-day endurance racing driver. We're listening with interest...

You had a hugely successful career in single seaters, notably Formula Vauxhall-Lotus and F3. Why did you move into the WEC?

Everyone on the singe-seater ladder wants to get

ESSENTIAL FACTS

- Peter's career took off in single-seaters, dominating the 1994 British Formula Vauxhall Junior championship and winning the 1996 Formula Vauxhall Championship outright. In 1998 he was Japanese F3 Champion, and then came the irresistible offer from Mercedes-Benz.
- At Le Mans in 1999 as a member of the works Mercedes-Benz squad, Peter summersaulted a CLR at 190mph at Le Mans and was extremely fortunate (like Mark Webber) to escape unhurt.
- From 2000 to 2002 Peter drove CLKs for AMG M-B in the DTM, finishing 2nd in the Championship in 2002, and from 2003 to 2004 he drove Vectras for Opel.
 Peter raced a 997 GT3 as a guest driver in the
- Porsche Supercup in 2005. • In 2010 and 2011, Peter raced Nissan GT1s in the GT
- In 2010 and 2011, Peter raced Nissan GTIs in the GT World Championship.
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- Peter has spent six seasons in the World Endurance Championship, between 1999 and 2014, with drives for Mercedes-Benz, Spyker, JRM and Aston-Martin.

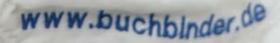
into Formula One but I had an offer from Mercedes-Benz to drive at Le Mans in 1999, and I was also doing Formula Nippon in Japan. There comes a point where you have to make a pragmatic move, and I could have carried on in Formula Nippon with no contract, but the offer of a works drive in the WEC and DTM from Mercedes was too good to pass up. Other drivers like Paul Di Resta have made it back into F1 from there, but you have to win the DTM championship, and I came second.

Do you ever think of the infamous somersaulting CLR accident?

Not really; it seems like a world away now. Mine was the third flip - Mark [Webber] had already gone over twice, but mine was the one that made Mercedes pull the plug on the race, and their whole programme in ALMS as well. It was in the back of my mind that it could happen, that it could flip, and as soon as it started to happen I knew what was going on, but I didn't have that 'life flashing before my eyes' moment; I thought, "Well, Mark's survived, so there's no reason I shouldn't." I tend to fight it to the end, holding onto the wheel and take the force of the impact with my body. I didn't black out, but I was very conscious of the G-forces, and you just think, "I'm having an accident here," and I just braced myself and tried to make it as easy for myself as I could.

I hear you have a fan who brings you a cake at every race. Has she showed up here at the Nürburgring 24-Hours?

Yes, she started supporting me when I drove in the DTM when she was a wee lassie, and now she's



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Peter's favourite time to race in a 24-hour endurance event is at dawn or dusk (above), while the 'Ring's showpiece race of 2015 proved particularly sweet as Peter and Falken secured a podium finish (below)





a grown woman. They're always different, always yummy, and it's brilliant she still makes the effort.

You spend most of your time racing in VLN these days. What is the 'Ring like for a racing driver?

Here, I'm always pushing the car to the limit, and the undulations in the track are constant, plus the fact that you leave the ground with all four wheels off, three or four times in a lap, and then there's the slamming down, not just the kind that you get as you come off one camber onto the other; there's a big hit, and then you bounce out of that camber and go the other way. The N-24 is one of the hardest races in motorsport - in the world even - and this track is brutal on car and driver. It's the focus of my year, the N-24, and Falken's too. It's also one of the few events where you have top pro-drivers paid by the manufacturers, plus gentleman drivers out to enjoy themselves, and guys who aren't so wealthy but just love their racing. And we have to pass around 30 cars per lap, which isn't always easy when you're coming up behind an inexperienced amateur driver, because you don't know where they're going to be going.

The N-24 is effectively run on two different (though interconnected) circuits: the sanitised F1 track with its vast gravel run-off areas, and the Nordschleife, where there's a sliver of grass, but the barrier is mostly right up against the track. Do you think racing here is still relevant? Yes, maybe more so. We all know how dangerous the place is, and you're punished if you make a mistake, but it has a unique appeal for 700 drivers and 300,000 spectators. We like the challenge of it, because it's forcing us to explore the limits. There are lots of elevation changes, and it's very bumpy. Actually, it's like one very long street circuit, and that's why the manufacturers love honing their products here too. When you're on the Formula One circuit, you know you've got two-and-a-half-miles where there's much more room to manoeuvre with plenty of run-off, though you can never relax. Our tyres are designed for the Nordschleife; they don't work quite so well on the track surface of the Grand Prix circuit, but from a driving point of view we're still pushing hard on the Grand Prix circuit, just with more room.

Your car is a 997, built on a 2014 chassis, running an ECU that dates back to 2010. Does that explain why your qualifying time isn't as fast as the opposition?

Pretty much, yes. For the past two years, Porsche has concentrated on the 919 Le Mans car, and for homologation reasons we haven't been able to update the ECU to help us match the Audis and BMWs technically, though Porsche have helped with the on-board speed limiter. We shall have another car next year; either a new 991 GT3R or a Falken RSR from the US.

How do you practice for the N24?

We spend a lot of time trying different tyre compounds, and in fact this is one of the few series where there's a tyre war going on. Michelin are our biggest rivals, and that's our benchmark, but basically you can run whatever you want.

How long are your stints behind the wheel?

Normally as long as a tank of fuel lasts – nine laps – but no longer than three hours each. It might vary if we have to pit for tyres if it comes on to rain, and then we'd maybe double stint.

What's your personal race strategy?

I treat each stint as its own race, because the thought of still running this time tomorrow scares me. So, I try and do the best job I can in my stint, hand the car over in as good a condition as I can. We have a couple of containers in the Falken paddock enclave where we can get a physio massage, take a shower, eat something and have a power nap. By then I'll know roughly what time I'm getting back in the car for my second race stint.

How do you pace yourself? Do you take maybe half a lap to dial yourself in, or are you on it straight away?

If you're on brand new tyres, just out of the heaters, you'll let them bed in first, but by the time you arrive at the Nordschleife they'll be ready to go hard. And you might take half a lap of the Nordschleife to get really acclimatised.

Do you have a personal 'red mist' control?

Yes, I'm often talking to myself! Say someone's really wound me up, I'm saying "Calm down, calm down!" and likewise if I start drifting off, I'm going, "Focus, focus! Keep your head here." Because at any



time something could happen, and dealing with it has to be a reflex action.

Do you have a preference for driving during the day or the night?

Dusk and dawn are the two nicest periods, and for sure, you're going to drive at least once during the night, but the best times to drive are just as it's getting dark or just as it's getting light, because you can adjust so you keep your speed. That's how I tend to look at 24-hour races.

What were the major dramas in this year's race?

We were careful with the tyres, and when it started to rain in the night I pitted for intermediates, and took it easy until it eased off and a dry line emerged. Then I came in for slicks and double-stinted for another six laps. It was during that time that a lot of crashes were happening, people got caught out on slicks; the Haribo Merc, the Frikadelli Porsche (Sabine Schmidt's rival GT3R) went out at that point, the guys with the Bentley were really ragging it, and Steven [Kane] overdid it, slammed on the brakes and I went into the back of him, luckily with no damage to the radiator. There was a bit of needle, as Wolf [Henzler] had hit him earlier!

It's such a long race that you must come across the same cars again and again, so you get to know which ones will be cooperative and which ones to watch out for...

Yes, every three or four laps, in fact, so you might pass them three times in one stint. Some guys stick out and you know to be weary; others you know they're a good crew, and they'll know where you are and when to pull over. Occasionally there'll be one car where none of its drivers are paying much attention because they're just trying to keep on the track, and they're the challenge.

What is your opinion regarding the speedrestricted sections?

This is all from the aftermath of the accident (involving the death of a spectator) in the first VLN round. The drivers have had to go back to school to learn the new rules, which meant seven hours in the classroom, familiarisation bus rides around the circuit and a driving assessment with an instructor over eight laps, but the marshals don't seem to have learned the same lessons. There was a lack of consistency about the marshalling, so that if you arrived somewhere and there was a yellow flag being waved, and then at the next one there was a single yellow board, you'd wonder, should that be two yellow boards, which means a Code-60. But then at the next post there could be two yellow boards, and a green flag after that releasing you from the Code-60, after which the quick cars are doing 200kph, only to come upon another two yellow boards, with a couple of slower cars doing 60kph. Nowhere to go except on the grass - very dramatic! But we don't need that: there should be some consistency and warning that you're about to enter a Code-60 zone.

What about the on-board speed limiter?

When we did the last VLN race, we had to adjust the speed manually, which meant you were continually looking from the road to your speedo and trying

to drive a race, and that meant you weren't paying enough attention to the road. Now, with the limiter you just hit the button and it holds the car at the right speed. We all understand why the speed limits have been brought in, but personally I think that makes it potentially more dangerous, because you're not focusing on your driving; you're focusing on your speed and the other cars that you might normally go by easily, but now, in the restricted zones, you can't go by because they can do 200kph as well. I hope they find another solution so we can run free again.

How does the limiter work?

It's gear-related; in first gear we do 60kph, in fourth gear we do 200kph, and in fifth and sixth gear if you press the button you do 250kph. Ironically, I can go through Flugplatz flat in fourth now, and I've never been able to do that before! Because it's on the limiter, and it goes ba-ba-ba-ba-ba at 200kph, and once you're through the section you go up a gear and that lets the limiter know to switch off – like cruise control – and you can go up to 250kph. Thankfully, none of us got caught speeding during the race – you only get two warnings!

Indeed, Peter and his three co-drivers (Wolf Henzler, Martin Ragginger and Alexandre Imperatori) stayed focussed, and in spite of a couple of altercations – one with a Bentley that misjudged its braking point, hence the application of reams of gaffer tape – they brought the Falken Tyres' Porsche 997 GT3 R home in a well-deserved third place. They'd actually led the race at Midnight, as the top three cars – Audi R8 and BMW Z4 – swapped places while the other pitted for tyres and fuel.







