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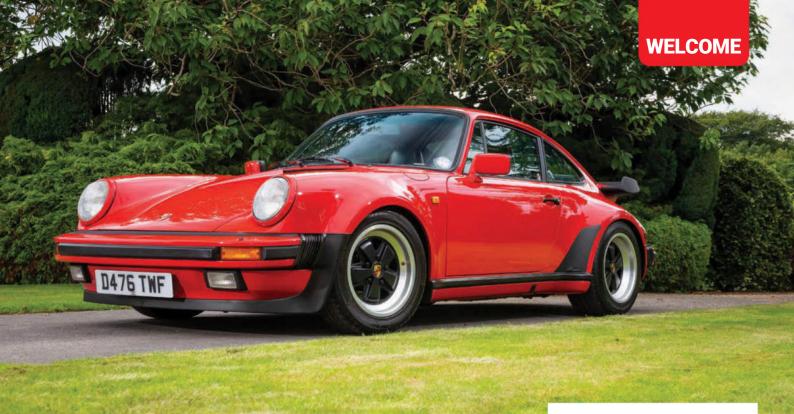
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I'm starting to think I'm going mad – this magazine carries a cover date of November, but hits newsstands in September. At the time of writing, August has just waved goodbye, and yet my local supermarket is already stocking Christmas produce. Of course, the fact I bought a few tubs of chocolates and Cadbury's confectionery fashioned like a Christmas pudding (imaginatively named Puds) was purely to save the store's customers from themselves. Ahem.

Irrespective of when your eyes land on this issue of the world's best-selling Porsche magazine, we can all agree 2023 has whizzed by. The seventy-fifth anniversary of the 356 (and therefore the seventy-fifth anniversary of Porsche as a manufacturer) and the

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911's sixtieth birthday are just two of the major events to have brought us merrymaking throughout the year, although more festivities are planned to mark both milestones before we raise a glass to welcome 2024, a year promising its own spectacular highlights, not least a host of new Porsche products.

On the topic of marking occasions, I'd like to thank those of you who messaged me to say how much you enjoyed last month's bumper issue dedicated to the 911's sixtieth trip around the sun. Here's to sixty more.



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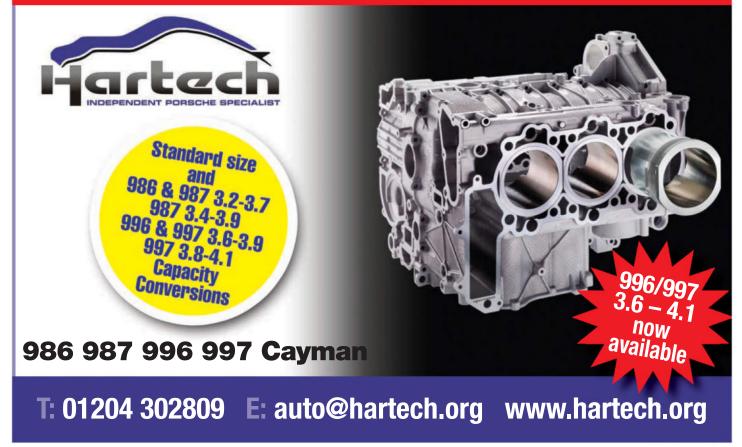
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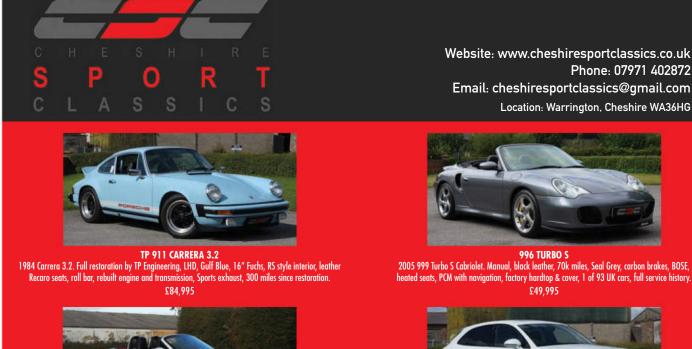


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RETURN TO BASE

Proving the cheap seats are not what they used to be, the entry-level version of the recently updated Cayenne is utterly brilliant...

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f you want a new Cayenne – trust us when we say you do – you're faced with a fair few choices. For starters, not only can you pick a conventional SUV or a Coupe, but you can opt for the S, complete with its thumping V8, or the only mildly

less potent E-Hybrid, with its slightly less ravenous appetite for premium unleaded. There are many more alternatives on the way. Having said all this, you could stay in the (relatively) cheap seats and go for the basic Cayenne.

It's something of an unloved model in the range, without the glamour of its more powerful siblings. With prices starting at less than £68,000, however, is the underdog the unsung hero of the current Cayenne line-up?

Let's start with that price tag, which makes the stock Cayenne almost £10,000 cheaper than the next-cheapest version: the E-Hybrid. Many of you will be aware of Porsche's modus operandi of keeping specification more or less the same as you climb the Cayenne range, meaning it's fair to say the E-Hybrid's hybrid system is pretty much all you're getting for the extra spend. And even if it wasn't, ten grand would buy you a good number of optional extras to make up the difference.

In the event, though, you could happily rub along with a completely entry-level version of this Porsche cargo carrier. As is the case with all other new Cayennes, you get an all-new dashboard loaded with a fully digital instrument display and the latest-generation Porsche Communication Management touchscreen user interface. You also get the same toggle-style gear selector as you'll find in the Taycan. The switch (you can barely call it a lever) is positioned by the steering wheel. This, in turn, has freed up space in the cabin for the new climate control panel, which is down on the centre console.

In truth, none of these changes equate to a masterclass in ergonomics, and they certainly haven't transformed the Cayenne driving experience, but they do go a long way to making this Porsche feel more modern. That said, we'd forgotten the first-generation E3 Cayenne was six years old when the facelift version was unveiled for the 2024 model year. At a point some brands would feel the need to bring out a whole new model, Porsche simply has to make a few changes to the cabin.

This is testament to just how premium this Porsche really is. Even in its cheapest form (with a price tag of less than £70,000, remember), the Cayenne feels just as upmarket as any other luxury SUV, but it's a long way ahead of the competition. As we've come to Above The looks are fairly unassuming for a new Porsche, but don't be fooled into thinking the new base Cayenne is basic

Below With a gigantic 1,708 litres of storage space when the rear seats are folded forward, there isn't much you won't fit in the back of this SUV



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expect from our favourite manufacturer, every switch feels brilliantly machined and engineered. All the materials are first-rate and the standard partial leather interior is more than adequate, although some of the optional finishes take the Cayenne's cockpit from upmarket to unparalleled. Even so, this isn't the sexiest or the most stylish of interiors - there's a decidedly Germanic whiff of function over form in here, but changes to the Cayenne cabin have somewhat improved the balance. We're particularly fond of the optional wood-and-bronze colour schemes on offer, which give the dash a touch of class. The upshot is that this entry-level Cayenne never makes you feel as though you're in a cheap facsimile of the real thing.

You will, however, feel as though you're in the spacious seats. Both the Coupe and SUV versions of the Cayenne are roomy in the extreme, with huge amounts of space in both the front and rear. There's plenty of adjustability and headroom for the driver, along with the typically impressive Cayenne driving position. Elbow room isn't too shabby, either. Further back, this Porsche isn't quite as generous as a long-wheelbase limousine, but it's easily a match for the average executive saloon.

Even passengers well over the sixfoot mark won't get too cramped when spending hours back there. And while the Coupe has marginally less headroom than the SUV, there's enough space to keep things comfortable for most occupants.

Then there's the luggage area, which is nothing short of cavernous. Whereas those who choose the E-Hybrid have to 'make do' with a 545-litre load area (on account of the hybrid system), the standard Cayenne gets the full 698 litres, which is a big uplift. Admittedly, there's no seven-seat option, but working on the principle it's better to have a big boot than seats adults can't easily use, this no great loss. And if you only need to carry one passenger, the Cayenne's rear seats can be folded down to achieve a whopping 1,708 litres of capacity.

POWER PLAY

The real distinction between the cheapest Cayenne and its more expensive siblings is the engine. In essence, the three-litre petrol V6 is the same turbocharged engine you get in the Cayenne E-Hybrid, except it doesn't have the assistance of an electric motor. And while the 348bhp output – a 13bhp increase on the pre-facelift E3 – might look slightly paltry when compared to the E-Hybrid's 464bhp, it isn't to be sniffed at. In fact, with a zero-to-62mph time of six seconds flat, the base Cayenne accelerates faster than a Volkswagen Above Stealthy silver paintwork does its best to avoid drawing attention, unlike the new Cayenne's specification, which includes a twinturbo V6 developing 348bhp and 396lb-ft

TECH SPEC

Model	Cayenne
Price	From £97,400
Powertrain	3.0-litre twin-turbocharged V6, eight-speed PDK dual-clutch
	auto with Porsche Traction Management (PTM), all-wheel drive
Economy	23.3-26.2mpg
CO_2 emissions	246-275g/km
Top speed	154mph
0-62mph	6.0 seconds (5.7 with Sport Chrono Package)
Power	348bhp at 5,400-6,400rpm
Torque	369lb ft at 1,450-4,500rpm
Weight	2,055kg (DIN)





Above and facing page Interior features all the trappings of modern Porsche sports cars, such as a fully digital dash, as seen in the Taycan Golf GTI. And, if you option the Sport Chrono pack fitted to our test car, you can shave another three tenths from that time. You don't have to worry about cruising on the autobahn, either, because the Cayenne tops out at 154mph. Put it this way, while this might be the least powerful model in the Cayenne stable,

it's a bit like being the poorest person on *The Sunday Times* Rich List. Everything is relative, friends. On the road,

where such things really matter, the

Cayenne is more than quick enough to make good progress. Even the aforementioned six-second dash feels fast in a car this big. And because the V6 is a big engine with lots of grunt, it has plenty of poke for overtaking, as well as for nipping in and out of traffic. This Porsche is never out of breath or short on potency.

Without the electric motor on hand, the engine won't quite give you the same shove in the back as you'll get from the E-Hybrid. Nor will it prove as efficient. Official figures peg the base Cayenne at between 23.3 and 26.2mpg, which makes it barely more economical than the V8-powered S, a model with enough power to achieve the same performance in exchange for a bit less effort. As you'd expect, this level of fuel economy is a long way behind the E-Hybrid. In many respects, it's a shame the basic Cayenne isn't a diesel.

JUST BECAUSE THE V6 ISN'T AS POWERFUL AS THE V8 DOESN'T MEAN THE ENTRY-LEVEL CAYENNE ISN'T GREAT FUN TO DRIVE

Porsche's sister brand, Audi, has some good three-litre V6 diesels kicking about, after all. Alas, in the wake of Dieselgate, Porsche is in no mind to reintroduce derv-drinking engines to its product range. Fuel economy has suffered as a result. Nevertheless, the base Cayenne will get somewhere near its claimed figures on a long run, and when you still only get 30mpg or so from a modern hot hatchback, the trade-off for the Cayenne's extra space and luxury isn't such a bad one.

Burning petrol allows the Cayenne to make a great noise. It isn't ostentatious

or rowdy — the V6 soundtrack is smooth, refined — but there's a pleasant rumble when you give it more than a light prod of power. It isn't as fruity as the V8 in the S, but this isn't necessarily a bad thing. The V6 is whisper-quiet, and only when you poke it with a stick does it start to express its full vocal range. It's at its

> best slightly lower down, where you get a snarl hinting at the performance hidden deep in the bent-six's back pocket. Straight-line speed has never

been the Cayenne's forte, no matter which version you choose, but this is a spectacular SUV that somehow manages to handle like a focused sports car, despite its bulk. On this front, the entry-level Cayenne is at something of an advantage.

Weighing in at just over two tonnes, it's about four hundred kilos lighter than the E-Hybrid and almost two hundred lighter than the S. The reduction in weight makes a difference, albeit an infinitesimally small one, allowing the standard Cayenne to feel comparatively light on its feet.



Not that the E-Hybrid or the S feel anything other than sublime. Both models have the trademark Porsche steering feel making every new Cayenne (and, indeed, every other new Porsche) such a class act. Though nobody will mistake the base Cayenne for a lightweight sports car, this is a Porsche which turns into corners keenly — body

roll is limited and the grip in corners is bountiful. There's also just enough feel to let you know what's going on without ever endangering the ride comfort. And

all this is in the default driving mode. Speaking of comfort, Porsche has subtly retuned the Cayenne's suspension in a bid to make it more supple over bumps, which strikes us as an interesting decision, given the ride quality of the previous entry-level Cayenne, which wafts over imperfections in the road and allows for traversing rough terrain without reducing body roll. The factory's chassis engineers have done it again, only this time the result is a slightly softer ride. While our test car rode on the optional air suspension, we found it to be an effortless motorway cruiser, soaking up any bump or cat's eye with aplomb. It was almost as good around town. Yes, the odd pothole makes its presence felt, but this about as harsh as it gets, despite the use of (standard) twenty-inch alloy wheels. Whichever way you cut it, this is very impressive.

Rotating the little switch on the steering wheel will make changes to the car's chassis settings, but not all are improvements. Opting for Sport mode will sacrifice a little bit of bump absorption in exchange for an equally

THE LURE OF BIGGER POWER UNITS WILL BE TOO MUCH FOR MANY SHOWROOM VISITORS TO RESIST

small improvement in body control and feel for what the wheels are doing, which seems like a fair trade on a good back road. Sport Plus, on the other hand, makes the Cayenne a little bit too firm for UK road use, although it was fine when we tested the Porsche across mainland Europe.

While the Cayenne's suspension is impressive, we can't wrap up our review without a word on the brakes. Whereas the E-Hybrid has to balance the demands of regenerative braking and conventional calipers, the standard Cayenne doesn't have to deal with the same compromise. As a result, the pedal feels far more dependable and consistent, with more natural feedback. Combine this with the reduction in weight and you're left with excellent stopping power — especially for a vehicle this heavy — giving the driver a great deal of confidence in the Cayenne's ability to slow quickly and efficiently. This doesn't necessarily make the base Cayenne a more exciting Porsche than the E-Hybrid or the S. Just because the V6 isn't as powerful as the V8, for example, doesn't mean the entry-

> level Cayenne isn't great fun to drive – all new Cayennes deliver hugely rewarding seat time. What's more, with a list price almost £10,000 lower than that

of the E-Hybrid, there's no doubting the excellent value for money delivered by the entry-level model.

And though its V6 engine might not be the last word in performance or economy, it's more than powerful enough for the majority of drivers to be getting on with. In terms of bang for buck, this Porsche is difficult to beat. The fact of the matter, however, is people tend to buy the car they want, rather than the car they actually need.