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The working life of **FERDINAND PIECH**

With the dust still settling on Piëch's sudden and tumultuous departure from Porsche's parent company, Total 911 looks back at the distinguished career of a man who has helped guide the 911 through its half-century of existence

Written by Kieron Fennelly Photography by Porsche AG

erdinand Piëch has often been described as the most powerful man in the auto industry. From his primitive days working with Hans Mezger on the first flat six engine and resolving the early 911's handling problems to his decades as an increasingly dominant figure on Porsche's supervisory board, Piëch has been the guiding hand behind the continued existence of the 911.

Joining Porsche in spring 1963, Piëch was the second of Professor Porsche's grandsons to arrive at the family firm. He was the older son of Louise, Ferry's sister, a tough character who held Porsche together at Gmünd during the traumatic year when Ferry, husband Anton Piëch and Dr Porsche were detained by the French. Piëch's early career showed that he had inherited Louise's single-mindedness: speaking in 1975, by which time Piëch had moved on to be engineering director at Audi, Ferry said of his nephew: "He worked in different departments, and his ambition and enthusiasm, if not always tempered by restraint, became apparent."

Ferry acknowledges Piëch's role in winning Le Mans with the 917, but otherwise his comments are masterfully understated, for in his eight years there, Piëch tore through Porsche, rising from graduate engineer to technical director and second in command. He bundled aside Hans Tomala, technical director over the 911's wayward handling, taking the role himself. This brought him charge of the racing budget, and he saw competition as his way to the top at Porsche. There was no love lost between him and his easier-going cousin Butzi, and he viewed the latter's elegant if heavy Carrera

Right: Piëch was responsible for the successful Porsche 917, though he later admitted he'd have had to resign over its costs if it didn't triumph at Le Mans 6 904 with contempt, cancelling a Gen2 version and devising his own 2.0-litre racer, the functional but astoundingly light 906. Where Porsche had relied on instinct and experience, Piëch brought calculation and analysis. He was obsessed with weight: no new component would escape the scrutiny of the bathroom scales on his desk. He applied this dictum to the 911 to produce the 820 kilogram 911R, which never made production, but it became the template for the 2.7 RS and the future RS - GT3 tradition; under Piëch's exacting oversight, the flat six grew to 2.2 then 2.4-litres while meeting the draconian new emissions standards with minimal loss of power. His energy was unprecedented. The rush to develop the 917 during 1968-69 meant endless overtime: "Just because he could sustain 48 hours at a stretch meant he expected everybody else to," reflected Tony Lapine. The sheer cost of the 917 campaign alarmed the careful Ferry, who despaired at how much his nephew was spending. Piëch pushed hard for aerodynamic efficiency, but while the 917 was clearly extremely fast, because he did not believe in any element that created drag, the early cars were frighteningly unstable. It took a brave engineer, Helmut Flegl, armed with incontrovertible windtunnel data to persuade him to accept that front and rear





downforce was essential to keep the car from taking off.

Piëch's Le Mans gamble paid off: in an unguarded moment during the euphoria of that 1970 victory, he told a journalist that he thought he would have to resign if Porsche had not won. But if he thought this win could elevate him to the top of Porsche it was not to be. Ferry and Louise decided that integrating their children in the company had become too difficult (Ferry's exasperation at his nephew was the real reason), so the Porsche and Piëch families would no longer be allowed to fill management roles in the company. One of Ferdinand Piëch's last tasks was to persuade Ernst Fuhrmann to return to Porsche as technical director.

After designing a five-cylinder diesel engine for Mercedes, Piëch joined Audi, where his vision and energy transformed this discreet VW subsidiary through such spectacular innovations as the Quattro Turbo and the award-winning 100 into a highly profitable premium brand. Unstoppable, he went on to head VW, first as MD then as president, entirely fitting for the man whose grandfather started the company and of whose brilliance Piëch believed he was the sole inheritor. There he reinvigorated the ailing VW, making the deft strategic acquisitions of Seat and Skoda and establishing the VW Group in China and Brazil.

Throughout this period, he remained an authoritative shareholder on Porsche's supervisory board. Initially a supporter of the 959, he became an increasingly harsh critic of its cost over-runs, as he was with the four-door 989 which also began with his blessing. "In a one-to-one with Piëch, you can't win," said 989 advocate and technical director Ulrich Bez, whose Porsche career was terminated by Piëch's canning of the four-door project.

But Piëch, it could be argued, always had Porsche's best interests at heart. In the dark days of 1990-92, it is fairly certain that he used his shareholding to block any takeover of Porsche, and he manoeuvred Wendelin Wiedeking, who would rescue the firm, into the top job. The plan to diversify into the eight-times-larger SUV market, profits from which would sustain the 911 and Boxster, could not have gone ahead without Piëch's approval. Neither, though, was he going to make it too easy for Porsche: if Lamborghinis were in a higher price bracket, the Audi R8 was pitched directly at the 911.

15 years later, when through financial manipulation Wiedeking tried to take over VW, Piëch was never intimidated, and when Wiedeking's casino gamble collapsed and Porsche had to be bailed out by VW, Wiedeking was gone and Wolfgang Porsche humiliated: 37 years after leaving Porsche, Piëch was now its master. His recent departure from Wolfsburg is all the more puzzling, for analysts support his contentions that VW manufacture costs are too high, that its two per cent US share is pathetic and the firm is too dependent on China, while Group profitability overall is delivered by Audi and Porsche. Piëch had been used to getting his own way for so long, so were his cousin and fellow directors out for revenge? Piëch's uncanny ability to read the future is such that observers are left wondering whether they made their stand on the right issue. 💷





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PIKES PEAK 964 JEFF'S FIRST 911 CHAMPION

The famed Porschephile Jeff Zwart tells the story of how his modified 964 was built to take on one of the greatest hillclimb events ever – and win

Written by Andrew Krok Photography by Andrew Tipping



eff Zwart's driving career started in a 1964 911, chassis number 35. There might be no better way to get a person hooked on Porsche, no better way to give a man an emotional tie to a specific car from a very early age. The 911 would come to define Zwart's career at the wheel in a number of ways.

After moving away from automotive photography, Zwart began directing television commercials, many for Porsche itself. In fact, if you've seen a Porsche advert sometime between 1989 and today, odds are you've seen his handiwork.

Prior to the car seen gracing these pages, Zwart got his start in road racing, specifically Formula Fords in the Eighties. Eventually, he made his way to rally, a sport he gets excited about to this day. "The dirt, the gravel... running at speed through forests, mountains... I love all of it," Zwart tells us. Before he ever arrived at Pikes Peak, it was right at the top of his to-do list. "Pikes Peak was probably a dream of mine as far back as my Road & Track days. It's a great event with a rich history, and many of my favourite drivers have conquered the mountain in the past," Zwart recalls. "When everything came together, when I had both the Porsche and the opportunity, it was finally my time to have a go."

Zwart's choice to run a 964 wasn't just due to his long history with the brand; in fact, the 964 provided the precise formula to allow him to race it. "The 964 marked the first time the 911 was available from the factory with all-wheel drive," Zwart said. "This finally allowed me to drive a 911 in the US Rally Championship's Open Class."

The standard 964 C4 wasn't enough for him, though. "What I really wanted was a 964 C4



Lightweight, a rare model that was unavailable for street-legal sale in the United States. The US Rally Championship required a road-going, licensed vehicle." Thankfully, Zwart had a mononymous ace up his sleeve – Andial.

Well before Andial was absorbed into Porsche Motorsport, it operated as one of the premier shops for all things related to 911s in motorsport. Through Andial, with the obvious blessing of Porsche Motorsport, Zwart was able to source all the 964 Lightweight components that he needed to turn the car into the rally beast of his dreams.

Many of the 964 Lightweight's special parts came directly from Porsche's involvement in the Paris-Dakar rally, specifically its 953 program, which was the predecessor to the Übermensch that is the 959. This includes the trick dual-knob setup that allows the driver to shift the AWD system's torque delivery, which happens to be one of Zwart's favourite parts of the car.

"It's one of the most dominant things you notice when you take a look inside," he says. "I used the manual torque split all the time, even against what some would consider common knowledge. When it was very slippery, in the winter for example, I would actually shift the torque bias more to the rear. You might think that torque up front would help, what with four driven wheels and all, but it was the opposite. Since there's no weight over the front wheels, too much torque up front would make the car understeer like mad."

Another unique touch in this car, although not part of the suite of Dakar-bred technology, was the pressurised transmission bell housing. After enough time in the dirt, the standard bell housing would accumulate too much dirt and sand, and the clutch would begin to slip. By using a trick system that created a pressure differential inside the bell housing, air would only leave the area, not enter it. After that, slippage was never an issue.

Perhaps the largest custom addition to this build was the engine, a one-off flat six build inspired by another motorsport icon. "When the 964 was being built in 1993, we decided, per the rules, that the best motor we could install at the time was the 3.8-litre unit from the Carrera RSR," Zwart says. Having driven the original RSR at Daytona that year, he felt

"Zwart has tackled Pikes Peak a total of 15 times with 10 different Porsches, resulting in seven class championships across four different classes"

comfortable placing his faith in it. The 964's heart would go on to beat to the tune of 300 bhp.

Zwart's first season with the 964 went well, but there was room for improvement. "It worked well right out of the box," Zwart explains, "but on some of the more hardcore rally stages, the rear suspension lacked the dampening control we needed." The suspension might have held up fine in Europe, but US rallies featured terrain significantly more frustrating than the stages across the pond.

To remedy this, Zwart went to a local off-road specialist to have a completely custom rear suspension designed. "Between the '93 and '94

seasons we rebuilt the rear suspension using a custom setup," Zwart tells us. "It was quite literally developed, built and tested in a single winter. When it came time for the '94 season to start, the car felt amazing."

In addition to the rear suspension upgrade, the chassis was further strengthened for the rigours of American rally. A full Kevlar undertray was developed to keep rocks from sending the car to an early retirement. Furthermore, the front and rear suspension points were bridged to the roll cage, which made the car "extraordinarily stiff," Zwart

says with a laugh.

Now, it was time for the main event, the climb that Zwart had looked forward to for most of his life. But before the race could start, Zwart and his cohorts knew that there could be trouble with the 3.8-litre RSR flat-six. "Altitude is not an air-cooled motor's best friend," Zwart remarks. "Thankfully, Andial came to the rescue once again." Zwart knew that Andial had been

running turbocharged engines in IMSA at the time, so the decision

was made to swap the naturally aspirated engine out in favour of the turbocharged one. So for the 1994 Pikes Peak climb, and for that race only, the 964's engine was replaced with a single-turbo, 3.6-litre IMSA unit producing a whopping 550 horsepower. Some final tweaks were also made to better accommodate for the change in altitude.

"This was particularly funny for me, because here's a car that I've become so intimately acquainted with. I knew its ins and outs," Zwart recalls. "Yet after the engine swap, I got in and it was a truly massive transformation. There's just so much going on when you nearly double the





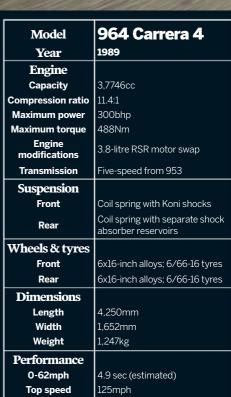


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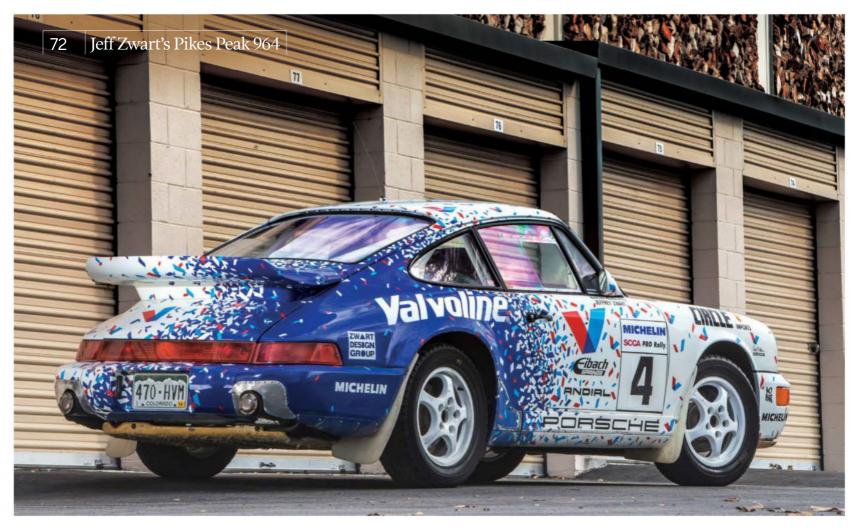






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horsepower; in fact, at the time, it was the fastest car I'd ever driven. There's something interesting about a car that feels the same as ever, yet at the same time feels totally, wholly different."

Despite having to make some last-minute adjustments, Zwart's 3.6-litre gambit paid off. The 964 would go on to win the Open Class championship at Pikes Peak that year. In turn, this victory kick-started a relationship with the mountain that continues to this day. As of when we went to print, Zwart has tackled Pikes Peak an incredible total of 15 times with ten different Porsches, resulting in seven class championships across four different classes.

The 964 might have been his first love affair with Pikes Peak, but it wouldn't be his last. Some other notable hillclimb rides include a 997 GT3 Cup car, a 700-horsepower 911 GT3 Cup 'Turbo Hill Climb Special' from BBi Autosport, and a stock 997 GT2 RS, which Zwart drove from Southern California all the way to the race in Colorado, some 1,000 miles across the Rocky Mountains.

The GT2 RS serves Zwart as a reminder of just how far the 911, and racing in general, has come in the 20 years he's spent racing: "When we went to Pikes Peak in '94, it was a cool moment, because we were running a full race engine at 14,000 feet, not exactly common practice back then. When I drove that car, there was a pylon next to my seat that had a knob on it. This knob had to be articulated in three different ways to control the fuel mixture, and I had to fiddle with it while driving up the mountain. Fast forward to 2011, when I took a GT2 RS up the same mountain. That RS has more power than my 964 will ever have, yet I didn't have to do anything. I just drove; the computers took care of adjusting the mixture. Everything's done behind the scenes now, despite only 20 years passing in between."

After the race, the original 300-horsepower engine was returned to the 964. "Literally one week after Pikes Peak, the car was reassembled to US Rally Championship spec, and I was rally racing in Prescott, Arizona. I won, too. So within the span of one week, I raced the 'same car' in two wildly different events and won them both," Zwart says.

Since then, the 964 has lived on as one seriously hardcore road car. "The 964 has always been streetlegal, and I make sure to keep it registered so I'm able to take it out and drive it around, whether it's just around town or to a local show so that others can share it," Zwart tells us. "It's race ready, but at this point it's just so unique, and people see Porsche rally cars so infrequently, that it's nice to let others get an idea of Porsche's rich motorsport history."

Despite being heavily modified, the 964 has proved to be very reliable. "In the 1993 season, I was being paranoid, and I considered buying a second transmission. I was told that the transmission in the car would be 100 per cent bulletproof, but I remained skeptical. Naturally, that remains the only transmission I've ever had. It's still in the car today, and I haven't had a single problem with it."

The 964 might not have changed, but Pikes Peak has; most notably, the upper portion of the race was changed from dirt to asphalt, making it a road race from start to finish. This hasn't fazed Zwart, though; he remains eager to give it a go. "It takes more knowledge, more preparation... it's almost a completely different race," he says. "The intimidation factor isn't there, but these days, now that I'm driving cars with 700-800 horsepower, I'm having far too much fun to notice."

Jeff Zwart's top ten tips for conquering Pikes Peak

1) Stay up on personal fitness: Pikes Peak has 156 turns, 13 of which are first-gear hairpins. It's nothing but motion and activity.

2) Mountain biking is perfect training for Pikes Peak: It takes place at altitude, forces you to read the trails at speed, and gives you a thorough workout.

3) Stay hydrated: Altitude hits the body hard, and hydration is important no matter the altitude. I don't mean to sound like your mother, but it's good advice.

4) Stick with the sections you're racing: Don't try to learn the whole mountain at once. Focus on key areas and keep driving them.

5) Repetition is key: You'll never learn the mountain in one run. It takes a year of fermenting and percolating to give you a halfway-solid base of knowledge.

6) The weather is unpredictable, so come prepared for all conditions: In 1995, it snowed so hard that we couldn't even make it to the summit, and this was in the middle of July.

7) It's nothing like a regular race: There are no laps. It requires 10-12 minutes of straight concentration, and every turn is different than the last.

8) Practice is not the race: Practice is in the morning, and the race is in the afternoon. Temperature, light, weather... it's all subject to wild change.

9) Drive way past what you can see: If you only drive to the limit of your vision, then you simply won't be going fast enough.

10) Never stop learning: Every new trip to Pikes Peak can teach you something, whether it's about you, the car you're driving, or the asphalt.



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Our band of contributors from around the world share their real-life experiences with their Porsche 911s





Chris Wallbank Leeds, UK

> Date acquired: November 2012

ver the last 2,000 miles or so, I noticed that the braking efficiency of my 997 had gradually got weaker. The brakes were also very badly corroded and ugly to look at – not surprising after nearly 29,000 miles of use! So this month I finally got round to addressing the brakes by getting new discs and pads fitted at both the front and rear.

The next decision to make was wether to stick to OEM brakes and pay a higher premium, or go down the much cheaper route of Pagid discs and pads. After first getting a price from my local OPC for OEM parts to be fitted, I was rather shocked at the quote, and with my car being well out of Porsche warranty, I decided to do a little research into the pros and cons of the aftermarket Pagid brake discs and pads.

Obviously, Official Porsche Centres won't fit non-OEM parts, so I went to my local trusted Porsche independent specialist, Strasse of Leeds (www.strasse.co.uk). The friendly face of owner Dave Forrest greeted me, and after a chat informed that there are virtually no differences in the Pagid and the Porsche parts, both in weight, appearance and most importantly performance.

Interestingly, the Pagid and OEM Porsche pads are both manufactured by Textar, and even have the same part number stamped on them! So with a huge saving of around £1,300 fitted and no difference in stopping power, it was a very easy decision for me to make, going for the Pagid discs and pads. After the decision was made, the 997 was booked in with Strasse straight away and I took it into their workshop the following week. A familiar-faced technician by the name of Chris, who I recognised from a recent **Total 911** shoot at Blyton Circuit with Strasse's 996 Porsche club championship race car, was working on the car.

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After Chris removed the old brakes, I was amazed to see the matching part numbers on both the original and Pagid pads. He also pointed out that the fronts pads were almost down to the sensor, and the rears had just started wearing into the brake's sensor holder, so both were very close to needing replacement. Both front and rear discs had rather deep lips on the outside and inner edges, which will reduce braking

1978 911 SC



Wilhelm Lutjeharms Cape Town, South Africa

Date acquired: January 2015



t felt quite weird walking into my local Porsche dealership to drop off my car. Usually I will drop off a press car, but this time it was for a very different reason. Following the mechanic's 114-point check, Porsche phoned me three days later to inform me that the car was ready for collection and that there were a number of points to discuss. The result? A useful 20-minute walk around the car while it was up on the lift in the Porsche dialogue bay.

Needless to say, the four-page report touched on every single aspect of the car,

from less significant things such as small dents or scratches on the body to more serious issues such as all the bushings and rubbers that needed replacement, and small oil leaks from the engine.