Due to there being seemingly more engaging and more exciting versions of the Cayenne available, the lure of bigger power units will be too much for many showroom visitors to resist. This is a shame because the base Cayenne is utterly brilliant on all fronts. Above Great levels of performance, excellent practicality and a very agreeable price point suggest the new Cayenne will be a big hit in Porsche dealer showrooms





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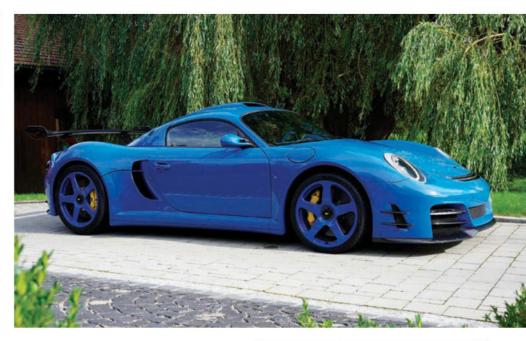
Monterey Car Week presented a tantalising array of new product launches, from reimagined classics to brand-new sports cars. For Porsche fans in attendance, two releases ranked high among the attractions on offer: RUF Automobile's new CTR3 Evo and R Spyder models.

Introduced in 2007, the CTR3 is a mid-engined RUF sports car (differing from the rear-engined CTR and CTR2) mixing elements of the 987 Cayman and first-generation 997 Turbo in a RUF-designed body developed in partnership with Multimatic, the Canadian engineering firm providing Porsche with the new 963 race car's chassis. Developing 691bhp and 656lb-ft torque from its 3.8-litre twin-turbocharged flat-six, the CTR3 looks part Carrera GT, part Le Mans racer, and was unveiled at the RUF factory at Bahrain International Circuit exactly twenty years after the debut of the CTR 'Yellowbird'.

Following on from 2012's CTR3 Clubsport, the new CTR3 Evo heralds what RUF describes as "the pinnacle of our water-cooled engines" and is the most powerful RUF sports car to date. Developing close to 800bhp at 7,100rpm and 730lb-ft torque at 4,000rpm, the 3.8-litre boxer is bristling with modern tech, ensuring a smooth and powerful pull to the redline. The double-clutch seven-speed gearbox receives commands from shift paddles, while six-piston brake calipers with fifteen-inch carbon-ceramic brake discs ensure all eight hundred ponies are reined in effortlessly. The steel chassis, meanwhile, utilises an integrated roll cage inside a lightweight carbon-Kevlar body shell for maximum strength and low kerb weight. A rear wing ensures ample downforce at the CTR3 Evo's top speed of 236mph.

The 991-based R Spyder is RUF's take on unusual classic sports car design. "A radical





study enveloping both driver and passenger in their own cocoons." So says Alois Ruf Jr, a man proud of the four-litre normally aspirated choptop, which produces almost 515bhp at 8,400rpm and 350lb-ft torque at 6,250rpm.

MONTEREY POP

Carbon-fibre rules the roost — the lightweight weave has been used for the rear hood, ducktail spoiler, integrated air intakes, helmet compartment, dashboard and centre bar. The latter plays host to a Sport Chrono-style stopwatch and passes between passenger and driver. Recognising it might be difficult for the car's occupants to communicate, RUF supplies the R Spyder with two safety helmets incorporating an intercom system. The car's sixspeed transmission features an auto blip system.

Though the CTR3 Evo and R Spyder took a starring role in RUF's exploits at Monterey, there was room for the announcement of upgrades for customer cars. Specifically, RUF has revealed details of its newest performance packages for the 992-generation 911. What's on offer is beyond the scope of this news story, but in essence, all 992 Carrera and Turbo models, including the 992 Turbo S, can benefit from optimisation of engine ECU and turbochargers, as well as the appointment of sports air filters and a RUF sports exhaust system with valve control. For the base Carrera, power is lifted from 385bhp and 332lb-ft torque to a hefty 580bhp and 450lb-ft torque. For further information, visit *rufautomobile.co.uk*.







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RSR SPA TEAM REVEALS 2024 TRACKDAY EVENTS FOR EUROPEAN CIRCUITS

Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, located in the Ardennes, is undoubtedly one of the most spectacular race tracks anywhere in the world. It's also easily accessible from anywhere in Western Europe and, due to its close proximity with the Nürburgring, is a popular stop-off destination for any UK-based Porsche owner passing through Belgium en route to the Green Hell.

Visiting hallowed ground such as this even if for nothing more than to pay tribute to the cars, drivers and teams responsible for contributing to some of motorsport's most iconic scenes - is one thing, but what about taking to the asphalt yourself? Regardless of whether you've never been on a track before or are a seasoned regular, you'll want to enjoy time at a circuit in the best possible conditions. Predominantly, this equates to a low number of cars on track at any given time, as well as being in the company of like-minded enthusiasts sympathetic to the fact drivers of different experience are at play. You'll also want a guarantee you'll be grinning from ear to ear when you're working your way around the track, as well as when you're taking stock of the day thereafter. The team at RSRSpa is on





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hand to help. Offering a variety of open pitlane track days and giving you the opportunity to either drive with your own car or rent a specially prepared track attacker for the duration, the company has been hosting its own events at Spa and the Nürburgring for many years. In other words, RSRSpa has intimate knowledge of both tracks, meaning you couldn't be in safer hands.

The company's remaining track dates for Spa in 2023 are as follows: Monday 9th October, Tuesday 10th October and Saturday 11th

November. The team is also hosting trackdays at French circuits in the same timeframe: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd October at Circuit Dijon Prenois, and Wednesday 4th October at the legendary Magny-Cours Grand Prix circuit.

RSRSpa is also welcoming big groups of drivers from North America (approximately twenty-five attendees in high-end sports cars) at the end of September and in mid-October. These groups are being sent via the Hooked on Driving members club and by driving coach,

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Ross Bentley, author of the popular Motorbooks

2024 is the RSRSpa team's combined trackday event at Portimao and Estoril, slated for mid-April. As soon as the details are confirmed, we'll also be bringing you news of the company's new trackdays at Hockenheim, Red Bull Ring,

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PORSCHE CELEBRATES HIP-HOP ANNIVERSARY WITH FILM DOCUMENTARY

On 11th August 1973, DJ Kool Herc hosted a party in the Bronx that would go down in history. With two turntables connected together, he created beats for his friends to accompany with raps and acrobatic breakdancing. This New York evening fifty years ago is considered a key moment in the formation of hip-hop.

Half a century later, German music journalist, Niko Hüls, has embarked on a journey through the US, taking in stops to talk with many artists involved in the genre. In New York, Los Angeles and Atlanta, he speaks to Xzibit, DJ Muggs (Cypress Hill), Tony Touch, L'il Fame (M.O.P.) and Speech (Arrested Development), plus many more, about the impact hip-hop has had on their lives. In partnership with Porsche, the result is an almost two-hour documentary, which you can view for free on the YouTube channel of Hüls' *Backspin* hip-hop magazine.

In addition to the four hip-hop elements of breakdance, graffiti, rap and DJing, the documentary focuses on a value system characterised by respect, tolerance and creative self-realisation. Artists reveal how hip-hop helped them to break free from the barriers of their social backgrounds and to realise their dreams in a self-determined way. The social





worker, JC Hall, follows the same approach with his *Hip-Hop Therapy* project, which features in the film. He uses the tools of hip-hop culture to therapeutically reintegrate disadvantaged youths from the Bronx district of New York into everyday school life, and to show them ways to positively shape

their lives. "Respect, tolerance and integration are values the hiphop movement has exemplified for fifty years,"

says Hüls. "It has therefore shaped several generations and decades, certainly in terms of language, music and fashion. Hip-hop is much more, though. It is a unifying system with common codes all over the world. The beauty is there are so many ways to celebrate it."

Since 2018, *Backspin* and Porsche have been jointly committed to giving space to the values of hip-hop as a youth culture. The first *Back to Tape* film reported on the history of hip-hop in Germany. The production was awarded numerous industry awards, including the German Prize for Online Communication. *Back to Tape 2* followed in 2020 and saw Hüls travel in a Porsche to European cities, including Barcelona, Paris and London, to explore hip-hop culture beyond Germany's borders. Then, in 2021, a 212-page culture and travel guide named *Hip-Hop Culture* was published by *Backspin* and Porsche. The book portrays seventeen

NUMEROUS INDUSTRY AWARDS, INCLUDING THE GERMAN PRIZE FOR ONLINE COMMUNICATION

artists from Germany, Holland, the UK, France, Spain and Denmark, all of whom have made a significant

contribution to the development of hip-hop in recent years. Now, the newly released *Back to Tape 3* documentary takes viewers to the USA as Hüls traces the origins of the movement.

While the content is being played out digitally via YouTube, as well as through photos on Instagram and by way of a dedicated playlist published on Spotify, a special exhibition dedicated to Porsche and hip-hop will feature at the Porsche Brand Store in Stuttgart.

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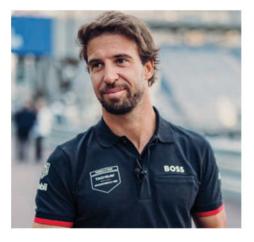
PORSCHE CELEBRATES ITS MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN FORMULA E

In its most successful season to date, the TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team took home four victories with the Porsche 99X Electric. The squad from Weissach was fighting for the world championship title until the last race of the season, which took place in London.

"We've become stronger as a team," says Florian Modlinger, Director of Factory Motorsport Formula E. "Compared to last season, we've made a huge step forward and established ourselves among the top teams."

The ninth season of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship was gripping from start to finish, with the battle for top honours going down to the wire at the season finale in London. Porsche had reason to celebrate in the capital: with the Weissach-developed 99X Electric, Jake Dennis, who races for the Porsche customer team, Avalanche Andretti, was crowned world champion after an outstanding season.

"It was a successful season for Porsche because, with the 99X Electric, we developed a car capable of winning," Modlinger reflects. "With four victories, we have established ourselves firmly at the top. Nevertheless, in the end, the factory team didn't achieve what we set out to





do and what was within our reach. We'll analyse the season carefully and try to make another step forward for the championship's tenth season."

By his own admission, Porsche's qualifying performance was decisive, especially during the last two race weekends (Rome and London). "Our race performance was very good, which we saw in London, when António Félix da Costa drove

a sensational race, starting from seventeenth on the grid and finishing in P2. To have only finished fourth in the teams' and drivers'

championships is hugely disappointing, especially when you consider we led the teams' championship for the majority of the year and only occasionally dropped back to second place. Clearly, more was possible for us this season."

After a superior performance in the first races of the season, the new 99X Electric simply wasn't able to maintain the lead it built up. "Superiority wasn't really there," Modlinger asserts. "In terms of performance, Jaguar and Envision Racing were on par with us, but they dropped a lot of points in the opening races. We didn't make any mistakes and banked the spoils. The situation flipped as the season progressed. Punctures and collisions set us back, and we went to tracks where we couldn't turn our qualifying performance into a decent result. Rivals were simply stronger. I acknowledge this, but our package was competitive all season, as Jake Dennis showed

by winning the world title in a customer 99X."

Avalanche Andretti's participation with the all-electric Porsche marked the first time

Porsche has supported a customer team in Formula E. The team is owned by motor racing legend, Michael Andretti.

With the Taycan Turbo S, Porsche again supplied Formula E's official safety car, thus underlining the importance of the series for Porsche Motorsport. "The off-season is fullthrottle," Modlinger reveals. "The cars are back in Weissach, where they are disassembled, reassembled and prepared for a return to racing." Here's to victory in the 2024/2025 season.

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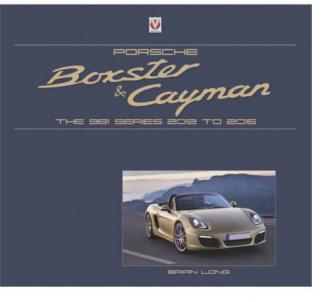
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Billed as the full history of the 981-generation Boxster/Cayman twins and written by marque expert, Brian Long, with assistance from the Porsche factory, this 192page hardback (measuring twenty-five centimetres square) includes no fewer than 293 photographs and is the latest book in Veloce's acclaimed *Boxster & Cayman* series. All major markets are covered, as are standard paint and trim combinations for each model year. Competition versions of the Boxster and Cayman are also documented, and though contemporary illustrations are used to highlight information throughout, Long has taken full advantage of Porsche's approval and co-operation in his work to reproduce official showroom sales brochures. Background to the 981 is provided by a history of Boxster design and development, and there's even an introduction to the 718-generation Boxster/Cayman twins, including the GT4 Clubsport. The third in Long's series of Boxster books for Veloce, this terrific tome is available to order direct from the publisher's website. **Price: £55**

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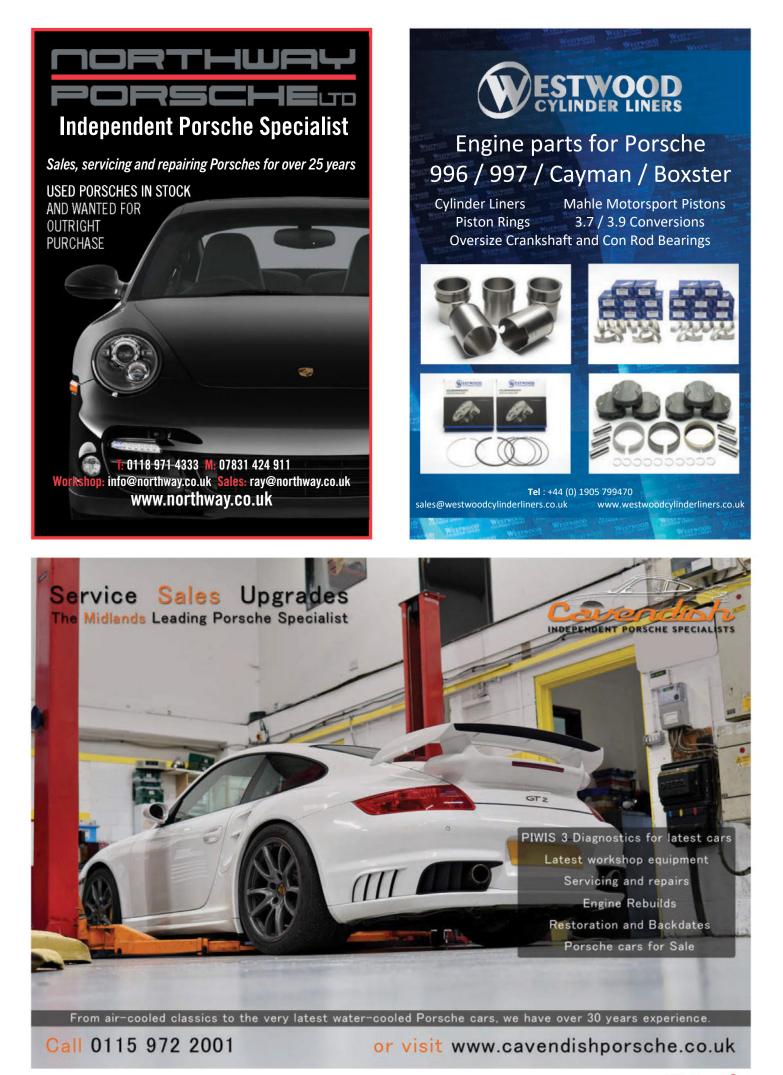
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COMMENT

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With most major roads now plotted with speed cameras of various types, it is little wonder trackdays are becoming increasingly popular. There is, however, an argument for a common sense approach to speed limits, so much so one law enforcement officer told me there should be no such thing...

o any of you remember when it felt okay to drive fast on the motorway, as long as you kept below 100mph (the speed we were all led to believe would result in an automatic ban)? Contrast this with today's inappropriately named 'smart' motorways, where everyone has cruise control set at 72mph and feels cheeky travelling even at that speed. It always makes me chuckle when, on leaving the smart section of a motorway, all cars speed up to (or past) 80mph. Boy, does that feel fast and naughty!