I sort of expected such a report. However, this gives me the perfect base to work from in the coming years. Leaving Porsche, I drove the car home at a very sedate speed, with the sight of those worn parts swirling through my head. I'm looking into acquiring some basic tools, as I don't have the funds to allow Porsche to carry out all this work.



power, as the pistons are working further out and the pads also have further to travel to the disc. It's also worth mentioning at this point that new sensors were fitted all round, which are included in the Pagid brake kit.

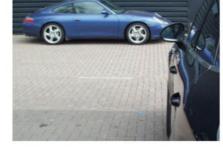
So after great service and a quick turnaround from the service team at Strasse Porsche Specialist and a much more acceptable bill of £697.78, I was back on the road ready for another long drive out at the weekend, armed with much more confidence-inspiring stopping power. The difference was night and day, not to mention how much better they look than my ugly ten-year-old corroded discs! Thanks again to Dave and the rest of the friendly team at Strasse Leeds – you can contact them on 0113 234 0911.

1999 996 Carrera 4



Rob Clarke Bristol, UK

Date acquired: February 2014



t has been a quiet month. I have not made any progress with the new brake lines or engine mounts, so they will just have to wait until next issue. However, we've taken a Macan out for a test drive as we're thinking of changing our family car.

The demo car supplied by Dick Lovett Porsche Bristol was a Diesel S PDK with many extras, including the Sport Plus button and adjustable suspension. For a 4x4, this is a great car, far quicker than our current family vehicle (VW Touareg) and far more sporty. Porsche has done a great job in coupling a mid-sized 4x4 with the punch of a sports car. Engaging the Sport or Sport Plus button turns the Macan into something far more sporty, with a 0-60 not that far behind my 996. The suspension firms up, giving you a sporty feel with very little body roll for such



a large car. We have not yet decided if this will be our next family car, but if we do we will have to wait, as the waiting time is about 12 months at the moment.

One of my hobbies (apart from my 996) is racing 1/10th and 1/12th radio controlled cars. You may be think these are toys, but they are fast toys, with the precision of their full-scale counterparts. As with full-size race cars, you have to pay particular detail to the toe, camber, castor and ride height to maximise the performance from your car. This month I felt like a change, so I attempted to paint my body shells in the Porsche Gulf colour scheme. They got a bit of attention as an unusual colour scheme on the RC circuit, but unfortunately it didn't help my results, as I was still languishing at the back, – but it is cheaper than racing my 911!

1979 911 SC



Sean Parr Harpenden, UK

Date acquired: May 2015

here is a saying among cyclists that the perfect number of bikes is n+1. with 'n' being the number that you currently have. Well, it seems to be the same with Porsches, and I have found my n+1911. I didn't last long, did l?

A friend of mine sent me an email with an innocent question of "Would a 911 SC be a good start to Porsche ownership?" and by the end of two email he'd decided that it really wasn't for him, but that it might be perfect for me, as I guess I am a bit more demented than the average bear and always seemingly happy for another project. He forwarded me the number for Paul, the owner of this 1979 911 SC, which he had owned for 11 years and, as it turned out, had been pretty much off the road for most of that period. He loved the car, but never had the money to keep it on the road.

We spoke, and it appeared that the car was solid but tired, and in pretty rough shape in areas. I booked a train ticket to Wigan for Saturday, where Paul was there waiting for me in his van. A thoroughly nice bloke, we went back to his place, and he opened the garage door to show me the Guards red 1979 911 SC Coupe.

Originally delivered to Frankfurt, it was a left hooker, which was just what I was after. After nearly destroying my back in my RHD SC Targa, I wanted a LHD car, and ideally not a US car. A very good history came with the car, including the original owners manual (in German) with stamps for its tenure over there, and plenty of spending going on since it arrived in the UK in 1999.

There were some issues that he hadn't mentioned: the car needs both sills and



probably one kidney bowl replacing, the sunroof doesn't work and the interior is pretty yucky, but after a test drive in which the car performed perfectly, the engine is incredibly strong and feels really fresh. The gearbox (a 915, like my old SC) is absolutely incredible; it feels better than the G50 in my old 964, and nothing at all like the one in the old Targa, crisp and quick in action, no graunches, no crunches, just slick.

I was sold, although not at the price we had originally discussed; it needed too much work to warrant what Paul was after. I felt bad playing hardball, but after about 30 minutes more, we agreed on a price that we were both (relatively) happy with: a bit more than I wanted to pay and a bit less than he wanted, but in the end we both were pretty pleased.

I got the keys and we signed over the V5 form. Then it was just a case of taking up the insurance quote I'd already got (£177 for a year in a high-performance sports car) and

the hassle that is the new tax system. The website failed on my smartphone so I had to go through the telephone system.

Anyway, I got in the car and headed to Halfords. One thing I noticed during the post-drive check was that the oil was low, so Mobil 1 was bought and poured into the car, and I was back on the road. It ran perfectly, smooth and quick. After stopping, it didn't want to start again; hot starts are a real problem apparently with an SC's warm-up regulators (WURs).

I'm chuffed with it. It's a solid, honest 911 that is perfectly driveable. An hour with T-Cut got the bonnet looking a lot better, although a very different red to the wing! The pull from these engines is terrific, quick revving and fast, with a sound that makes you want to cry - although it is quieter than my old Targa.

There's lots to do, but you shouldn't be frightened to pull things apart on a Porsche; they go back together easily.

2003 996 <u> Furbo</u>



Joel Newman

Date acquired: April 2014

ars are cars, and as such they will always slap you in the face with an unwanted bill from time to time! This month I had the misfortune of a clutch that no longer wanted to play ball.

instead of having trouble engaging each second or two, vault back up into operation at great speed, but this meant you could not pull off smoothly, or in fact change gear at all without jumping

I booked the car in at PorschaCare, a have snapped the push rod on the slave cylinder. I've not seen anyone do that in 15 years, you must have really been pushing it!" Check out the pic – impressive, right? I'm not sure if I should be proud of that



having to buy a replacement! It did make sense with the gearbox out and with the replacement clutch sitting



doddle (no more calf cramp!), proving that it was likely going to go pretty soon anyway. It would have killed me if the 'box had to come out again, so it's better safe on with improving rather than rectifying

1994 993 Carrera 2



Kyle Fortune Warwickshire, UK

Date acquired: December 2014



'Il admit that there was a degree of buyer's remorse after purchasing the 993. The initial elation at fulfilment of a life goal was tempered slightly by the thought of all the money tied up in what's essentially a frivolous purchase.

That's changed, though. A 300-mile round-trip has cemented my opinion that buying the 993 was absolutely the right thing to do. I'd known the 993 to be an exceptional drive, but all that time in it on quiet, interesting roads underlined something I've been saying for years – the Nineties was the peak decade for the performance/grip/ enjoyment/usability scale for cars.

The only buttons to fiddle with are on the radio, the 993 devoid of Sport buttons,



variable dampers, ESP switches or even anything as distracting as a trip computer.

It's just an engine, gearbox, chassis and body. Quick certainly, but with limits high enough to enjoy safely on the road, yet not so unapproachable as to mean it's not possible to feel it moving around underneath me sometimes. That it retains the classic 911 proportions with an upright windscreen and slim pillars only adds to that appeal. Modern performance cars just don't deliver that, at least not at speeds approaching usable or anywhere near legal on the road.

Every time I drive it I get more and more attached, and evermore convinced that while newer cars go faster and grip harder, this is the measure of all of them.



Tony McGuiness San Diego, USA

Dates acquired: February 2011 & December 2014



he California Festival of Speed

is the largest Porsche event in the south-west United States. It is one of the most anticipated car events in the Golden State and takes place over a weekend in April at the famous Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, California. It attracts Porsche enthusiasts from as far afield as Texas, Tennessee and Canada. The weekend has races, time trials, a swap meet, Porsche corral, Porsches for Sale Platz, Porsche timeline display, vendor row, concours and parade laps. It truly is a paradise for Porsche fans.

In 2013, the California Festival of Speed celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 911, which I covered for **Total 911** in issue #101. I was fortunate to have been invited to display my 997.2 GT3 RS as part of the 50 911s on show. This year, I was invited to display my new 991 GT3 at vendor row by



ClearPro. You may recall that last month they installed a clear bra on the GT3 and did an outstanding job. For two days at the Festival of Speed, the GT3 was situated at their booth, and garnered an enormous amount of attention.

This Porsche dream event keeps getting larger each year, as is evident in the number and variety of Porsches on offer. Besides some stunning 911 race cars, in attendance was a 991 911 Club Coupe in Brewster green (a very rare car indeed, with only 12 sold to Porsche Club members worldwide, the 13th being held by Porsche), and a new special edition 911 Club Coupe GTS in a unique 'Club Blau' colour to honour 60 years of the Porsche Club of America. Some of the other 911s included a Falken Motorsport 911, GT3 RS 4.0, as well as a sharp 997 GT2. There is always a 911 for everyone's taste at the California Festival of Speed, and I expect next year will be no different.



2003 996 Turbo Ray Chandler Surrey, UK

Date acquired: August 2011

y much-beloved 996TT nearly gave me heart failure this month when it belched out a huge puff of blue smoke on start up. It has never, ever done that before, so I was more than a bit concerned.

The thought that struck me was 'what did I do on the last trip out?' That was with a guest we had staying with us, who despite the language barrier, expressed quite an interest in my 911. As he was off back to France the following day, I offered him a run. I'm very careful about warming the engine up before it gets given the beans, and he did enjoy the trip, being quite stunned by the car's performance. But was that the cause of the smoke? It certainly should not be, as the car is built to do that.

I read up on the 996TT and found that blue oil smoke was quite a common thing – but it never has been on my car. The next items I read predicted that the check valves on the turbos needed replacing. They stop oil draining back into the turbo and being burnt off on start up. I had my suspicions about that, as both exhausts puffed smoke on start up, and it was unlikely that both check valves had started sticking or leaking at the same time.

Moving away from using 0–40W oil was recommended for Turbo engines, but my fear was that the oil pressure, already very healthy, might start to build a little more from cold, thus causing the beginning of an oil leak. The penny finally dropped when I went over and over the last things I did with the car before that run. I did all the levels the night before, and even topped the oil up as it was low.

And where did I top the oil up? On the sloping driveway. So when the oil level drops, will the smoke go? Well, the last two weeks have provided the proof I needed. No more smoke to be seen, and the oil level is where it should be.





19843.2 Carrera

Maurice van den Tillaard The Netherlands Date acquired:

ince my drive to the Essen show, I haven't been driving the car too much, mainly because I have been occupied with other stuff. I did manage to go for a drive with a friend on a nice spring evening, where we shot some great photos of our cars. A few days later I had to go by a Porsche shop nearby to receive a small engine adjustment.

my eye fell on a very interesting 2003 example with only 40,000 miles. Crazy owned a 3.2 he was unfortunately not interested in a trade, but if I wanted to with it, since he did not drive it very often. He mentioned a very interesting

To be honest it was so interesting that I put my car up for sale. The Turbo owner said he would wait and see what would happen. At the time of writing for sale for about a week, and only had two ridiculous offers. It's kind of weird, because the car is in perfect condition, and tons of work has been done to it. We



1982 SC & 1989 964 **Carrera** 4

Gina Purcell Oxford, UK Date acquired:

September 2004 & April 2014



ou might recall that Wolfi's heater unit was to be sent to Belgium for repair. Just before it was sent, Neil at BS Motorsport thought it prudent to send it somewhere else instead: Norway.

If you own a 964, chances are the heater has developed a mind of its own, and you have looked online for help. If so, you've probably come across the name Tore Bergvill. I assumed he was an online 'guru' of 964 electronics, and didn't think to ask if he actually repaired things himself! He does with much success - so my heater unit was shipped to Oslo for some Nordic TLC.

Only now can I say it works as good as new! Better still, the bill was very reasonable, came with a breakdown of what was done, and Tore guarantees his work for five years.



Steffi the SC and Sabine the 3.2 haven't been neglected either. Both cars have spent ramp time at Center Gravity, the Porsche suspension and geometry experts, having their pre-setup health checks.

This highlighted two things: first, most resources quote a 1988 3.2 as 1,210 kilograms, but Sabine weighs 1,319 kilograms with a half-tank of fuel. Steffi is quoted as weighing 1,160 kilograms, and checks in at 1,165 kilograms with a half-tank. Full electric seats plus central locking makes for a significant weight penalty.

Secondly, Steffi showed she'd been quite well set up for track work in the past, with corner and front/rear axle weights well judged. She will have a day at Center Gravity next month.



1979 930 3.3



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Date acquired: May 2012

ve always tried to maintain my 930 and keep it as original as possible.

I must admit that I find it horrible when I see a car with different wheels adhesives or worse with an engine that has been changed from standard. For me, a car must maintain its originality. I believe **Richard** that every car is like a piece of art,

Klevenhusen which should only be restored to retain its longevity.

This is why I believe the cars that have maintained their originality have a much higher market value

to those that have changed, even if the owners claim to have invested a lot of money in this 'improvement'. If you come to buy a classic Porsche, think about this before 'improving' your 911. In my opinion, you should invest your money in your Porsche just to keep it unique.



1965 911



os Angeles, USA

ast week, Karen and I were invited down to Atlanta GA for the official opening of OPD-One Porsche Drive. OPD is the new American headquarters for Porsche, located next to Atlanta International airport.

This world-class facility sits on 26 acres. People interested in Magnus Walker sampling a Porsche on the test track can sign up for the Porsche Date acquired: experience via the website 2008 Porschedriving.com. This way, they can get to drive whatever

Porsche they are interested in on the tight, twisty test track - including the slippery skid pad.

For me, the highlight was being asked to sign the wall in the Heritage Centre along with the likes of Hurley Haywood, Jeff Zwart and a few others. All in all, it was another memorable Porsche-filled night.

2007 997,1 GT3



Ben Przekop Georgia, USA

Date acquired: July 2012

WEW CUSTOWIER CENTRE We're 2mins from J21 on the M6 We're 2mins from J21

he white 991 GT3 just in front of me is screaming at 8,000rpm as it powers uphill through yet another tight switchback on this winding mountain road, but I continue to stay right on its tail through corner after corner as we drive higher and higher toward the Eastern Continental Divide in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina.

After reaching the summit, we plummet down through another seemingly endless series of tight switchbacks, the wonderfully cambered road letting us get back on full power right at the apex each time, and although his 991 has a substantial power advantage over my 997 GT3, he just can't open a gap! Is this final proof of what a great driver I am, that it is not all about raw power, and that experience and superior skill are what really count? No, it is simply because there are three cars in front of him, and this is not an FIA WRC Rally, it is a 'P-Car Touring' event organised by my friend David Heiden!

Were it not for those cars in front of him, and the fact that this a public road with a posted speed limit, my new friend Henry Kuykendall in his gorgeous 2014 GT3 would probably have had no trouble leaving me



in the dust several corners ago! But these driving tours are not about 'winning'; they are about a group of Porsche owners having fun driving their cars the way Ferry Porsche intended, and about making new friends.

On this lovely Saturday, we had 27 Porsches and their proud owners get together for a lengthy tour of some very challenging mountain roads, along with the chance to socialise over a barbeque lunch in the charming town of The Highlands, North Carolina. After lunch, we were on our own, so I reversed course and drove back home over these same roads with virtually no traffic to spoil the fun. The incredible capabilities of my GT3 had me once again grinning from ear to ear as I pushed harder and harder through each set of corners, with the car virtually laughing at me and saying "Is that all?"

I was surprised that my well-worn Michelin Cup tyres still had amazing amounts of grip, which also encouraged me to push right to the edge of these twisty mountain roads. What a great way to spend a Saturday!

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There's plenty going on at the UK's newlyexpanded PEC, and all on a daily basis too. The magic begins as soon as you arrive, with Porsche exotica on display in the Atrium a reminder of the company's rich history

t's one thing having a shiny Porsche 911 on your drive for the neighbours to idolise, but it's another proposition entirely to be able to use that 911 according to the very remit that Butzi himself created the car for – and that's spirited street and track use.

Thankfully, Porsche is still very much aware of this dictum today, and fully recognises the importance of a driver being suitably cultivated as to the abilities and performance characteristics of the sportscar they've purchased. As such, the acquisition of a new Porsche model now secures UK owners a half-day driving course at the Porsche Experience Centre, Silverstone (customers in North America now have the new Experience Centre at Porsche's new headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia). The Centre provides focused driver training to help improve your driving credentials across a variety of situations and scenarios in your Porsche.

One of five such Centres in the world (and a first when it opened in 2008 after some six years of development), the superb facilities at Porsche Cars GB's Experience Centre – appropriately situated alongside the Hangar Straight at the home of British motorsport – include a handling circuit, ice hill, kick plate, low-friction zone, and even a sophisticated human performance laboratory. Better still, the Experience Centre underwent a hefty expansion programme in 2014 that doubled the size of its on-site facilities. This included construction of a second handling course around an all-new launch-control and brake-testing straight, as well as an enlarged cafeteria and conference room with all-new driving simulators inside the Centre.

The result of all this is quite something: never before has a new 911 owner been lavished with such a platform on which to hone his skill behind the wheel and, ultimately, get the most out of that Porsche 911. It's a two-way thing, of course, because by the time you've reached even the elegantly presented atrium inside the Centre, you can't help but feel inspired by the Porsche brand. Two modern-day motoring greats will likely have commanded your eyesight on the way in (in my case it was the exquisite 997 Rennsport pairing of an RS 4.0 and GT2 RS), while the Atrium itself spoils the enthusiast with any number of evocative racers of years gone by. Today, I'm greeted by the short-wheelbase 911 raced at the recent Goodwood Revival by Porsche's first Le Mans winner, the legendary Richard Attwood, though a 2008 RS Spyder is known to grace the floor space too.

Although the atmosphere around the Atrium is relaxed and serene, there is much going on at the PEC. As well as privately booked conferences and business lunches inside, the asphalt outside is a constant hive of activity, with an array of 911s, Boxsters, Caymans, Cayennes, Macans and Panameras taking to the six various circuits and test beds across the site. Meanwhile, those sitting by the restaurant's bay windows are afforded a panoramic view of a utopian Porsche motoring mini-world.

The most popular course available is the Porsche Driving Experience. These 90-minute sessions offer a focused introduction to the driving dynamics of each particular Porsche model via use of the handling circuits, low-friction zone, kick plate and ice hill. The standout course is 'Evolution RS', where you'll pilot a scintillating selection of 997 Rennsports, encompassing both iterations of GT3 RS (including the one we drove here) plus the halo RS 4.0. We recommend 'Evolution 911' though, which offers up a driving experience through 30







new circuit add another dimension to the UK's Experience Centre. allowing more drivers to pedal a Porsche under tuition at the same time. Long-standing facilities such as the kick plate are still world class

"There's simply no better place for you to garner an intricate understanding of your own capabilities at the wheel of a coveted Porsche 911"

years of Porsche's fabled 911 via drives in G-series, 993 and 991-generation Carreras.

Away from these gift-orientated experiences, the Porsche Sport Driving School is for those who require a more rigorous exploration of the performance and handling dynamics of their 911. This is split into four programmes: Warmup, Precision, Performance, and Master, and use of your own 911 will be required for each. The Warm-up training is a half-day course among the driving facilities at the PEC, and it's this course that you'll receive as a complimentary gift from Porsche GB upon purchase of a new 911. From there, you can accomplish one and two-course days with the Precision and Performance programmes respectively, before graduating to the Master course, devoted to motorsport-orientated aspects of performance driving on the full Silverstone grand prix circuit next door to the Centre.