Times have certainly changed, and whilst I have made efforts to alter my driving style (as the points on my licence attest), I do now recognise we can't drive the way we used to. It's not just motorways — along most major roads, there are mobile speed vans and curiously named 'traffic safety cameras' (even though their positioning and sole purpose is to extract cash from drivers), average speed cameras and policemen with speed guns (usually hidden behind trees). Put simply, in today's motoring world, there are far fewer places for you to enjoy your car's performance, especially if you drive a vehicle with the capabilities of a Porsche.

I used to think I enjoyed 'spirited driving' for about twenty percent of the time I was behind the wheel. For the other eighty percent, I just wanted to be comfortable getting from A to B without exploring the car's performance. I'd say this ratio has dramatically reduced in recent years, and not in the good direction – I estimate I now get to enjoy my car's performance between only five and ten percent of the time I'm driving. Fortunately, I love the experience of being on the road, be it in a van, a 'regular' car or a Porsche, meaning I can always find ways to enjoy time at the wheel. Sadly, I have less opportunity than ever stretch my car's legs.

Perhaps this is why I like trackdays so much? Many people think that because I enjoyed years of competitive racing, there can't be any enjoyment for me to find on a trackday, complete with all the restrictions organisers put in place. The option to really push a car hard, however, can now only be safely and lawfully explored on a trackday. Whilst this isn't racing, it still gives me enormous pleasure and



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gratification, the kind I can't get from driving on the public highway. Trackdays also take away the temptation to speed on the road. With this in mind, I look forward to restoring my driving license to 'nil points' in the near future.

As for the cars I like to pedal, I guess my dream garage has changed in recent years. Whilst my mile-munching daily is a BMW M4 – and, as regular readers will know, I'm lucky enough to own a 992 GT3 for circuit work – I feel it might be time for a Macan or Cayenne. Ultimately, the opportunities to explore the performance of even my M4 are limited.

I can scarcely believe I just wrote that last paragraph. Remember when Porsche manufactured only sports cars? And yet, SUVs now account for the majority of the brand's sales. Maybe everyone is having similar thoughts to me? Am I late to the party? Probably. What I do know is I couldn't survive with just one car and nothing suitable for track action.

Back to my earlier rant about speed limits. A wise policeman once said to me there should be no such thing as a speed limit, merely recognition for inappropriate speed for the surroundings and conditions. What he was trying to say was that 85mph on a deserted motorway at two in the morning shouldn't be considered an offence, whereas travelling 70mph twenty yards from the back bumper of the car in front during rush hour should be. I couldn't agree more, but, of course, working out whether an offence has occurred would rely on an officer's judgement and would therefore be impossible to police effectively. Cameras, of course, cannot exercise this level of judgement, so don't expect the clear-thinking policeman's viewpoint to be implemented any time soon.

On a different note, I recently tried to order some luggage from the official Porsche store. As I discovered, if your house has a name instead of a number, the process is impossible. I'll venture a good many Porsche owners live in houses with names in place of numbers. I gave up and visited my local Porsche Centre in the hope a member of staff could place the order for me. Imagine my surprise when even the company's own staff couldn't complete the transaction. There are likely many lost sales taking place here, Porsche. Over to you.

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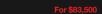


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COMMENT

KARL MEYER

With now being the busiest time for Porsche Centres, the brand holds its head high against the competition, but drilling into the model mix paints a somewhat confusing story. The upshot is there are deals to be done on new and nearly new Porsches, especially if you like your sports cars all-electric...

he goal with my market insights each month is to provide you with the definitive insider's perspective, sharing data. sentiment and secrets of the trade to help you make better Porsche buying and selling decisions. To ensure the intel I provide is bang on the pulse, I finalise this column as close to print deadline as possible, thereby allowing the very latest sales data to trickle in. In this instance, we've just passed the first of September, arguably the most significant date in your local Porsche Centre's calendar. In the lead up to this period, offices of Porsche sales managers across the land will look like modern-day war rooms, complete with whiteboards decorated with Magic Marker scribbles planning shipping schedules, PDI, customer preferences, finance payouts and the all-important handover diary ensuring each customer's new Porsche is prepped, cleaned, wearing number plates and facing the showroom door ready for the big reveal.

It's a military-like operation. It needs to be – some Porsche Centres will process more than a hundred new vehicles in the space of thirty days. As a former Porsche sales manager, it's a scenario I know well. Truth be told, I'm relieved this kind of pressure is behind me, although I spare a thought for Porsche's workshop and sales teams at this time of year — go easy on your Porsche Centre's sales executive if he or she looks a tad under the cosh.

In the UK each year, to spread sales traffic, we make use of two new registrations separated by six months. Even so, a combination of tradition (harking back to when there was just one new registration period a year) and vehicle allocations mean September is the big one. It's a telling time for those of us watching this space. It provides solid data regarding the ongoing desirability of Porsche products, whilst opening our eyes to what customer part-exchanges are worth in the real world. Think of it as a unique birds-eye view of new and used vehicles in a single, data-rich month. With this in mind, I thought it relevant to dedicate this month's op-ed to Porsches new and nearly new - let's take a look behind the scenes at what's happening at most Porsche Centres.

Whilst many of you will enjoy collecting your new Porsche, some buyers will face a frustrating wait as the dreaded 'stop sale' monster plagues Porsche yet again. Think Taycans affected by battery sealant concerns. Think Cayenne wiring issues threatening to remind us all of one of my favourite automotive corporate lawyer terms of reference: "thermal incident".

In terms of sales year on year, despite the bumper two years Porsche has already experienced, I'm both pleased and unnerved to



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see this month is likely to be a record breaker. I'm pleased because I love our brand roaring on when competitors are having a seriously tough time out there. On the other hand, I'm unnerved because this level of sales success flies in the face of every other data point used to monitor and navigate sales markets, such as those concerning UK property, US vehicle auctions, recruitment, energy, material indices and used car transactional information. All of these reports tell a vastly different story to that of record sales.

If you're a professional in the industry, it's perfectly healthy to speculate why this contradiction exists. Gut-feel will form part of how franchise directors, sales managers and independents steer their Porsche businesses during the coming months. Conversations with fellow industry professionals will also help to draw conclusions (alongside fact-based data). My take is simple: we are experiencing latency in moving toward a buyer's market. Specifically, the data we review has a two-to-six-month washout period from the day it presents itself as raw numbers to becoming reality in the retail sector.

For the past two years, when owners checked the value of their Porsche, it had mostly increased month on month. The opposite is now happening. I predict more cars coming to market in Q4 than the previous three. Add the fact more than fifty percent of households are coming off fixed rate mortgages between now and February and I believe prices will cool. Whilst this is concerning, the aforementioned latency gives the industry a serious amount of time to react with the multitude of tools at its disposal. Balancing prices and incentivising sales are the obvious moves. We've seen it happen before. Price drops can never be a given, of course, but in my opinion, are likely.

With all this taken into account, what's hot and what's not? Over-production of Taycan and rising finance rates means there are deals to be done for Porsche's all-electric sports car. Macan is a different story — great news if you're a seller. At *theporschebuyer.com*, we will pay strong money for Macans. We simply can't get enough of them. Demand is very high. To my surprise, the same goes for nearly new Cayennes, despite having the new model in showrooms. Give me a call.



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KEEP IT IN THE FAMILY

Three generations of Porsche sports car matched with three generations of a Porsche-mad family. We visit Macclesfield and delight in the 944 Lux, Carrera 3.2 Supersport and 997 Carrera S owned by the Cowling clan...

Words Dan Furr Photography Dan Sherwood

here are hand-me-downs and there are hand-medowns. Forget having to wear your elder sibling's discarded clothes what we have here are passed-on Porsches. Ownership has transferred from father to son to son, charting not only successive generations of a family obsessed with sports cars, but also the generational shift in automotive design and development, as well as boardroom thinking, at Porsche headquarters in Zuffenhausen.

The story starts with Cowling family patriarch, Tony, whose first experience of

owning a Stuttgartcrested sports car occurred with the purchase of an early 944 Turbo. "It was one of the first examples of the model to land in the UK," he

remembers. "My daily driver was a BMW 325i, which produced approximately 170bhp and 164lb-ft torque. By contrast, the Porsche, which I used as a weekend plaything during summer months, developed near 220bhp and 245lb-ft in standard trim, producing well over 250bhp after an ECU chip upgrade, fuelling and ignition changes."

After many miles and many smiles, the turbocharged transaxle was sold (and subsequently written-off by its next owner), but as many marque enthusiasts with experience behind the wheel of a 944 Turbo will attest, shaking the bug is easier said than done. Needless to say, Tony found himself yearning for another 944, and although the car he ended up with offered the same 2.5 litres of displacement as the Turbo, it was an altogether different beast.

Facing page 997 Carrera S features factory Aerokit, as well as a host of other desirable goodies First registered in 1985 (coincidentally, the year of the 944 Turbo's launch), the 944 he bought was a Lux, complete with 'square' dashboard, carried over from the earlier 924. Extensively developed throughout its production run, the 924 yielded high-performance Turbo and Carrera GT variants, as well as the 245bhp Carrera GTS. Sadly, despite the big power and impressive specification offered by these models, the 924 failed to shake off the image of being a Porsche with a borrowed VW/Audi engine. In contrast, its successor, the 944, was embraced as a purely Porsche product.

The 944 was revealed at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September 1981. Looking as though the 924 had spent every waking moment in the gym after being picked on by the motoring press, the

SOMEWHAT MUDDYING THE WATER WAS TONY'S DECISION TO FIT A 924 TURBO NOSE TO HIS 944 LUX

new Porsche inherited its muscular, wide-arched styling from the 924 Carrera GT. The wedge had a familiarity about it, but there was no wheezy VW/Audi engine for purists to complain about. This time, a new 2.5-litre four-cylinder powerplant designed and developed by Porsche was used. It was essentially the same unit proven under the bonnet of the 1981 924 Carrera GTP Le Mans racer. A development of a single cylinder bank from the 928's V8 (and equipped with twin counter-rotating balancer shafts to suppress vibration), the base 944 engine pumped out 163bhp, just seven horses shy of 1978's 924 Turbo.

Standard 944 equipment included airconditioning, electric windows, fog lights and tinted glass, all wrapped up in a 137mph performance package delivering the sprint from rest to 62mph in less than nine seconds. Priced at DM38,900 in Germany and £12,999 in the UK, the 944 sat somewhere between the 924 and 924 Turbo in model hierarchy. To deal with the shrugging off of increased performance, disc brakes were fitted at each end of the new arrival, while even better weight distribution was achieved with a 51/49 front/rear balance. Just like the 924, the 944 was built at Audi's former NSU factory in Neckarsulm, with the all-Porsche engine transported from Zuffenhausen.

To begin with, as the car Tony bought demonstrates, the 944 shared the 924's interior. What it didn't have in common with the much-criticised older car was a reputation for being a 'bitsa'. Yes, the 944 borrowed much of its style, some of its oily bits and most of its cabin furniture

> from the 924, but it was ordained as a 'proper' Porsche. It suited the era's mobile telephonetoting yuppies to a tee — more than 26,500 944s were sold in 1984, half of

which made their way to the USA.

By 1985, the 944 was rolling on 'Teledials' (wheels so-called because they resemble the dial of an old telephone) and had screamed past sales off fifty-five thousand units. It's worth remembering, despite how polarising the 924 was among fans of Porsche's air-cooled sports cars, it was the manufacturer's fastest-selling product. The 944 eclipsed its stablemate's achievement – after just one year on sale, the 944 accounted for more than fifty-one percent of total Porsche production. Make no mistake, this cool coupe saved the brand's bacon when its coffers looked decidedly empty.

Despite sharing the same overall look as the comparatively narrow-bodied 924, the 944 forged its own path, helped by Porsche going to great lengths to put distance between the two models in sales literature and marketing materials. Somewhat muddying the water was Tony's decision to fit a 924 Turbo nose to his 944 Lux. "Unlike the later 944 S2,



earlier normally aspirated 944s didn't share the 944 Turbo's interior or its more integrated polyurethane bumpers, meaning early 944s portray a different aesthetic, arguably more in keeping with the design of the 924. I therefore reasoned fitting a 924 Turbo front grille panel would suit my car perfectly and would serve to give it a more aggressive look."

FUTURE INFLUENCE

In terms of the car's appearance, the wheels are the only other significant deviation from standard specification. Already in place by the time Tony's name appeared on the car's logbook in 2012, they're seventeen-inch Cup 2 five-spokes, standard equipment on the 968, meaning this 944 makes use of parts from each generation of Porsche's front-engined, four-cylinder, transaxle line-up.

"The driver's seat was badly torn when I bought the car, necessitating repair," he continues. "The rear headlining was also in a bad way." In fact, Tony worked his way through the car fixing and correcting everything he wasn't happy with. To this end, the rear hatch glass was replaced, a new driver's side sill was fitted, the boot lining and boot cover were renewed, a new sunroof cover was bought, as were new carpets, dashboard lights, handbrake cover and glove box door. Further enhancing the car's appearance (so much so it won silverware at a Porsche Club Great Britain event), the engine bay has been painted and detailed.

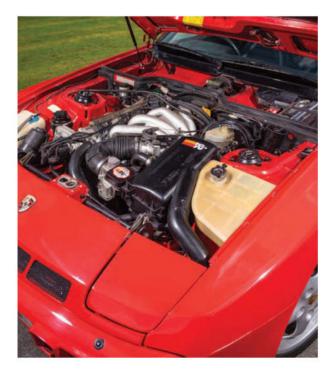
After half a decade of 944 Lux ownership, it was time for Tony to sample an air-cooled Porsche. At the time, his son, Rob, was competing in Time Attack, one of today's most significant and engaging forms of motorsport. Originating on Japan's racetracks in the 1960s, the series welcomes amateur and professional drivers on a level playing field — each entrant races against the clock to register the quickest lap in a production-based car.

Modifications are openly encouraged, resulting in truly mind-boggling vehicles taking to the track, a consequence of the Time Attack rulebook promoting the idea of running a car to its absolute limit. This no-holds-barred approach to racing means engines are often running on a knife's edge, while chassis equipment is put to the test in the most punishing of automotive environments.

Rob's weapon of choice was a modified Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution VII, stripped by him and Tony to a bare shell before being built back up as a lightweight, wide-bodied competition machine. "I was chatting with friends, who knew I'd been a massive Porsche enthusiast as far back as my teenage years, when I had a poster of an Arena Red 993 Turbo pinned to my bedroom wall," Rob recalls. "I'm a big trackday fan, and although I owned an Evo, I wanted a more forgiving car I could use not only at race circuits, but also on the road."

The solution came in the form of a 987 Cayman R. Lightweight and track-focused, the mid-engined coupe ticked a lot of boxes, but the lack of airconditioning proved difficult to live with in the long term, leading the car to move on to pastures new. M-badged Bimmers subsequently came and went, as did a 981 Cayman GT4, which made way for a McLaren 570S. "The McLaren was awful," Rob frowns. "Don't get me wrong, it was **Above** Three special Porsches passed down from generation to generation

Below 944 Lux engine bay is immaculate, a consequence of Jacob, Tony and Rob all being devoted to automotive detailing





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great on the road, but it was abysmal on a track. It made me realise how brilliant the 981 Cayman GT4 really is. I shouldn't have sold the Porsche." Purchase of a first-generation 991 GT3 RS somewhat softened the blow.

FINE SELECTION

Today, Rob is the proud owner of a brandnew 718 Cayman GT4 RS ("equally as good as the GT3 RS") and a Radical SR8 roadster. Along the way, he became the owner of Tony's 944. "He'd had his fun with the 944 and bought a low-mileage Carrera 3.2 Supersport from Scottish classic Porsche dealer, Border Reivers. To make way for the air-cooled 911, I took ownership of the 944."

Originally supplied by AFN (the sole UK concessionaire of Porsche cars prior to the formation of Porsche Cars Great Britain, a move which successfully separated importing functions from sales of Porsche products in Blighty) in 1986, the car is immaculate from every angle, a consequence of Tony using the Turboaping 911 to indulge his passion for entering show and shine competitions.

This breed of 911 is, in many respects, the bedrock of air-cooled annals. In production for six years, it epitomises the 911 shape, arguably more so than the long-bonnet classics. It certainly does so more than the play-it-safe 964 and its successor, the 993, which softened the 911's shapely curves.

Arriving for the 1984 model year, the Carrera 3.2 was arguably the purest incarnation of Porsche's sports car icon. A big step forward from the SC it superseded, the new and improved 911 was still very much an 'analogue' sports car, bereft of driver aids and powered by the traditional air-cooled flat-six. It was, of course, based on the 'impact bumper' G-series body introduced a decade earlier, yet the Carrera 3.2's familiar shape and galvanised body panels clothed a substantial evolution in the 911's timeline.

The Carrera 3.2 was available from day one in coupé, Targa and Cabriolet body styles. It marked the first time *Carrera* script had appeared on a 911 since 1977, but the biggest change was hinted at in the new car's designation: the Carrera 3.2 made use of a 3,164cc flat-six, which Porsche claimed was eighty percent new. The higher displacement was arrived

at by using the 95mm bore from the three-litre SC in conjunction with the 3.3-litre 911 Turbo's 74.4mm crankshaft stroke, along with compression ratio of 10.3:1. Bosch L-Jetronic fuel injection and Motronic 2 Digital Motor Electronics (DME) encouraged smooth engine running and mechanical reliability, while new inlet and exhaust pipework joined the party. Power was up to 231bhp, with 209lb-ft torque delivered at 4,800rpm. This was the most powerful normally aspirated 911 to date, managing the sprint to 60mph from rest in 6.1 seconds and racking up top speed of 152mph. The first production 911 to feature an ECU controlling ignition and fuel systems, the Carrera 3.2 achieved the dash to 100mph from a standing start in just 13.6 seconds. At a stroke, with performance

Above 924 Turbo nose and 968 Cup 2 wheels serve to confuse admirers

Below Jacob reckons an early normally aspirated 944 is not only a great entry point to Porsche ownership, but also an easy sports cars to spanner at home





Above Interior was stripped and refurbished following a leak causing carpets to get wet

Below Guards Red takes years off the 944's shape, which would become even more streamlined with the arrival of the 944 Turbo in 1985 nipping at the heels of the original 911 Turbo of 1974, the 'regular' 911 had gone from sports car to

junior supercar. Carrera 3.2s destined for North America were more *super car* than supercar. 9.5:1 compression ratio and a catalytic

converter reduced power by 24bhp, resulting in 207bhp (still at 5,900rpm), while the scramble to 62mph took 0.2 seconds longer. The sometimes recalcitrant 915 five-speed manual transmission, however, was fitted to all Carrera 3.2s after working well in the SC, while brakes were enlarged with 286mm front and 294mm rear discs bringing the new 911 to a swift halt. Elsewhere, the well-documented cam chain tensioner

had 911 bugbear was remedied with a new oilnew car w had gone feed system, and a fit-for-purpose finned were offe AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE 944.

TONY WORKED HIS WAY THROUGH THE 911, CORRECTING ANY ERRORS ALONG THE WAY

> oil cooler replaced the serpentine lines in the passenger footwell. There was a thermostatically controlled cooling fan for Carrera 3.2s built from 1987, but all this extra kit came at the expense of the car's weight: the Carrera 3.2's bulk was up fifty kilograms on the 911 SC.

It's not easy for the layman to tell the difference between the Carrera 3.2 and its SC-badged predecessor, but look closely and the clues are there. The



new car wore Teledial wheels — Fuchs were offered as an optional extra —

while an air dam with integrated fog lamps tidied up the front end. Until a change of design for the 1987 model year, a red reflector panel featuring Porsche

script filled the gap between the rear lights. Thereafter, fog lights muscled in. Elsewhere, it was business as usual. In other words, the classic coupé's curves were left intact. This is, of course, unless you ticked the Turbo Look box when specifying options for your new 911.

Officially known as the M491 option, listed as Super Sport Equipment (SSE) and eventually given the Supersport model designation, the Turbo Look Carrera 3.2 was available for an extra DM25,590 through Porsche's Sonderwunsch (Special Wishes) department. The host 911 gained Turboaping wide wheel arches, a 'whale tail' wing and a wraparound front spoiler. The 911 Turbo's stiffer suspension, superior braking system (itself derived from the 917 sports-prototype Le Mans racer) and wider sixteen-inch wheels also migrated to this flavour of Carrera 3.2. Largely thanks to the non-availability of the Turbo in the USA during the early-to-mid-1980s (on account of the turbocharged 911's inability to adhere to strict Stateside emissions regulations), the wide-hipped, big-tailed Supersport was especially popular in North America, becoming



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an unmistakable 1980s cultural icon. A separate Sport pack (comprising a reduced equipment list) was also offered in the UK.

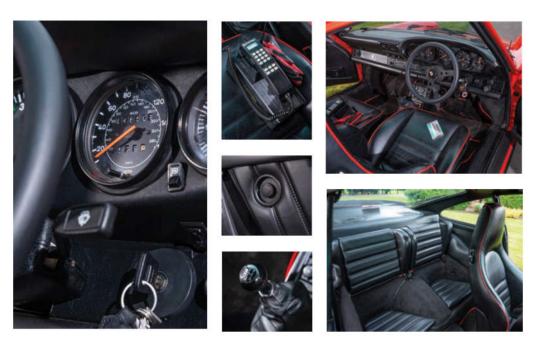
Until the arrival of the 964-generation 911 in 1989, Turbo Look Carrera 3.2s received the same updates as the regular model. In 1986, for example, standard equipment was upgraded, including minor tweaks to the fascia, such as larger air vents. A more significant development came in readiness for the 1987 model year: the Getrag G50 five-speed gearbox was adopted, replacing the 915 and introducing a hydraulic (as opposed to cable-operated) clutch, its larger casing necessitating altered rear suspension mounting points. Incidentally, the G50 is identified by its reverse position, which is to the left and next to first.

For the 1988 model year, the Supersport was offered not only as a coupe, but also with Targa and Cabriolet body styles. An estimate by Porsche Club Great Britain puts the total number of Turbo Look and Supersport 911s delivered worldwide at 1,580. What we have here is a rare thing, then.

As was the case with his 944 Lux, Tony worked his way through the 911, correcting any errors along the way, going as far as refurbishing the spare wheel and factory tool kit. Well, concours trophies don't earn themselves. "He took care of all cosmetic details and accessories," Rob confirms, going on to highlight a front-end respray, a new chin spoiler, the appointment of an original Blaupunkt Toronto head unit, new front glass, refurbishment of the engine cover, a replacement period-correct tyre inflator, cosmetic enhancement of the rear spoiler, restoration of exterior brightwork (chiefly headlight surrounds and window frames), replacement of engine bay stickers and the renewal of hidden wiring to concours standard. Even the fuel tank was afforded new paint. With the car in the air, the underside was stripped and finished in original colours.

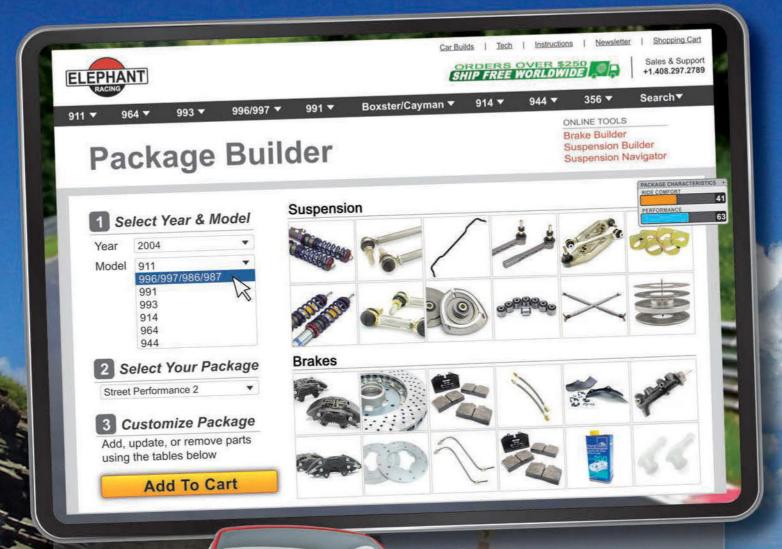
Among other updates, the interior benefits from restoration of the superb black leather seats and accompanying red piping, as well as the door cards. Above Bought from Border Reivers, this Carrera 3.2 Supersport has covered little more than 48,500 miles

Below Interior is typical of the mid-1980s, with red piping and a car phone complementing soft black leather



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Little wonder the car bagged a stack of rosettes at Porsche Club Great Britain concours events. "Dad always wanted a 911 and really lucked out with this car," Rob beams. "Its history file confirms a lifetime of main dealer servicing, with independent specialist, Strasse, taking care of work while the car has been in our family's custody. The thing is, though, dad hardly drove this Porsche, adding little more than a few hundred miles a year

to the odometer. It was very much a show car under his ownership, seeing the road only when it was taken to and from club events."

Recognising the air-cooled

classic's exceptional cosmetic condition had made him apprehensive about using the car in anger, Tony announced his intention to part with it. "I couldn't believe what I was hearing!" Rob gasps. "I told him he was mad. When would he get the opportunity to buy another Carrera 3.2 with such low mileage and at a reasonable price point? I was sure he would regret his decision, which is partly why I stepped in and offered to buy the car. I figured the 944 could pass to my son, Jacob, as his first Porsche."

And so, the Supersport passed to Rob, the 944 passed to Jacob and Tony was

in the market for a new toy to play with. We'll come to this shortly. Beforehand, Rob relays his Carrera 3.2 ownership experience. "While the car looked fabulous, it hadn't been mechanically restored. I'd detected minor oil burn and a synchro issue on the gearbox. This wasn't a major concern when my dad was in charge and covering low mileage, but I wanted to put the car to good use, which is why I handed it to Warrington-

THE AIR-COOLED CLASSIC'S EXCEPTIONAL COSMETIC CONDITION MADE HIM APPREHENSIVE ABOUT USING THE CAR IN ANGER

based independent Porsche specialist, Ninemeister, for a full engine and transmission rebuild."

Strasse replaced the rear shocks at Tony's instruction prior to Rob taking ownership. Further improving handling, the car was taken to chassis tuning outfit, Suspension Secrets, after Rob lowered the rear-end by way of re-indexing the torsion bars. A MOMO Prototipo steering wheel and retro-look Blaupunkt Bremen SQR46 DAB were added to the cabin thereafter. "With every aspect of the car fully refurbished, it is more or less perfect," he reasons. Mileage sits a fraction above 48,500, but in Rob's own words, "if I'm going to buy it, I'm going to use it. I always exercise mechanical sympathy when driving my cars, whether I'm in this 911 or my GT4 RS. The aircooled Porsche is great for leisurely drives on a Sunday afternoon, but when I put my foot down, I do sometimes feel like I'm kicking a puppy in the head. Don't get me wrong, I intend to use the car as Porsche intended, but I'm well

> aware of the value in retaining its low mileage and excellent cosmetic and mechanical condition, something I'm keen to preserve at least long enough for

the car to pass in good order to Jacob at some point in the future."

Coming from a family with a passion for Stuttgart's finest, Cowling the Younger was preordained as a dyed-inthe-wool Porschephile before he ever set foot in the 944 passed down from his grandfather to his father and now to him. "I took ownership this year," reveals the twenty-one-year-old apprentice engineer. "I'd driven Porsches previously, when dad let me take to the wheel of his cars, but this is my first personally owned Porsche." The family is very much hands-on when it comes to maintenance Above This gorgeous 911 was primarily a show car under Tony's rule, but Rob is piling on the miles, hence the recent engine and gearbox rebuild at Ninemeister

Facing page Jacob can rest assured his future Supersport is in safe hands

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and servicing, which is why it comes as no surprise to learn Jacob has replaced the 944's under-bonnet belts and seals. He also stripped, refurbished and reinstated the interior after the cockpit sprang a leak, causing carpets to get soaked. "I have to say," he continues, "I've

been to quite a few events with this car and it's almost always the oldest Porsche in attendance. Also, I've driven my dad's Carrera 3.2 Supersport

and there's no doubt in my mind a 944 handles better than a same-age 911. The 944's front-to-back weight distribution is nothing short of fantastic and, with a little care and attention, handling can be seriously sharpened."

Rob concurs. "I was a teenager back when my dad owned his 944 Turbo. I'd not long passed my driving test. Dad had given the car to our local MOT tester for its annual bill of health and almost immediately went on holiday. While he was away, the test centre called to say the work was complete and the Porsche was ready for collection earlier than anticipated. It was a bit naughty of me, but I collected the car and took it for a spirited drive on the way home. My experience behind the wheel of that Turbo, plus my Carrera 3.2 Supersport and the 944 Jacob is now in possession of, convinces me anyone visiting a Porsche main dealer in the mid-1980s and test driving a 911 and a 944 back-toback would have been out of their mind to buy the air-cooled car. Put it this way,

UNDERSTANDABLY, PORSCHE WAS CONFIDENT IN ITS NEW CAR'S PACE AND TECHNICAL SUPREMACY

Jacob's 944 is a year older than my 911, but the front-engined Porsche feels a decade newer."