It all sounds like the perfect proving ground for you as a driver, but how do the facilities stack

up in the real world? Well, to start with, the handling courses sprawled around the grounds of the PEC mimic more of a fast B-road than a bona fide race track (there's little run-off and barriers sit just metres back from the black top), but there's no denying that the new circuit offers another dimension to the Centre. While the old circuit is without doubt the faster of the two, the twists, drops and cambers of the new track require more of a technical approach from the driver. Both beautifully smooth under your N-rated tyres, it's possible to start linking several corners together and progressively build up a racing line - a style you simply can't execute on a public road.

Each time you climb behind the wheel of a Porsche at the PEC, an experienced Porsche Driving Consultant, who will provide personal coaching to hone your driving, will join you in the passenger seat. Headed up by Gordy Robertson (he of the famous Porsche GB PR videos on YouTube), the PDC team at Silverstone boasts

Company profile

- Owner: Porsche Cars GB
- First opened: July 2008
- · Location: Hangar Straight, Silverstone Circuit, Northamptonshire, UK
- Most popular course: 911 Carrera Porsche Driving Experience
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Data file Definitive facts and figures for every 911 model from 1964 to present

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. Data here has been provided from the Coupe variants unless stated. All data here has been compiled, where possible, from Porsche's own figures.

General valuations:

This reflects the general market trend for a model's used value compared to the previous financial quarter. The next review will be Sept 2015. The last was for June '15.

Ratings: $\star \star \star \star \star$

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

Sales debate: Why aren't 3.0 RS prices significantly higher than 2.7 RS values?



Compared to the iconic 2.7 RS, the 3.0-litre Rennsport (built by Porsche in 1974) was lighter, bigger and more powerful. According to Autofarm's sales and heritage director, Josh Sadler, the 3.0 RS is also "a better car to drive without question." Yet, when it comes to comparing the values of these two Rennsport heroes, the 1974 RS doesn't enjoy a significant premium over its predecessor. In fact, in some instances, a 2.7 RS Lightweight will actually command more in the current market. We asked Sadler and Paragon's proprietor, Mark Sumpter, for their opinions.

"Personally, it doesn't make sense that the 3.0 RS is not valued higher," Sadler says. "But it is more obscure and less well known," he continues, pointing out that the 3.0-litre car is "only really appreciated by purists". The classic 911 expert notes that the 2.7 RS is "always the 911 that appears in the magazines and top ten lists.

Sumpter agrees, saying that the 2.7 RS/3.0 RS situation is seen elsewhere in the Porsche world. "It's a bit like the 356

thing: they know the Speedster, but they don't know the other cars. The 2.7 RS gets all the publicity," explains the Paragon man. "Up until recently I haven't really read much about the 3.0-litre RSs.'

However, it isn't just a case of the 3.0 RS being too rare. "The 2.7 is arguably the prettier car," adds Sadler. Analysing it further, Sumpter points to the 2.7's "pure bumper shape" as opposed to the 3.0-litre's "chunkier, clumsy look." Autofarm's sales and heritage director feels that "in a market driven by emotion". the 2.7 RS's aesthetics have played a large role in its stratospheric rise in values, while Sumpter feels that, maybe, 3.0 RS prices have been stymied by "people feeling it's too racy for them.'

So if the 3.0-litre Rennsport doesn't get the attention it really deserves, where should values sit for this super-rare RS? Sumpter has the last say, feeling that with 2.7 RS Lightweights currently fetching around £800,000, a 3.0 RS should be worth "at least 20 per cent more". Will we see them rise that high? Anything is possible in this market.



911E 1969-71



4.927 Issue featured: 107 Engine capacity: 2,195cc Compression ratio: 9.1:1 Maximum power 155bhp@6,200rpm Maximum torgu 196Nm@4,500rpm 0-62mph: 7.0se

185HR Rear: 6x15-inch: 185HR Length: 4,163mm Width: 1,610mm Weight: 1,020kg \star \star \star \star

The RS had a 2,687cc engine that developed 210bhp. The

Top speed: 152mph

Rear: 290mm discs

Wheels & tyres:

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

Rear: 7x15-inch;

215/60/R15

Brakes: Front: 282mm discs:

cluded revised cylinder

onger con rods. 1970

Top speed: 137mph

Front: 282mm discs;

Rear: 290mm discs

Wheels & tyres:

Front: 6x15-inch:

ated undersides.

Brakes

Carrera 2.7 RS 1973



series) 🗕

1,590 Issue featured: 106 Engine capacity: 2.687cc Compression ratio: 8.5:1 Maximum power: 210bhp@6,300rpm Maximum torque 255Nm@5.100rpm 0-62mph: 5.6sec

Width: 1.610mm Weight: 975kg (Sport) ****

Length: 4,163mm

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



Engine capacity

Compression ratio

Maximum power:

173bhp @ 5,800rpm Maximum torque:

235Nm@4,000rpm

0-60mph: 7.0sed

2,687cc

851

model comparable to the previous 911E. It had the same body changes as the base model, and came as standard with 'Cookie Cutter' rims

> Top speed: 142mph Front: 282mm discs; Rear: 290mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 6x15-inch; 185VR Rear: 6x15-inch; 185V/R Length: 4,291mm Width: 1,610mm Weight: 1,080kg \star \star \star \star

179Nm @ 5,200rpm 0-62mph: 8.0sec

(0 & A series) -

Production numbers:

4.015

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9.8:1

911S 1967-68

Issue featured: 114 Front: 282mm discs; Engine capacity: Rear: 285mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 4.5x15-inch; Compression ratio: 165/80/R15 Rear: 4.5x15-inch; Maximum power 160bhp@6,600rpm 165/80/R15 Maximum torque

Length: 4,163mm Width: 1,610mm Weight: 1.030kg $\star \star \star \star \star$

Porsche soon produced more

owerful variants. The first of these was the 911S – for

Super – which had a higher

Weber 40IDS carburettors

Brakes:

compression engine and twin

Top speed: 137mph

(C & D series) 911S 1969-71



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

Engine capacity: 2,195cc Compression ratio: 9.8:1 Maximum power 180bhp@6,500rpm Maximum torque 199Nm @ 5,200rpm 0-62mph: 6.6se Weight: 1,020kg

Top speed: 145mph Brakes Front: 282mm discs; Rear: 290mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 6x15-inch; 185HR Rear: 6x15-inch: 185HR Length: 4,163mm Width 1,610mm

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F series) **911E** 1973



After incidents of people filling E series 911s with petrol via he external oil-filler, the filler returned to under the engine decklid. Fitted with the front oiler of the 911S Top speed: 137mph

Front: 282mm discs:

Brakes:

4,406 (including Eseries) Issue featured: 117 Engine capacity: 2.341cc Compression ratio: 8.0:1 Maximum power: 165bhp@6.200rpm Maximum torque: 206Nm@4.500rpm 0-62mph: 7.5sec

Rear: 290mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 6x15-inch ATS; 185HR Rear: 6x15-inch ATS; 185HR Length: 4,163mm Width: 1.610mm Weight: 1,077kg

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(G & H series) 🗻 911 Carrera 2.7 1974-76



Production numbers:

1,667

2,687cc

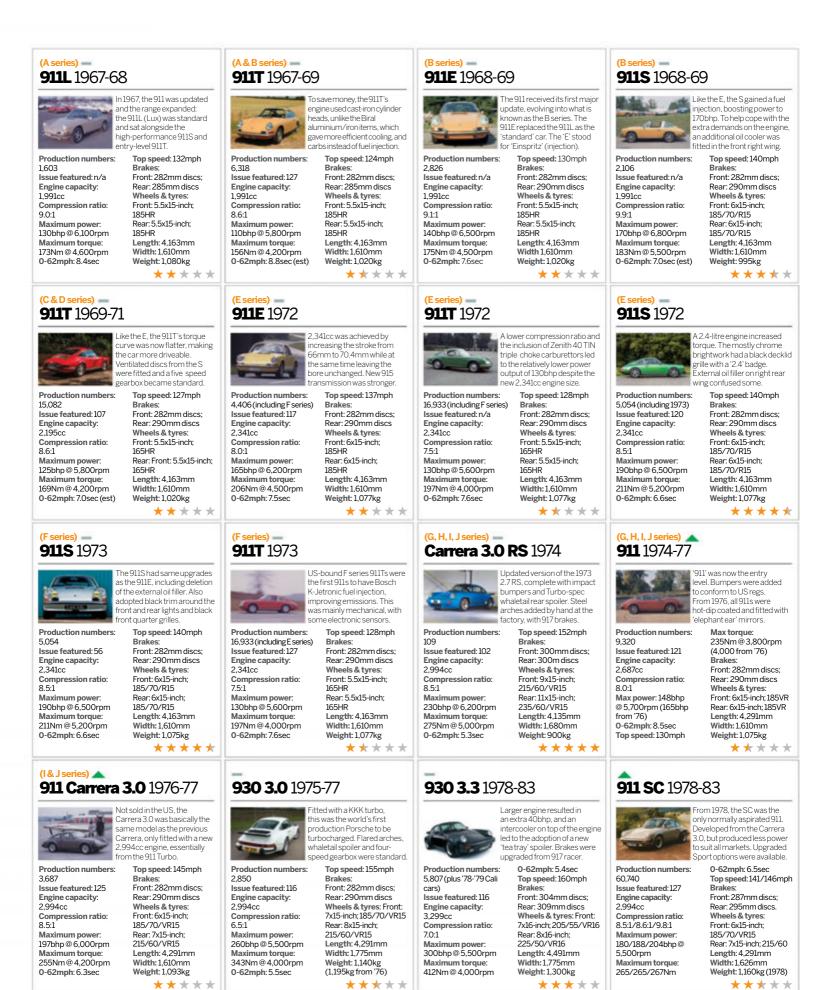
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was given to range-topping 911. Essentially the same engine as previous year's RS for all markets except USA. Whaletail available from '75. Top speed: 148mph