Jacob suggests part of the early 944's appeal is its status as a Porsche perfectly suited to an enthusiastic home mechanic. "Everything is accessible," he shrugs. "Jobs often proving difficult on a 911 are much easier on a 944. Someone with little technical knowledge and a basic automotive tool kit won't be daunted when faced with the servicing and maintenance of this model."

After the 944 and Supersport each passed down a generation of the Cowling clan, Tony was left with a Porscheshaped space on his driveway. Enter his first-generation 997 Carrera S. Another low-mileage 911, the car has covered only thirty-three thousand miles from new. Originally supplied by Porsche Centre Leeds in 2006 and bought by Tony from Apex Prestige Cars in Luton at the back end of last year, the car was originally optioned with hardback leather sports seats, BOSE audio, manual

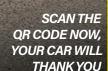
> transmission, factory Aerokit and staggered Carrera Classic nineteen-inch wheels, which Tony recently painted black and treated to Richbrook valve covers (a feature of

every Porsche on these pages). Introduced in 2004, the 997 is sometimes referred to as little more than a revised 996 with round(ish) headlights. This oversimplification is an error. Development began in late 1998. Porsche design wizards, Grant Larson and Matthias Kulla, ably guided by then department head, Harm Lagaay, conceived the 997 as a cabriolet first and a coupé second. The rationale for this seemingly unorthodox approach to vehicle design? It was argued the additional chassis stiffness needed for the open-top would also benefit the fixedroof model. Traditional cues, such as the narrow waist and the aforementioned headlamps, recalled past iterations of the 911, while aerodynamic honing reduced

Above Tony bought his first-generation 997 Carrera S toward the end of 2022 and has since enhanced its cosmetic condition with corrective paintwork and a ceramic coating

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drag coefficient to 0.28. Broad wheel arches covered wider track and revised suspension. Eighteen-inch rims were offered as standard equipment on entry-level Carreras.

MODERN CLASSIC

Where the 996 banished the 993's hugely dated cabin furniture and dash layout, the 997 introduced another completely new design, one incorporating hints of what had already been warmly received by reviewers of the Cayenne SUV. Standing the test of time, the 997's cockpit still feels fresh today.

The £58,380 Carrera and £65,000 Carrera S were first from the blocks. The former produced 321bhp from its 3.6litre six-pot and sprinted to 62mph in five seconds. With an enlarged 3.8-litre lump and 295lb-ft torque, the 350bhp Carrera S was speedier still. This was the first time in twenty-seven years the 911 was offered with a choice of different engine sizes from the off. Better yet, as explored elsewhere in this issue of 911 & Porsche World, the optional X51 power pack lifted the Carrera S's output to a lofty 376bhp. A six-speed gearbox was shared between models, while the hugely capable five-speed Tiptronic S transmission was a key feature on the Porsche dealer options list.

The Carrera S rode on nineteen-inch rims with Porsche Active Suspension

Management (PASM) as standard. A Porsche debut - and the first time electronically controlled springs and dampers had been offered since the 959 - PASM enables firmer suspension at the touch of a button. The optional Sports Chrono Package Plus (clearly identified thanks to the presence of a dash-top stopwatch and lap timer) added more dynamic polish, adjusting engine and throttle pedal mapping, as well as intervention of Porsche Stability Management (PSM) and, for Tiptronic-equipped cars, a more compelling shift map. Variable ratio rack-and-pinion steering also debuted

on the 997, delivering a distinctly directyet-progressive feel. The upgrades were transformative, as proved when the 997 Carrera S lapped the Nordschleife a full twenty seconds faster than the equivalent 996.

Understandably, Porsche was confident in its new car's pace and technical supremacy, as highlighted by a relaxing of service intervals to eighteen thousand miles, thereby easing the ownership experience, although most specialists and owners err on the side of caution by recommending more frequent fluid changes. Tony is one such stickler, commissioning Strasse to change fluids Above Tony swiftly personalised the car by switching its Carrera Classic wheels from standard silver to gloss black

Below Fabspeed carbon-fibre induction system adds extra power and improves throttle response



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Above and below

The 997 Carrera S is an excellent 911 to use for everyday driving, as well as for spirited blasts around along rural backroads

and filters well ahead of Porsche's suggested intervals.

Once again, he's tidied the car to the nth degree, detailing its underside, refurbishing the sill kick plates, installing

Zunsport front grilles (to protect the air-conditioning condensers from impact damage caused by flicked-up stones and other debris) and shelling out

for corrective paintwork. Not long before this magazine went to print, the car was treated to a Gtechniq ceramic coating.

Lift the bewinged engine lid and you'll spot a Fabspeed carbon-fibre competition intake system. Claimed to unleash trapped ponies and deliver an additional 21lb-ft torque at 7,000rpm, the kit has been CAD-designed for maximum airflow through dry-style (not oiled) reusable cone air filters. A direct bolt-on replacement for the factory air box, the

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in induction note over the stock intake system and works exceptionally well with a derestricted exhaust, the purchase of which Tony is currently contemplating.

True to form, he's entered the Guards Red road rocket into various show and shine competitions, scoring 242 points out of a possible 265 at a Porsche Club



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system produces a substantial increase

Great Britain concours event in July. "The

Supersport is a lovely car, but it lacks power steering, which isn't a problem on the move, but I'm fast approaching my seventy-ninth birthday and wanted a 911

> I could use easily at all speeds. I considered buying a modified 991 Carrera T producing close to 550bhp, but the insurance premium I was being guoted was

astronomical. The 997, on the other hand, qualifies for classic car insurance, which can be acquired at relatively low cost. Besides, I've had plenty of silly cars over the years! I'm perfectly satisfied with this 911, which apes the GT3 look, and the Fabspeed induction system makes a positive difference to the engine sound and performance. I'm very pleased with my purchase."

If history is to repeat itself, Jacob will eventually become the proud owner of a Carrera 3.2 Supersport and Rob will take to the controls of the 997. Tony isn't thinking that far ahead, but whichever Porsche he ends up with after his Aerokitted Carrera S, you can bet your bottom dollar it won't have to wait long to be on the receiving end of trophies. "Truth be told, I'm not fussed about walking away with awards," he says. "I get more pleasure from people stopping in their tracks to admire my Porsches. This is the primary reason I enter them into competitions." They get a gold star from us, Tony.



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PURIST PERFECTION

The Carrera T recipe has been refined for the 992-generation 911, and it's a tastier dish than ever...

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ffer most 911 purists a lighter, pared-back, rear-drive Carrera with a manual gearbox and they'll snap your hand off. This is exactly

what Porsche is banking on with the new Carrera T. As was the case with the widely celebrated 991 Carrera T, the 992 version is a more focused version of the standard Carrera, with some of the base model's weight stripped out and a manual gearbox dropped in to make for a more involving drive. This very recipe made the earlier Carrera T one of the highlights of the 991 line-up. Porsche will be hoping the newer, more refined Carrera T will be equally appealing.

As before, the basic idea is pretty simple: the 911 Carrera is a quick car, so rather than adding power to the already fairly rapid equation, why not just bring what's there into even sharper focus? As a result, and with an unladen weight of 1,470kg, the new Carrera T is thirty-five kilograms lighter than the basic Carrera and just twenty kilos heavier than the new GT3 RS.

In the main, the drop in weight is down to the switch to a seven-speed manual gearbox, which replaces the PDK semi-automatic transmission fitted to the entry-level Carrera. There are other contributing factors to the ridding of bulk. For one, the back seats have been removed. Porsche has also fitted lighter glass and left some of the Carrera's soundproofing material on the factory floor. Thankfully, what we have here isn't a wholesale strip-out. Indeed, the new Carrera T feels more luxurious than its predecessor, which went down the route of fabric door pulls, among other exercises in lightweighting. By contrast, the 992 Carrera T is trying to offer all the equipment of the stock Carrera, but attempts to do so while shedding a bit of timber.

Porsche has made a few visual tweaks, too, just to make sure those in the know are aware this isn't a common or garden 911. At the front, you get twenty-inch alloys, while the rears measure twenty-one inches in diameter. All four rims are painted Titanium Grey. The grey theme is mirrored elsewhere, with grey logos on the lower doors and grey trim strips on the rear grille. To top it all off, the door mirror caps are painted Agate Grey, although the sports exhaust system outlets are finished in high-gloss black, which feels like a missed opportunity.

The Carrera T's appearance is also subtly altered by Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM), which is fitted as standard equipment. Dropping the ride height by ten **Above** New Carrera T follows the same formula as the old Carrera T, one of the highlights of the entire 991 line-up



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millimetres might not sound especially drastic (because it isn't), but it makes the car look a little more purposeful, as well as fulfilling the technical role of improving handling.

For all this, though, the Carrera T hasn't changed a great deal. Of course, the 992-generation 911 brought its own upgrades. Alongside a late 991, it's clearly a more modern machine, even if the older 911 has aged remarkably well. Nevertheless, the difference is the same no matter which version of the 992 you care to sample. Put it this way, when you park a 991 Carrera T next to a 992 Carrera T, which is something we did, it's immediately apparent you're looking at the same version of two different cars. the same basic interior as the stock 992, which comes with part-leather upholstery and black plastic door handles. In this respect, it feels a little bit drab, but the quality is impeccable. Of course, you can add individual equipment from Porsche's options list, but to be perfectly honest, we have no real desire to focus on the interior. After all, what matters is the driving experience. This is supposed to be a 911 for purists, remember?!

What it isn't, though, is an especially fast 911. No matter who is driving, the manual gearbox doesn't shift as quickly as PDK, thereby limiting straight-line speed, even though the Carrera T is lighter than the standard 911. Whereas the PDK-only Carrera gets from rest to 62mph in 4.2 seconds, the Carrera T is three-tenths slower. A zero-to-62mph time of 4.5 seconds makes it anything but a slouch, and the 181mph top speed will be more than enough for most buyers, but if you want bragging rights, the new Carrera T might not be the car for you.

Nevertheless, with PASM and the manual gearbox at play, as well as Sport Chrono (standard kit) and a sports exhaust, the new Carrera T feels sharper and more aggressive than is predecessor. The old Carrera T was hardly soft, but the new model feels a cut above in every department.

This is predominantly because of the tactility inherent in every modern 911, especially lighter models. Just as the 992 Carrera feels tighter and more engaged than the 991 Carrera, the Above In the long term, will the new Carrera T be as highly regarded as the earlier model?

Below Grey as an accent is a hallmark of the new Carrera T, just as it was on the discontinued model

As it is, the new Carrera T gets

TECH SPEC

Model	911 (992) Carrera T
Price	From £105,700
Powertrain	3.0-litre turbocharged flat-six petrol and seven-speed
	manual gearbox
Economy	25.9-27.4mpg
CO ₂ emissions	234-247g/km
Top speed	181mph
0-62mph	4.5 seconds
Power	380bhp at 6,500rpm
Torque	332lb ft at 1,950-5,000pm
Weight	1,470kg (DIN)



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Above Interior doesn't feel as motorsportinspired as that of the earlier Race-Textrimmed 991 Carrera T, with the new model feeling far more focused on comfort, despite being sharper in handling and feel new Carrera T is another step forward. You might not expect a thirty-five-kilo drop in weight to make much of a difference, but it makes this Porsche feel a fraction sharper and pointier than the base Carrera, with the slightly more responsive front end providing extra agility and liveliness.

The addition of PASM gives the new Carrera T more of an edge, particularly if you switch to a more aggressive suspension mode. This isn't

necessary most of the time – body control is always very good, and the ride is reasonably supple in the softer setting – but on a track, switching things up will provide more control and immediacy. As you might have guessed, doing so makes the ride arguably too firm for use around town, although it's certainly more acceptable than that of the GTS. While the 992 Carrera T is less harsh than some of its siblings, however, it has taken a more hardcore route than the earlier 991 Carrera T. This is part of the trade-off for improving sharpness in the steering and the suspension, but it's a price some buyers might prefer not to pay. Then again, if you're buying a 911 to be comfortable, you probably won't have much interest in a Carrera T anyway.

The other big difference between old and new Carrera Ts is the option of fourwheel steering for the 992 model. This

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isn't available on the stock 992 Carrera. The system is designed to make the car more manoeuvrable — at low speed, the rear wheels turn slightly in the opposite direction to those at the front, but at higher speed, the wheels turn in the same direction, thereby improving stability. Without testing a 992 Carrera T lacking four-wheel steering — our test car was equipped with the £1,830 option — it's hard to tell exactly how much difference it made, but it certainly makes the 911 feel wieldier around town. Parking is easier than it otherwise would be, and tight corners otherwise proving bit tricky are suddenly a little bit easier to navigate.

Due to the fact Porsche has, in part, reduced weight by removing soundproofing and by installing thinner glass, the 992 Carrera T follows its predecessor in feeling more visceral than the standard Carrera. The noise of

> the turbocharged flat-six feels a mite closer than it would in the base model, meaning you're that bit more exposed to (and therefore more in tune with)

the mechanical aspects of the 911. This is helped by the valved exhaust system, which comes with a louder, sportier setting, magnifying an already pleasing sound. In truth, the difference is quite subtle — it doesn't completely change the character of the boxer at the back, instead building on what's already there to bring you closer to the action without introducing an antisocial soundtrack. It's kind of old-school when compared with the rather luxurious Carrera, although it doesn't go far enough to completely alienate those who primarily see a Porsche as a luxury accessory,



rather than an out-and-out sports car. Nevertheless, the new Carrera T is more interested in sporting prowess than cross-country comfort.

The combination of exhaust note, sharper suspension and more direct

handling makes the new Carrera T feel even more involving than its predecessor, which was already an engaging machine. The drive is a more dramatic, but even

without rear seats, this is a 911 you can use for commuting, long weekends away or blasts around a circuit on a track day. Admittedly, it probably won't be the 911 you use for the school run — it's too much of a toy for that — but this is a remarkably good all-rounder for a sports car with such a focus on performance. Certainly, it's more useful than a GT3.

Pleasingly, the Carrera T remains one of the cheaper 911s available in dealer showrooms. To put this into perspective, a basic Carrera is yours for £97,000 on the nose, while the Carrera T costs £105,700, representing a premium of just £8,700. Given the Sport Chrono package is a £1,937 option for the Carrera, not to mention

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the fact the Carrera T brings you a stack of lightweighting measures to boot, the asking price seems perfectly reasonable. It looks even better when you consider the not insubstantial £122,000 you'll need to find for a new GTS.

Then there's the GT3, which runs perilously close to £150,000. Although the Carrera T may not be as quick around a race track, it'll probably be just as much fun for the overwhelming majority of Porsche's customers. For our money, then, the new Carrera T is the yardstick by which all other track-oriented 911s should be measured. More supple than the GTS, cheaper than the GT3 and more aggressive and engaging than a Carrera, the Carrera T

> is the best-value offering among the most driverfocused models in the current 911 range. The same was true of the 991 Carrera T, but the new version is a

noticeably more impressive car, bringing even more focus to the recipe without sacrificing, well, very much at all.

Sure, the 992 Carrera T might not be quite as comfortable as the earlier 991 Carrera T, but it's close. It's certainly good enough for a high-performance sports car designed to be a part-time track weapon. And with an agreeable price tag, the new Carrera T is just about the perfect 911 for those most enthralled with the breed. ● **Above** No question, the 992 Carrera T is a fantastic-looking 911 from any angle



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PORSCHE AIMS AT INDY

In the first instalment of our two-part series examining Porsche's ambition to win the Indianapolis 500, we explore how the company tied the knot with an established team to develop a dramatic new car and fresh engine concepts...

Words Karl Ludvigsen Photography Porsche Corporate Archives, Ludvigsen Partners

uring 1976, Porsche scored its third victory at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the European race of greatest interest to the

brand's all-important North American sales market. Porsche had flaunted its engineering skills in the Can-Am series, besting the all-conquering McLarens, but what could it do for an encore? Specifically, what else could Porsche

do to please its present and potential buyers in the USA? A four-cornered oval racetrack in Indiana beckoned.

The appeal of the Indianapolis

500 proved irresistible – Porsche could hardly ignore the attraction of an historic event monopolising the attention of America's racing enthusiasts for the entire month of May. Jo Hoppen, Porsche's racing representative in the US, was lobbying strongly for participation at Indy, not necessarily with a Porsche race car, but certainly with a Porsche engine.

Accordingly, a small but influential delegation from Weissach and Zuffenhausen arrived in Indiana in mid-May 1977 to have a first-hand look at the Indy phenomenon. Manfred Jantke and Helmut Flegl flew to Indianapolis, accompanied by Hoppen. Jantke was Porsche's public relations and sports director, while FlegI was an engineer whose curriculum vitae included the Can-Am 917, the 936 and the 928 road car. Their ostensible link with the Speedway doings was Volkswagen of America's sponsorship of USAC's Mini-Indy series for Super Vee cars at a time VW was importing Porsche cars. USAC, which was in charge of the Indy rulebook, arranged convenient accommodation for the Porsche men and placed a motorcycle at their

disposal for the commute to the track. In Gasoline Alley, the trio were taken under the wing of Leo Mehl, the gregarious and popular Goodyear racing chief. Any effort to keep their presence low-key was doomed to failure. Word quickly spread Porsche people were at the Speedway. Anthony Joseph Foyt, a three-time winner of the 500, didn't beat around the bush. "What are you doing here?" he asked the delegates. In response to being told the visitors

THE SURFACING OF PORSCHE PERSONNEL IN AN OTHERWISE QUIET INDIANA CITY DIDN'T GO UNNOTICED BY THE AMERICAN PRESS

were simply having a look around out of

curiosity, he asked if Porsche intended to

participate in the Indy 500. When Jantke

and FlegI protested they didn't know if it

was even a possibility, the pugnacious

down the gauntlet. "You come, we race

Foyt looked Flegl in the eye and laid

This fighting talk made a strong

the main event - Indy was a sports

spectators to its practice, qualifying

and race. Tom Sneva qualified for

the year's pole at 198.880mph in a

Cosworth V8-powered cars to make

second behind none other than Foyt,

powered car placed third, ahead of a

shoal of Offenhauser-powered racers.

event. "Foyt has won here four times,"

added Flegl. "Now it's time Porsche

was in attendance." He was willing

to accept Foyt's challenge, but what

would his superiors in Germany think?

"It's an endurance race. It's actually

kind of boring," Jantke reported after the

Penske McLaren-Cosworth, one of four

the thirty-three-car field. Sneva finished

who collected his unprecedented fourth

win at the Speedway. Another Cosworth-

impression. So too, in a way, did

phenomenon, attracting 750,000

you!" he said.

At San Diego's Porsche Parade a few weeks later, Ferry Porsche made his views clear. "Porsche does not intend to race at Indianapolis next year or any other year. At this time, I would say an absolute no to racing at Indianapolis." He had a specific reason for his views.

"When the winner of the Indianapolis 500 is discussed," he explained, "talk is only of the driver. The car never gets a mention. I prefer to have our cars in a series of races where the public notes

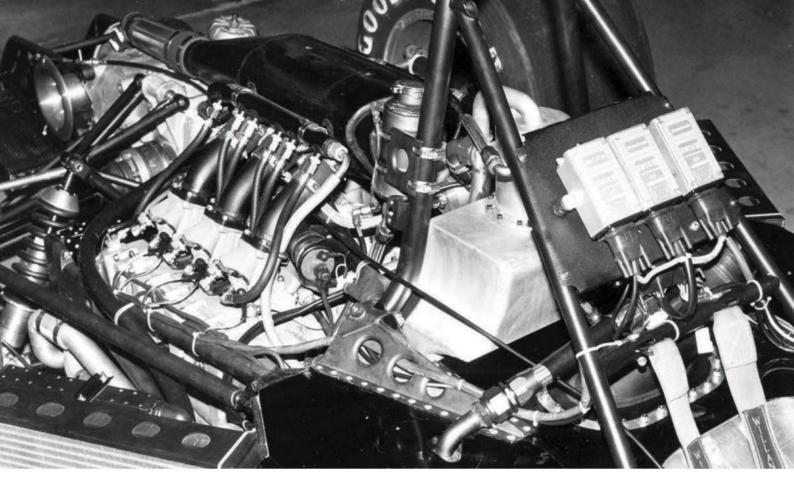
> Porsches and their finishing positions, remembering a onetwo-three, rather one race a year where the car doesn't share attention with the driver. Ultimately, in terms of sales

promotion, I think we would get a better result if we won other races. Besides, a Porsche race car being near to our production cars it best from not only a sales perspective, but also from an engineering standpoint."

Indy regulars were wary of the potential of a Porsche entry. Their views were reflected by a McLaren mechanic who knew only too well of Porsche's impact on the Can-Am series. "If Porsche comes, all others can pack up and go home," he exclaimed. The surfacing of Porsche personnel in an otherwise quiet Indiana city didn't go unnoticed by the American press, either. Word spread. Journalists were quickly speculating about a Porsche Indy entry for 1978. This speculation gained substance when USAC revealed it had received a request from Porsche for a copy of Indy 500 technical regulations.

Hoppen did little to discourage the rumours. "It would be harder for Porsche to build an Indy car than it would for any other manufacturer," he reasoned. "Other companies would take the best engine, the best transmission, the best brakes and build a chassis around them. We would have to do things the

Facing page Pictured during testing of the Porsche-powered Interscope Indy Car in 1979 is star driver, Danny Ongais, with Vasek Polak (left) and Valentin Schäffer (second left)



Porsche way." His words would have a certain echo in a Porsche venture a decade later, but for now, Porsche was considering only the supply of a suitable engine, not building of a complete car. This approach was more acceptable to Ferry Porsche. "If somebody wishes to try Porsche engines at Indianapolis, I am happy to confirm they are for sale."

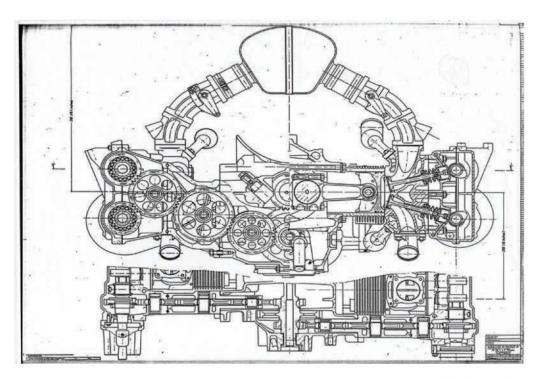
This wasn't the first time Porsche had been offered an Indy opportunity. Its Can-Am partner in 1972 and 1973 was Roger Penske, who had been competing at Indianapolis since 1969, when Mark Donohue was rookie of the year. Donohue took time out from his first 917/30 season to win Indy for Penske's team in 1972.

In 1974, searching for his team's treasured 'unfair advantage' (in this case, an alternative to the ubiguitous four-cylinder Drake-built Offenhauser engine), Penske bought five Cosworth V8s specially reduced to the Indy displacement of 2.65 litres. Changing his mind, however, he sold them to the Vel's Parnelli team, which used one of the bent-eights in a race for the first time at the end of 1975. Penske may well have had a better idea: during that year, he was in direct contact with Porsche about possible engine supply for the Indy 500. With turbocharged engines in the ascendancy at Indianapolis, who had more expertise in the field than the wizards at Weissach?

Using his own dynamometer test facilities in Reading, Pennsylvania, Penske briefed Porsche on the performance needed to compete at Indy. On his behalf, Donohue did so in a telex to the factory's forced induction specialist, Valentin Schäffer, on February 26th 1975. Donohue provided data on an Offenhauser powerplant running at boost pressure of 30.5psi and delivering in excess of 830 horsepower over the speed range from 7,600rpm to 8,800rpm, a clue to the venerable Offy's ability to launch drivers out of the Indy Speedway's four daunting turns.

Penske signed a telex of September 2nd 1975 to Porsche chief, Ernst Fuhrmann, setting out the performance of the then latest Offenhauser engine with boost at 20.5psi, as well as its output with the lower boost-pressure limit of 18.25psi, which would be enforced by USAC for 1976 by way of a new-fangled pop-off valve (an officially supplied pressure-relief device). At the lower boost setting, the engine showed Above By October 1979, Interscope had installed the 935/72 in a four-year-old Parnelli chassis in order to evaluate the engine's capabilities

Below The Type 935 engine took Porsche into a new racing era and, as the 935/72, offered a bid for glory at Indianapolis



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INDY 500





Above A former drag racer, Ongais was considered one of the top drivers of his day

Top middle The 935/72 had a pressurised central plenum chamber to which the mandatory USAC boost-control valve was attached

Top middle The Porsche engine required additional tubular bracing at its sides because it did not serve as a stressed element of the car's frame

Below During trials in the unpainted car, Ongais turned in lap speed of 197mph peak torque of 466lb-ft at 7,200rpm and maximum power of 721bhp at 8,800rpm, which was largely maintained all the way

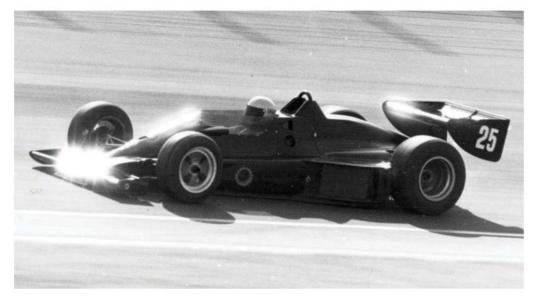
to 9,200rpm. Details of fuel consumption and engine specification were also provided to Fuhrmann. Penske

was in Europe the week following his telex and made arrangements to meet with the Porsche boss. In an important respect, their meeting was sombre. Only days had passed since Donohue's regrettable death from injuries suffered in a crash during the warm-up for the Austrian Grand Prix. Driver-engineer, Donohue, was the vital link between Penske and Porsche, resulting in great success in the Can-Am series. With

TESTS WERE CARRIED OUT TO ASCERTAIN THE EFFECTS OF USING INDY-MANDATED METHANOL AS FUEL INSTEAD OF GASOLINE

Donohue gone, was Penske's team likely to be the same formidable force? The deceased's many friends and colleagues at Porsche were entitled to have their doubts.

Another factor at work was how Penske had received much of the credit for the success of the Can-Am



campaign. Donohue admitted he was "disappointed I get all the credit for what Porsche did." His dismay was shared

> by many in Stuttgart and its surroundings – without Donohue's demanding perfectionism, the 917 might never have succeeded in the Can-Am series, but clearly, without

Porsche, the Penske team would never have trounced the dominant McLarens.

The issue of a suitable Indy partner was moot after a meeting held in Weissach on Wednesday June 22nd 1977 to discuss findings of the scouting trip to Indianapolis. Led by Fuhrmann and including all the responsible parties, the gathering concluded with a decision to reject an official involvement with Indy. A week and a half earlier, Porsche had won Le Mans for the second time running after a dramatic tussle with the participating Alpine-Renaults. The new V8-powered 928 grand tourer had just been launched and there was plenty of work to do to get it reliably on the road. For the time being, Indy could wait.

In the style of Porsche engineering under Helmuth Bott, this did not prohibit the conduct of discreet experiments. Using a 2,857cc Type 935 engine, tests were run in December to ascertain the effects of using Indy-mandated methanol as fuel instead of gasoline. "Methanol and gasoline are very different," cautioned Flegl. "Methanol is

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a one-phase fuel. At one temperature, methanol is a liquid, but at the next, it becomes vapour." It was also highly corrosive, requiring the use of special materials and coatings wherever it flowed. With methanol, however, the experimental flat-six (eight percent larger than Indy permitted), delivered a reported 890bhp. Very promising.

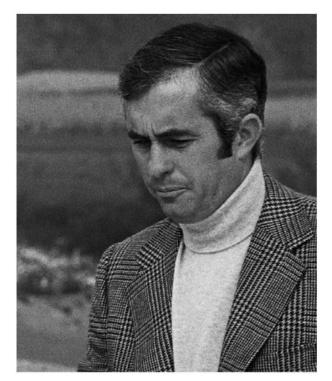
In March 1978, tests with methanol fuel were carried out on an updated engine serving as a test bed for the Indy project. The results were promising enough to warrant another expedition to Indiana. The trip took place in May 1978. This time, Jantke and Flegl were joined by Schäffer, but only for qualifying, not for the "boring" race. The visit sparked further rumours and, indeed, a leak to the press corresponding to a specific plan being considered by Porsche: the providing of engines for the manufacturer's first year at Indy, the building of a chassis for the second year and the entry of a fully-fledged works team in the third year.

The 1978 Indy race saw the coming of age of new entrant, Interscope. This was a team with Porsche connections. In IMSA racing, an impressive swathe had been cut by Hawaii-born Danny Ongais driving a 935 entered by the Interscope team, which was owned by wealthy businessman-driver, Ted Field. Always excellently prepared, the black Interscope entries (wearing their enigmatic 0 or 00 numbers) were invariably fast in the hands of Ongais, who was aptly nicknamed *On-thegas* for his take-no-prisoners driving style. Interscope's crew chief was Jim Chapman, a Brit who had found a home in America after his first visits to the USA as nursemaid to Can-Am Lolas.