Brakes: Issue featured: 104 Front: 282mm discs; Rear: 290mm discs Engine capacity: Wheels & tyres: Front: 6x15-inch; Compression ratio: 185VR Rear: 7x15-inch; Maximum power: 210bhp@6,300rpm Maximum torque: 205VR Length: 4,291mm Width: 1,610mm Weight: 1,075kg 255Nm@5,100rpm 0-62mph: 6.3sec

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930 3.3 1984-89 Revised engine added more



Issue featured: 116 Engine capacity: 3,299cc Compression ratio: 7.0:1 Maximum power: 300bhp@5,500rpm Maximum torque: 432Nm@4,000rpm 0-62mph: 5.4sec Top speed: 161mph

Production numbers:

Issue featured: 126

Compression ratio: 10.3:1

231bhp@5,900rpm

284Nm@4,800rpm

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Production numbers:

Issue featured 108

Compression ratio 7.0:1

Maximum power: 381bhp@6.000rpm

Production numbers

Issue featured: 110

Compression ratio

Maximum power:

272bhp@6,000rpm

330Nm@5,000rpm

Maximum torque:

0-62mph: 5.6sec

Engine capacity:

38,626

3,600cc

11.3.1

Maximum torque 490Nm@4.800rpm

0-62mph: 4.6sec

Engine capacity:

3.299cc

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964 Turbo S 1992-93

993 Carrera 1993-97

Maximum power

Maximum torqu

0-60mph: 5.1sec

Engine capacity:

340

3,164cc

3.2 Clubsport 1987-89

Rear: 309mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 7x16-inch; 205/55/VR16 Rear: 8x16-inch: 225/50/

Front: 304mm discs;

Brakes

VR16 Length: 4,491mm Width: 1,775mm Weight: 1,300kg (1.335kg from '86) $\star \star \star \star \star$

emoving 'luxuries' sliced

Revised engine management

ated and LSD standard

Top speed: 152mph

Brakes: Front: 286mm discs;

Rear: 294mm discs

Wheels & tyres:

Front: 6x16-inch

205/55/VR16;

Rear: 7x16-inch

225/55/VR16

Length: 4,291mm Width: 1,650mm

Weight: 1,160kg

180kg lighter than Turbo.

ntakes in the rear arches

funnelled air to the brakes

Brakes: Front: 320mm discs:

Rear: 299mm discs

Wheels & tyres:

Front: 8x18-inch;

Rear: 10x18-inch;

Length: 4,250mm

Width: 1.775mm

Weight: 1,290kg

Restyled bodywork had

swept-back headlamps

curvaceous wings and blended-in bumpers. Engine

revised, with VarioRam

Top speed: 168mph

Brakes: Front: 304mm discs;

Rear: 299mm discs

Wheels & tyres: Front: 7x16-inch;

205/55/ZR16

245/45/7R16

Rear: 9x17-inch;

Length: 4,245mm

Width: 1,735mm

Weight: 1,370kg

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available from 1996.

225/40/ZR18

265/35/ZR18

uprated suspension

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off around 40kg of weight

gave a higher rev limit of 5,840rpm. Suspension

Carrera 3.2 1984-89



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.

Top speed: 152mph

Front: 286mm discs;

Rear: 294mm discs

195/65/VR15; Rear 8x15-inch, 215/60/

Width: 1,652mm

Weight: 1.210kg

Heavily revised bodywork.

deformable bumpers ove

coil-spring suspension and

four-wheel-drive marked this radical overhaul of the "87 per

VR15 (16 inches for '89) Length: 4,291mm

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Wheels & tyres:

Front: 7x15-inch:

Brakes:

Production numbers: 70,044 Issue featured: 114 Engine capacity: 3,164cc Compression ratio: 10.3:1 Maximum power: 231bhp@5,900rpm Maximum torque 284Nm@4,800rpm 0-62mph: 5.6sec

964 Carrera 4 1989-93



Production numbers: 13,353 (Coupe) Issue featured: 111 Engine capacity: 3,600cc Compression ratio: 11.3:1 Maximum power 250bhp@6,100rpm Maximum torque 310Nm@4,800rpm 0-62mph: 5.7sec

ent new" 911. Top speed: 162mph Brakes: Front: 298mm discs; Rear: 299mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 6x16-inch 205/55/ZR16 Rear: 8x16-inch: 225/50/ZR16 Length: 4.250mm Width: 1,652mm

964 3.8 RS 1993



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

Weight: 1,450kg

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Production numbers: Issue featured n/a Engine capacity: 3.746cc Compression ratio: 11.6:1 Maximum power: 300bhp@6.500rpm Maximum torque: 359Nm@5,250rpm 0-62mph: 4.9sec

Top speed: 169mph Brakes: Front: 322mm discs: Rear: 290mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 9x18-inch; 235/40/ZR18 Rear: 11x18-inch; 285/35/ZR18 Length: 4,250mm Width: 1.775mm Weight: 1,210kg ****

993 Carrera 4 1994-97

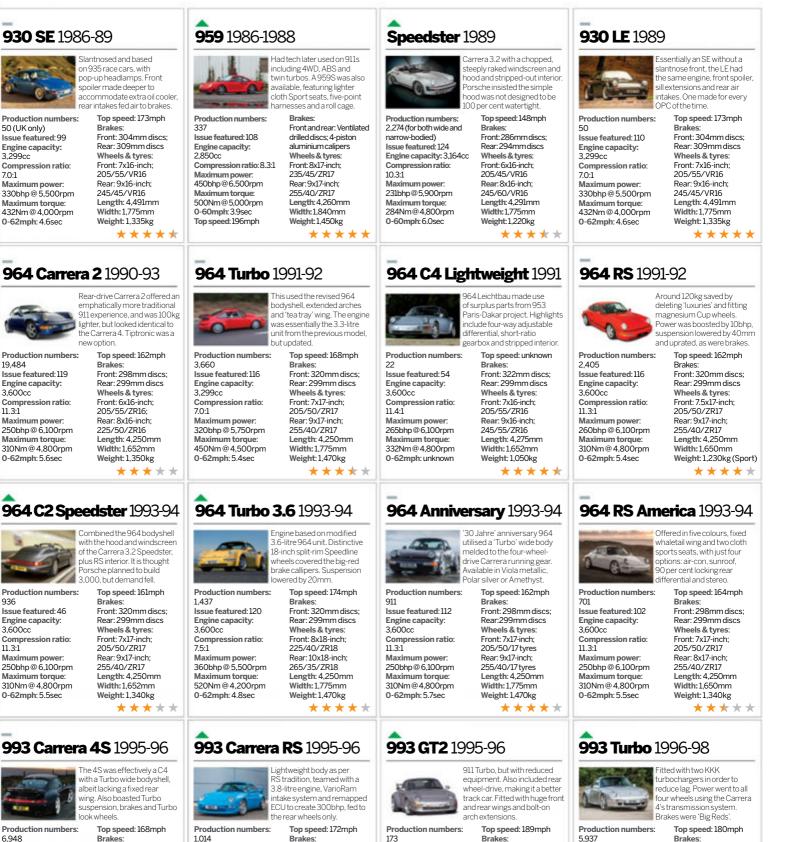


As per the 993-model Carrera, but with four-wheeldrive. Transmission was half he weight of the previous arrera 4, and was designed to give a more rear-drive feel

Production numbers: 2,884 (Coupe) Issue featured: 111 Engine capacity: 3,600cc Compression ratio: 11.3.1 Maximum power: 272bhp@6,000rpm Maximum torque: 330Nm@5,000rpm 0-62mph: 5.8sec

vTop speed: 166mph Brakes: Front: 304mm discs; Rear: 299mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 7x16-inch; 205/55/ZR16 Rear: 9x16-inch; 245/45/7R16 Length: 4,245mm Width: 1,735mm Weight: 1,420kg \star \star \star \star

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930 SE 1986-89

Brakes:

Production numbers:

Issue featured: 99

Engine capacity: 3,299cc

Maximum power

Maximum torqu

0-62mph: 4.6sec

330bhp@5,500rpm

432Nm@4,000rpm

Compression ratio

50 (UK only)

7.0:1

Production numbers: 19.484 Issue featured: 119 Engine capacity: 3.600cc Compression ratio: 11.3:1 Maximum power 250bhp@6,100rpm Maximum torque 310Nm@4,800rpm 0-62mph: 5.6sec

964 C2 Speedster 1993-94

new option.