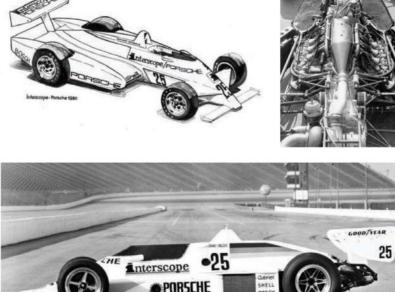
Ongais and Interscope were much in the news during the first Porsche reconnaissance at the Speedway in 1977. Ongais qualified his Interscope Parnelli-Cosworth the fastest of that year's rookie intake, making seventh on the grid. The car was provided to Interscope under contract and maintained by Vel's Parnelli Jones, the racing business set up by former racer, Parnelli Jones, and auto dealer Vel Miletich, a keen fan of Ongais and a backer of his earlier drag racing career.

Interscope's race performance was less impressive, ending in engine failure before half distance. With similar equipment, Ongais qualified in the middle of the 1978 front row with a searing four-lap average of 200.122mph, one of only four drivers to qualify better than 200mph. Tipped as a likely winner, he jumped into the lead at the start. He and eventual race victor, Al Unser, duelled for the lead until lap 145 of 200, when the crowd groaned with disappointment after a cloud of smoke signalled the end of the Interscope Parnelli's engine. **Above** The unpainted car at Ontario in October 1979

Below Roger Penske pictured at Weissach







Above Mark Donohue and Helmut Flegl together at Weissach

Top middle

Interscope planned a new car designed by Roman Slobodynskyj to exploit the Porsche engine for 1980

Right Although looking every inch the purposeful race car at Ontario, the first Porsche-engined Interscope Parnelli didn't represent the latest in Indy technology

Below Ongais at Ontario Speedway with the now painted Interscope challenger Interscope seemed an outfit on the rise. Its credentials were praised in Stuttgart by California-based Porsche

dealer, Vasek Polak, whose opinions were held in high regard in the corridors of Zuffenhausen. Polak was not only an

advisor to Field, but also a close friend of Hoppen. Polak and Hoppen therefore helped forge links between Porsche and Interscope. Informal contacts were made with the intention of confirming engine supply for the team as the first phase of Porsche's Indy involvement. When Indy cars raced at Silverstone during an overseas promotional trip at the end of September 1978, Flegl and Schäffer were on-hand to look over their

WITH A WIN FOR ONGAIS, FIELD AND HAYWOOD IN THE 24 HOURS OF DAYTONA, INTERSCOPE STARTED THE 1979 SEASON WELL

> technology, increasingly dominated by the Cosworth DFX V8, a derivative of the successful DFV Formula One engine. Although the four-cylinder Offenhauser was allowed higher boost pressure by USAC, it was hard pressed to match the performance of the Cosworth.

In a meeting with Flegl and racing



director, Jantke, Bott reached a key decision on 18th October. He approved allocation of half a million deutschmarks

> (around \$250,000) for the development of a Porsche Indy engine. He also agreed to the preparation of estimates outlining the cost of a full Porsche Indy programme. By December, an

INDY 500

agreement was in place. It provided for the shipping of an engine mock-up to Interscope for Field's crew to assess the unit's installation in the Parnelli chassis.

During winter 1978-1979, Schäffer made three trips to the Interscope workshops in Costa Mesa, California, to discuss the engine and its adaptation to the Parnelli. Among the many issues were the supply of oil, fuel and coolant - at 9,000rpm, the engine's two pumps circulated 120 gallons of water every minute. Also of concern was the source and type of clutch and bellhousing. No Porsche gearbox was suitable. Consequently, a new transmission was produced using Hewland internals and a locked differential. The unit boasted the required attachment points for a tubular structure alongside a Porsche flat-six, which couldn't act as the rear portion of the frame as the Cosworth V8 did.

With a win for Ongais, Field and Hurley Haywood in the 24 Hours of Daytona, Interscope started the 1979 season well. In their Porsche 935, they set a record for distance and were 192 miles





ahead of the nearest rival. In March, the team tested its Cosworth-powered car at Indianapolis. Schäffer was there to observe. By April, he could also check the marriage of the mock-up engine to the Parnelli chassis in California. Assisting in the adaptation was Ukraineborn automotive designer, Roman Slobodynskyj, who had led the design of the successful All-American Racing Eagles of the early 1970s.

In the meantime, at Weissach, the sports-car-racing Type 935 engine was being transformed into an Indy contender labelled 935/72. Its bore and stroke dimensions were both unique for the engine series, measuring 92.3x66mm for 2,650cc. A crucial question was whether the fins of the air-cooled cylinders would require blower cooling. "We checked the temperature of the cylinder at the critical point, just below the weld to the head," said factory motorsport engineer, Hans Mezger, much later. "We reasoned it was unlikely to exceed ninety degrees centigrade. In fact, with methanol, we had six times the internal cooling effect of gasoline, meaning we could dispense with the blower."

A disadvantage of methanol, added Mezger, was how "it has only forty-six percent of the heat value of gasoline, meaning we had to use more fuel." A first thought was to use a twelve-cylinder injection pump, such as that of the 917, but room was lacking. Bosch came to the rescue with a fully electronic injection system capable of metering fuel in response to engine speed, boost pressure and throttle position. Bosch's racing liaison man, Fritz Jüttner, proudly referred to it as "a drive-free system bringing us fuel savings."

Mezger accommodated methanol dictating additional fuel volume by doubling up the electronically controlled injectors feeding each cylinder. These squirted methanol upstream within the individual inlet ram pipes, which curved inward to a single central plenum chamber. The USAC pressure-relief valve was mounted at the front of the chamber. For quick throttle response, Porsche would certainly have preferred two turbochargers, but Indy rules mandated a single Garrett turbocharger of preordained size. This was mounted at the car's rear, aft of the gearbox.

Methanol's good anti-knock qualities allowed Mezger and Schäffer to increase the 935/72's compression ratio more than two points above the level used in the gasoline-fuelled engine. By adjusting the depression in the piston crowns, the ratio was raised to various levels between 9.3:1 and 9.8:1, depending on the installation.

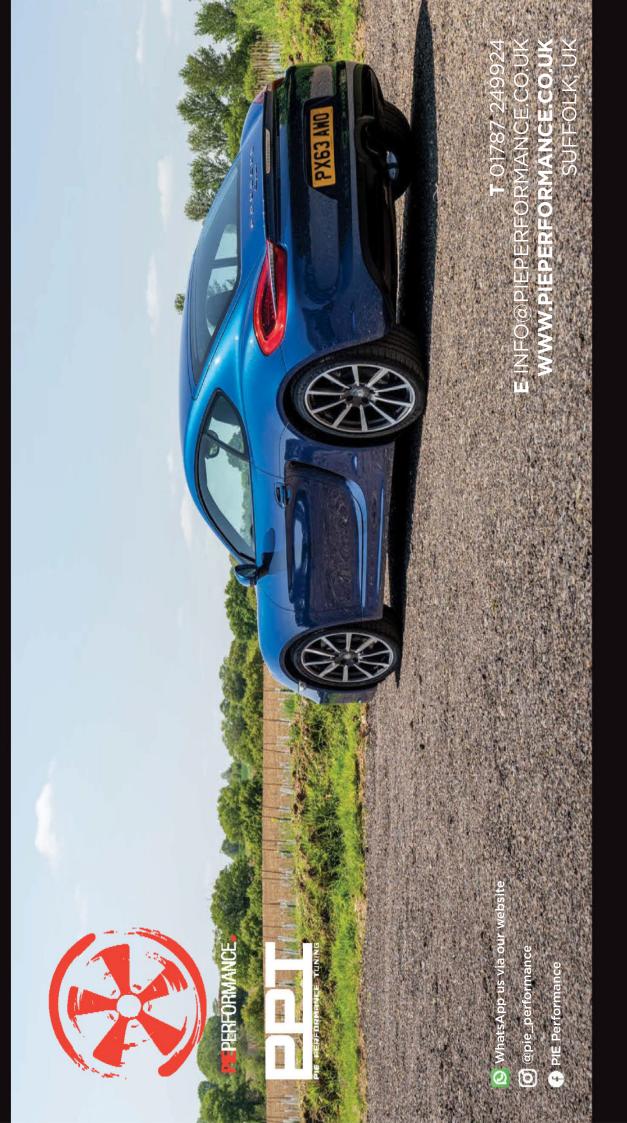
Most of the nine units manufactured were in the range of 9.5-9.7:1. "We had problems with connecting rod lubrication during early testing," recalled Mezger, "because the 911 crankcase and its standard oil feed was not designed for continuous operation between 9,000rpm and 10,000rpm. We had to get it under control." While early test engines used individual throttles for each ram pipe, these were replaced by a single throttle at the inlet to the turbocharger, thereby meeting the needs of the new Bosch injection system, also responsible for controlling the engine's electronic ignition. In tests using Kugelfischer mechanical injection in place of the electronic Bosch system, the engine delivered a maximum of 904bhp at 8,800rpm and peak torque of 560lb-ft at 6,800rpm, but at boost pressure of 22psi. This was more boost than the Indy rules would permit. The engine's performance, however, showed a clear advantage over the figures Donohue had provided for the Offenhauser engine.

In July 1979, the first 935/72 engine was airlifted to Costa Mesa for installation in the modified Parnelli chassis. Schäffer followed close behind. On July 9th, the Porsche team of Bott, Flegl, Jantke and Schäffer met with Field, Ongais and Polak to begin concentrated planning for the launch of a 1980 Indy 500 campaign. The final decision to race had not been made. This, it was made clear, would only follow completion of successful track tests. Interscope announced its intention to build a completely new Slobodynskyj-designed car to take the Porsche engine. The outlook was alluring for both race team and engine builder.

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Above Pictured in 1979, the Porschepowered Interscope Indy Car was ready to take on the best, a challenge laid down by Indy 500 legend (and 911 IROC contender), AJ Foyt





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RESTOMOD REDEFINED

The best days are the ones you weren't quite expecting. The same applies to cars. Enter the near 400bhp Fifteen Eleven Design 914. Put simply, we didn't see this one coming!

Words Steve Bennett Photography Dan Sherwood

t doesn't happen often, but every now again, a build comes along and stops you in your tracks. It's even better if you're least expecting it. No surprises, then, this is one of those 'least expecting it' moments. It started with a call from the boss, Dan Furr. Can I get my backside over to photographer Dan Sherwood's gaff tomorrow? Yep, I can. What's the gig? A 914 restomod from an outfit named Fifteen Eleven

Design, located in Bakewell, Derbyshire.

Vague cranial bells chime. A quick Google search reveals news stories announcing the the 1980s. I doubt he'll remember, but our paths crossed at many events, back when I wielded a notepad for a motorsport weekly. It's always good to have a connection like this when reviewing a car in the present, however tenuous the link.

6R4, which he made good use of in

A further confession: I'm a little sideways myself, certainly in terms of MEM's more recent rallying achievements. As I discover, it all

EDITOR FURR HAS SENT MYSELF AND MR

SHERWOOD TO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS

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Released, and slightly embarrassed, I babble effusively. The old maxim of 'if it looks right, it is right' has never been so spot-on, which is half the job done. But there's so much more. Time for a chat over a coffee.

First up, Fifteen Eleven Design is run by Ben. It's separate, but closely associated to MEM and handles bespoke builds and restorations. Fifteen Eleven? It's the date Ben's daughter, Poppy, was born. Recent work?

> Recommissioning the Williams FW07 ground-effect Formula One car Alan Jones raced to victory in 1980. Ben has also overseen development of a Speedster-styled

project as far back as 2021. Renders of a proposed prototype exhibit a selection of vivid Porsche colours from the 1970s. Yep, I remember now: Cayman S-powered, destined to reach production, rally team connections.

The proposed car looks good, but anyone can put out a few CAD images. There's nothing more for me to find online, other than the same teasers multiplied many times by contenthungry online news outlets. Hang on a minute. What's this? I've spotted a snatched photo taken during a cars and coffee event at boutique automotive hangout, Caffeine & Machine, two days ago. The 914-looking creation I'm eyeballing looks pretty cool and very much pretty real.

I don't mind admitting the name Fifteen Eleven Design hadn't registered on my radar, but the name of parent company, Mellors Elliot Motorsport (MEM) most certainly had. It sometimes pays to be old. Chris Mellors of MEM is a well-known name on the British rallying scene. As a driver, he was often sideways in a variety of formidable four-wheelers, most notably the mighty Ford Sierra RS Cosworth and MG Metro happens out of Bakewell. Specifically, MEM has twelve FIA World Rally Championship titles to its name and is currently running Proton's works team with great success.

Excuse the slight ramble, but this is how these things sometimes happen, not least because 911 & Porsche World is the very first media outlet to arrive and drive the Fifteen Eleven Design 914. In fact, Editor Furr has sent myself and Mr Sherwood to take care of business a full day before the firm's official project press release goes live. A scoop, then? Absolutely. I confess, I'm quite excited.

Nestled in the heart of Derbyshire's Peak District, Bakewell is a pretty place, but it's not half as arresting as what awaits. This is the 'stopped in my tracks' moment. I am genuinely taken aback, as is snapper Sherwood. In a world of 911 restomods and Singer 964 lookalikes, we've been craving something new, something different, and here it is, complete with its retro Porsche shade of Stone Grey. There is a moment of comedy as Sherwood manages to lock me in the camera car, leaving me to bang on the window as he makes first contact with Chris and son, Ben. Mk1 Ford Escort and a stunning Maserati 3500 GT Inezione, runner up at Salon Privé. Diverse, but not necessarily pointing in the direction of the Porsche restomod scene.

LOOK TO THE FUTURE

"It was a moment of wondering what Fifteen Eleven Design should do next," Ben relays. "The idea of a Porsche restomod appealed, but I didn't want to build a 911, which I felt would be too obvious. I've always had a soft-spot for the 914. Decision made!" It sounds easy, but then again, when your company is closely associated with a hugely successful enterprise recognised for preparing world-class rally cars, you're already halfway there. As I am about to discover, rallying and the ethos of what makes a good all-terrain competition car looms large in the concept and build of the Fifteen Eleven Design 914.

It looks amazing, in a short, stubby sort of way. The overall aesthetic is complemented by wide wheel arches, side scoops and arch-filling eighteeninch replica Fuchs wheels. What exactly are we talking about, though? A Cayman S chassis with a 914 body grafted on? A

Facing page Powered by a 3.8-litre flat-six, Fifteen Eleven's 914 is a very rapid roadster



914 chassis and body, but with Cayman S mechanicals in place of the old flat-four? Is there a donor Porsche? No, not really.

Let's get the 914 connection out of the way. The Fifteen Eleven Design car uses only the 914's floorpan, doors and windscreen, plus some interior bit and bobs. That's it. The rest is bespoke, built on a jig from the floorpan up. A deeper detail dive to come, but at this point in our story, it's worth talking about the car's dimensions. You'd be right in thinking this striking two-seater is bigger than a standard 914, but by only five millimetres in the wheelbase, sixty millimetres in height and three hundred millimetres in width.