Brakes



Production numbers: 936 Issue featured 46 Engine capacity: 3.600cc Compression ratio Maximum power: 250bhp@6.100rpm Maximum torque: 310Nm@4.800rpm 0-62mph: 5.5sec



Brakes: Front: 320mm discs: Rear: 299mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 7x17-inch; 205/50/ZR17 Rear: 9x17-inch 255/40/ZR17 Length: 4,250mm Width: 1.652mm Weight: 1,340kg

993 Carrera 4S 1995-96



Production numbers: 6,948 Issue featured: 109 Engine capacity: 3,600cc Compression ratio 11.3.1 Maximum power 285bhp@6,100rpm Maximum torque: 340Nm@5,250rpm 0-62mph: 5.3sec



1,014 Issue featured: 119 Engine capacity: 3,746cc Compression ratio: 11.5.1 Maximum power: 300bhp@6,000rpm Maximum torque: 355Nm @ 5,400rpm 0-62mph: 5.0sec

173 Front: 322mm discs; Issue featured: 121 Rear: 299mm discs Engine capacity: Wheels & tyres: 3,600cc Front: 18x8J, Compression ratio 225/407R18 8 0.1 Rear: 18x10J, Maximum power: 265/357R18 430bhp@5,750rpm Length: 4,245mm Maximum torque: Width: 1,735mm 540Nm@4,500rpm Weight: 1,279kg 0-62mph: 3.9sec

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Brakes: Front: 322mm discs; Rear: 322mm discs

Wheels & tyres: Front: 9x18-inch; 235/40/ZR18 Rear: 11x18-inch; 285/35/7R18 Length: 4,245mm Width: 1,855mm

Weight: 1,290kg

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Issue featured: 116

Compression ratio

Maximum power:

408bhp@5,750rpm Maximum torque:

540Nm@4,500rpm

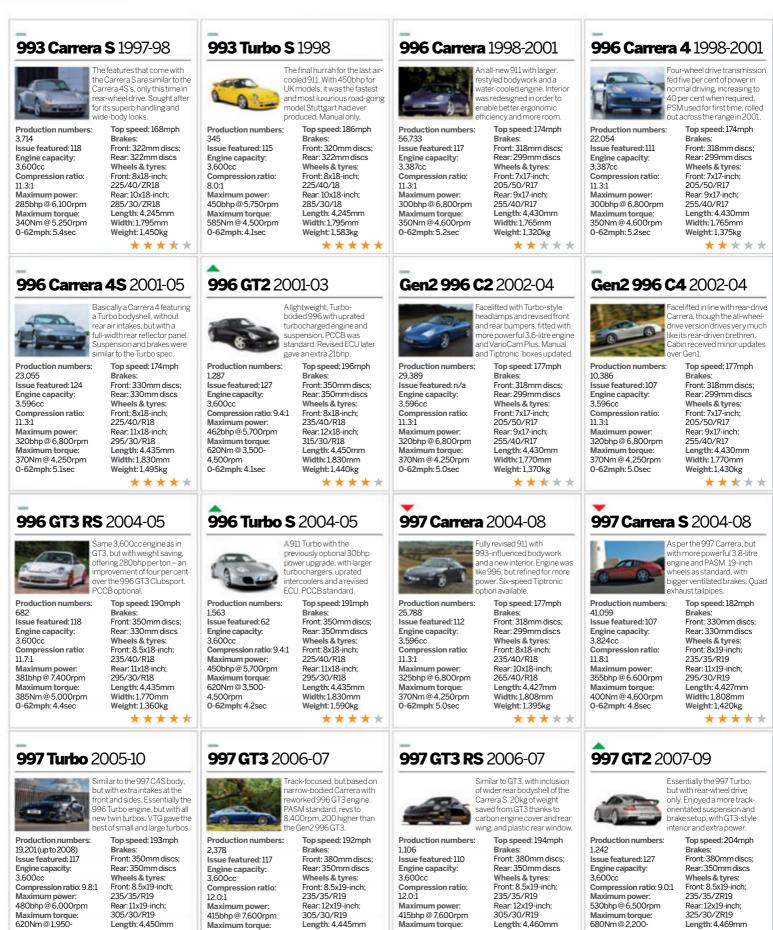
0-62mph: 4.3sec

Engine capacity:

3,600cc

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Brakes: Front: 322mm discs; Rear: 322mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 8x18-inch; 225/40/ZR18 Rear: 10x18-inch; 285/30/7R18 Length: 4,245mm Width: 1.795mm Weight: 1,500kg



Length: 4,450mm Maximum torque Width: 1.852mm 405Nm@5,500rpm Weight: 1,585kg 0-62mph: 4.3sec \star \star \star \star

5,000rpm 0-62mph: 3.9sec

Length: 4,445mm Width: 1.808mm Weight: 1.395kg \star \star \star \star 415bhp@7,600rpm Maximum torque: 405Nm @ 5,500rpm 0-62mph: 4.2sec

Length: 4,460mm Width: 1.808mm Weight: 1,375kg

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4,500rpm 0-62mph: 3.7sec

Length: 4,469mm Width: 1,852mm Weight: 1,440kg

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Length: 4,491mm Width: 1.852mm Weight: 1,420kg

305/30/7R20

400hp@7,400rpm

Maximum torque:

0-62mph: 4.5sec

440Nm@5.600rpm

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Maximum power: 430hp@7,500rpm 305/30/7R20 Maximum torque: Length: 4,491mm 440Nm@5,750rpm Width: 1,852mm 0-62mph: 4.0sec Weight: 1,425kg

Maximum torque 440Nm@5,750rpm 0-62mph: 4.4sec

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Maximum power: 430hp@7,500rpm



Top speed: 196mph Brakes: Front: 380mm discs:

Rear: 380mm discs Wheels & tyres: Front: 9x20-inch; 245/35/ZR20 Rear: 12x20-inch; 305/30/ZR20 Length: 4,545mm Width: 1.852mm Weight: 1,430kg

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500hp@8,250rpm

Maximum torque:

460Nm@6,250rpm

0-62mph: 3.3sec

DFI engine over the 991 GT3. Lighter than a GT3 thanks in part to a magnesium roof and ront bonnet. Top speed: 193mph Brakes: Front: 380mm discs; Rear: 380mm discs.

Wheels & tyres: Front: 9.5x20-inch; 265/35/ZR20 Rear: 12.5x21-inch; 325/30/7R21 Length: 4,545mm Width: 1,880mm Weight: 1,420kg $\star\star\star\star$



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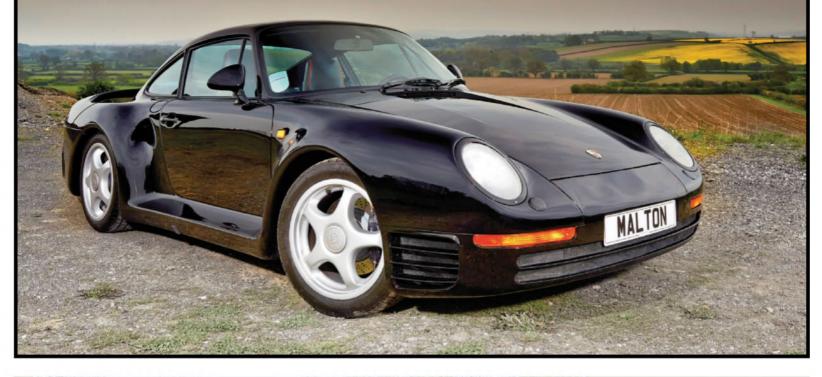
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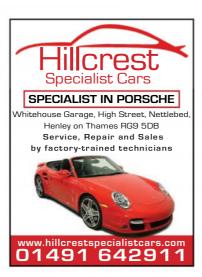
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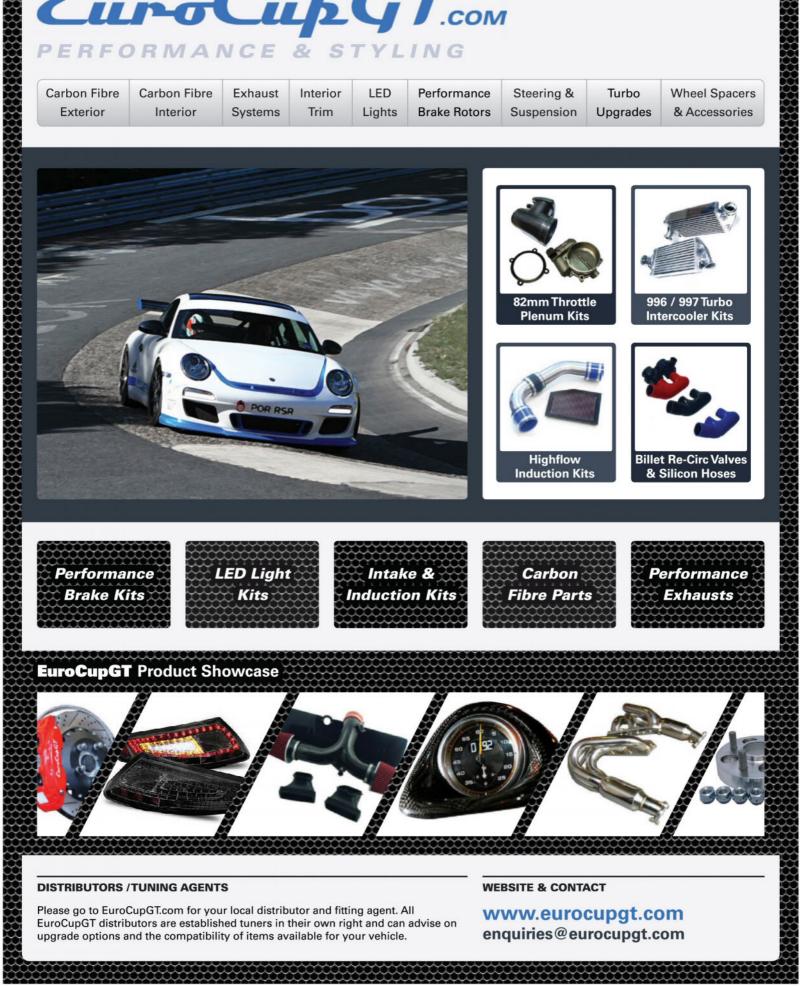






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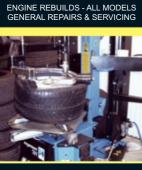
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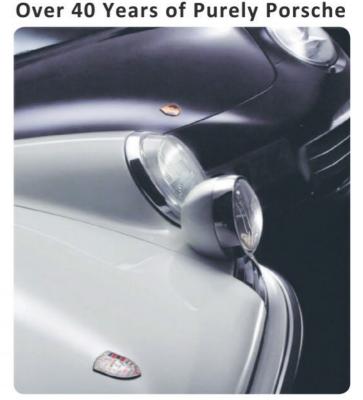
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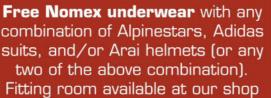
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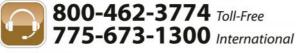


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