The initial body design was created in CAD with the assistance of Derby-based DG Design, a company well-known in the world of automotive design and development. The DG team helped to create a Virtual Reality (VR) prototype, which could be viewed with VR goggles to give Ben a full 360° perspective of the car. The process also allowed the refining, adding and subtracting of details in more or less real time. "We spent nearly a year spinning the full-scale model," he recalls. "There's nothing quite like bringing a design to life. With VR, we could walk around the car, making sure every element of it was perfectly in proportion, eliminating awkward angles or curves."

As you can see, the look is entirely faithful to the 914, albeit without pop-up headlights. Illumination is instead taken care of by big, circular LEDs recalling the spotlights fitted to the front of the 935/78 'Moby Dick' race car. They're built into an all-in-one carbon frontend and splitter channelling air to a front-mounted radiator, which is vented through the curvature of a swooping bonnet scoop. Extra width in the track is accommodated by the wider arches, while the Targa rollover hoop is slightly wider and chunkier for additional strength. At the rear, a full-width ducktail-inspired spoiler sits proud

above a one-piece carbon apron.

With all parties happy with the concept and the overall look, DG Design supplied the CAD data to design partner, Rallytech 3D. In the world of rallying, Rallytech is the go-to manufacturer of carbon-fibre panels and even full bodyshells. The Chorley business serves MEM, as well as individual clients and motorsport teams around the world. Like I said earlier, influence from rallying features heavily in Fifteen Eleven Design's thinking.

Technical drawings and body panels sorted, it was back to the prototype jig. For sure, a floorpan, doors and a Above 914's pop-up headlights have made way for 935-style circular LEDs housed in a carbon apron







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FIFTEEN ELEVEN 914









Above Climbing into the lavishly appointed cabin requires you to step over a massive sill emphasising how stiff the chassis is, but thanks to carefully considered suspension, the ride is never too firm

windscreen does not a chassis make, but this is where the Fifteen Eleven Design 914 differs from other restomods, save, perhaps, for seriously

creations, such as carbontubbed cars from RUF Automobile or the 911s we see rolling out of Singer

high-end

TALK FROM BEN AND CHRIS IS OF **REAL-WORLD COMPLIANCE AND DISDAIN** FOR SUSPENSION INCAPABLE OF WORKING EFFECTIVELY ON UK ROADS

including massive sills and suspension

turrets for absolute maximum rigidity,

something the original 914 wasn't

exactly known for.

Vehicle Design and Gunther Werks. Indulge this little flight of fantasy, if you will: think Group B tarmac rally car and you're not far off. You see, what Ben and his team have created is a custom chassis and steel shell with integral T45 tubular structural reinforcement,

Torsional stiffness is crucial for any competition car. More so for a rally car, especially when considering suspension, which I'll come to shortly. Interestingly, when designing the custom shell, Ben's team took the opportunity to move the bulkhead



forward to enhance cabin space and legroom.

With a complete carbon-clad custom bodyshell ready and waiting, it was

> time to introduce the Cayman element of the build. The suspension pick-up points have been engineered to directly take the 987-generation Cayman's front

and rear suspension and subframes. This makes perfect sense. There is, after all, very little out there that can better this all-alloy multi-link set-up. Even the 987 Cayman S's brakes have been carried over, but Ben didn't rely solely on Porsche equipment. This is where rally influence once again enters the equation: Fifteen Eleven Design substituted standard 987 Cayman S dampers for Reiger three-way adjustable coilovers. Unfamiliar with Reiger? The Dutch brand is renowned in the world of rallying and rallycross for its class-leading suspension solutions.

The super-stiff shell, combined with Reiger damping and MEM know-how, promises much. Talk from Ben and Chris is of real-world compliance and disdain for suspension incapable of working effectively on UK roads. These are men after my own heart - we have a good nerd-off about suspension, spring rates and "hateful" polybushes. On this note, the Fifteen Eleven Design 914 is making use of standard rubber bushes and "sensible tyre profiles".



Indeed, sticky Michelin Pilot Sport tyres are wrapped around the deep-dish staggered Fuchs replicas, produced by Group 4 Wheels.

SUPERSIZED SIX

The engine and gearbox? Cayman S, of course! While the 987's standard flat-six would be perfectly adequate, Fifteen Eleven Design has really gone to town, taking capacity out to 3.8 litres and fitting forged pistons, steel rods, a custom exhaust and a Life Racing ECU for maximum control over ignition and fuelling. Talking of which, as is the case with either a 914 or Cayman, the fuel tank is at the front. Far from standard issue, however, it's a bespoke carbon fuel cell with an FIA-compliant bladder. Also up-front is a custom-made aluminium radiator. Power? Between 380bhp and 400bhp. Plenty for a car weighing just a thousand kilograms.

I've used the words custom and bespoke liberally. In reality, with the exception of the running gear, there's not actually much Cayman in this build, so much so Fifteen Eleven Design won't be sourcing complete donor cars for series production - Ben confirms his company will buy the required components off the shelf, direct from Porsche. "The cost of stripping and refurbishing parts from a donor vehicle isn't far off what you'll spend buying the same parts new," he confirms. Buying individual items also means he doesn't need to concern himself with the disposal of redundant Cayman shells. Effectively, then, this is a brandnew car, the result of a huge amount of manhours, all of which goes toward justifying the price. If you've made it this far, you'll know the numbers are going to be punchy. Again, this something I'll come to momentarily.

In the meantime, the interior beckons. It's a bit of a stride to get over the elevated and beefed-up sill, but the inviting, leather and Alcantara-trimmed Recaro driver's chair adds a touch of class and refinement to what has thus far been a motorsport-dominated build. There is much exposed metal, but the rear bulkhead is neatly carpeted and the inner sills are leather-bound, as are the door cards. The 914's simple dash layout is retained and looks good, trimmed in a combination of dark brown and grey hide. Down in the driver's footwell, AP Racing pedals sprout from the floor. Finishing touches? A MOMO Prototipo steering wheel (obviously)

and a tactile 917-style wooden gear knob decorated with the Fifteen Eleven Design rainbow motif, a design reference to the colours of one of Chris's early sponsors.

The paintwork is flawless, a state not always easy to achieve when working with carbon-fibre. It's the work of motorsport specialist body shop, Normandale. Clients include several Formula One teams, plus a number of independent Porsche specialists you'll know from these pages. Suffice to say Normandale knows a fair bit about the dark art of painting composite materials – look closely and you'll notice the Porsche stripes on the sills are, in fact, exposed carbon-fibre. Elsewhere, gold badging adds a nice touch of bling to the sombre grey.

Is there a duff angle? Not to my eye. Really, I'm quite infatuated and I haven't even driven the car. That's Ben's

Above and below

Four hundred galloping ponies let loose in a carbonclad bespoke shell weighing a tonne are kept in check by motorsport-spec Reiger coilovers and Cayman S brakes







Above Considering the 914's mid-engine layout, not to mention the 914/6's use of a Porsche flat-six, 987 Cayman S powertrain makes perfect sense

prerogative, what with this semi-opentop stunner being his creation. I'll hop in the for the ride and control briefing in advance of taking to the wheel.

Like father, like son. Ben is a skilled rally driver, currently competing

in the British Historic Rally Championship, where – rather like his 914-inspired creation – his boxy weapon of choice is decidedly leftfield:

a Toyota RA40. It's a replica of the car campaigned by Björn Waldegård in the 1980 World Rally Championship and pretty much the only RA40 currently competing worldwide. It's also superrare enough to be invited to the Goodwood Festival of Speed.

We trickle out of Bakewell (no tarts, yet) in search of some Peak District asphalt to play on, turning heads as we go. From the passenger seat, the car feels solid, planted and suddenly, very, very quick. I'm talking GT3 levels of quick, but unlike so many ultra-stiff modern GT Porsches, this car simply glides over the rough and rippled surface below.

Ben generously invites me to take up residence in the driving seat. To begin with, I engage in a couple of runs with

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Sherwood taking photographs from the passenger pew. As regular readers will know, he's no stranger to modified cars, as highlighted by his ownership of a modified second-generation 996 GT3, along with various tweaked and tuned Japanese sports cars. "The suspension is amazing," he exclaims, noting how cars of this ilk usually bounce around all over the place, doing their best to prevent him from capturing a sharp picture. No such frustration today.

Finally, a full bite of the Bakewell tart cherry. Logic suggests driving the

Fifteen Eleven Design 914 should feel very much being in charge of a Cayman. The footprint and weight distribution are near identical to those of the 987 and the driving position is just fine for my lofty dimensions. Comfort and full

control equates to confidence behind the wheel.

The best cars are not fast and furious. No, the best cars are those you can relax into. This sounds like

a crazy description for a near 400bhp roadster weighing just a tonne, but the way this modernised (weaponised?!) 914 lookalike gets down the road is beguiling. The faster you go, the better it gets. The super-stiff shell allows the suspension to work brilliantly. I've often thought the perfect UK-biased chassis set-up is probably something akin to a tarmac rally car.

Fifteen Eleven Design has proved the theory. After all, what is rallying all about if it isn't to go very, very fast on rough surfaces? Too many modified





cars are conceived for the track, but race circuits don't represent the real world. Conversely, the Peak District's roads are very real in every sense. They're turbulence in distressed tarmac form. This modern take on the 914,

complete with its Cayman and Reiger underpinnings, simply rises above the mayhem and skims across the broken surface. Skims? Maybe it would be more

appropriate to say it dances across the surface – the mid-engine layout's influence over changes in direction is apparent. Turns are startling in their immediacy, as is stability under braking and cornering, the Michelins never overwhelmed by sudden spikes in weight transfer.

The amazing chassis control allows the power to be properly utilised, helped along by the car's dinky proportions, which are compliant with the narrow roads. The 987 Cayman S's six-speed manual gearbox is one of Porsche's best cog swappers and the S-specification brakes make easy work of slowing the action when required, which isn't often. Reassuringly, this Fifteen Eleven Design build encourages

ULTIMATELY, WHAT FIFTEEN ELEVEN DESIGN HAS DONE IS USE PORSCHE PARTS TO BUILD A MID-ENGINED SPORTS CAR FROM THE GROUND UP

> speed to build and to be carried. As mentioned at the top of this article, the best days are the ones you don't quite expect. This is definitely one of them. "What do you think?" asks Ben, back at base, when I'm finally prised from the driving seat. "I think I've just driven one the best Porsche restomods, bar none," I reply, but really, this is much more than a restomod. It may look like a 914, but there's barely any 914 in the mix. There is obviously more 987 Cayman, but ultimately, what Fifteen

Eleven Design has done is use Porsche parts to build a mid-engined sports car from the ground up.

There is a price to pay. £350,000, in fact. Steep? Well, sure, it's out of my league, but that's not really the point.

This is a bespoke, hand-built sports car. I confess, I pinged a few pictures to a wellknown player in the restomod game, who wasn't at all surprised at the

price tag. I can't wait to see the first Fifteen Eleven Design customer cars. Imagine one of these in Viper Green? We'll make a return visit for that one.

MEM and Fifteen Eleven Design might be new players on the Porsche scene, but sometimes it takes a step back and fresh perspective to challenge the status quo. The 914 is a leftfield approach and all the better for it.

Having said that, what if Ben could sprinkle the same genius on a 911? There's a thought. ● Above It's fantastic to see a fresh take on the 914, a Targa-topped twoseater providing the blueprint for the allconquering Boxster



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any enthusiasts can attribute their proclivity for Porsche to formative years spent in

or around a Stuttgart-crested sports car owned by a relative. Even so, few fans of the marque can boast the kind of family connection to

Porsche enjoyed by thirty-seven-yearold Ollie Ioannou, who grew up in the company of countless Porsches on account of his father, Harry, buying and selling Zuffenhau

and selling Zuffenhausen's finest for a living.

"I established Portiacraft back in 1982," explains Harry, now seventy years old. "The aim was to start a business specialising in the sales, maintenance and servicing of pre-loved Porsches." He can trace his love of Porsche to the purchase of the "slightly ropey" 911 T he bought in 1974, back when he was just twenty-two-years-old. "I've been a petrolhead all my life," says the straighttalking North Londoner. "When I was a teenager, I used to race go-karts in the Class 1 National series at Rye House in Hoddesdon and at other circuits in the southeast of England, activity which not only fed into my need for speed, but also my love of engineering, which was the subject I was studying at Barnet College while working as an apprentice tool maker at Cambridge Instruments."

Even back in the mid-1960s, karting wasn't a cheap pastime. To support this pursuit, Harry put his engineering nous to good use by working on his own kart and

HARRY WAS SWINGING SPANNERS ON HIS HOME DRIVEWAY, SERVICING AND REPAIRING NOT JUST PORSCHES, BUT ALSO TRIUMPH STAGS

> fabricating many of his own parts. As he describes, "buying them off-the-shelf was prohibitively expensive".

Predictably, as the years progressed, his interest in karts evolved into a passion for working on cars, resulting in him building a reputation within the local motoring community for being handy with a set of spanners.

"I owned a wide variety of cars throughout my late teens, including various MGBs, Ford Anglias and a Jensen-Healey," he recalls. "Back then, they were cheap, but more often than not, needed a serious amount of maintenance to keep them running. Consequently, I always had my head under a bonnet. My 911 T was just the same – the air-cooled flat-six required work in order to get it running properly. I was also faced with minor rust repairs. It was a great car, though, and through owning a 911, I was introduced to many fellow Porsche enthusiasts, many of whom asked me to take care of the maintenance and repair of their cars."

> At the time, Harry was swinging spanners on his home driveway, servicing and repairing not just Porsches, but also Triumph Stags. Regarding

the latter, he seemed to have a knack for improving the model's traditionally unreliable nature.

"In order to fund the purchase of a car I planned to recommission and sell, I sold the 911 T around nine months after buying it," he says. Resurrecting tired vehicles and affording them a new lease of life eventually led him to expand his fledgling start-up to encompass car sales, alongside the repair and maintenance work he was already known for. All was going swimmingly until local authorities stepped in to spoil his fun.

"The council said I could no longer run the business from my home because neighbours were complaining about the



Facing page Portiacraft buys and sells exceptional examples of the 911, focusing primarily on clean 996s and 997s

Below The company's showroom and workshops are a familiar sight to anyone passing through Mill Hill

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number of cars in the street," he shrugs. Unbeknownst to Harry at the time, his nosey neighbours did him a favour insofar as their dissatisfaction forced him to seek suitable premises to work from, a move which saw the business grow exponentially.

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

"In 1978, I began renting the unit my business occupies to this very day," he says. "Back then, it was just a single workshop, but it was a big step up from trading on my driveway." Located just off Watford Way in Mill Hill, North London, the unit was in a prime location to serve affluent motorists residing nearby. Within a year, Harry was confident enough in the upward trajectory of his sales charts to buy the unit outright and make the move permanent.

"The business continued to grow across the course of the next few years. In 1982, I decided to focus solely on Porsches," Harry reveals. "I could see Triumphs were already long in the tooth, whereas the 911 was a car continually gaining admirers. The business went forward as Porsche Craft."

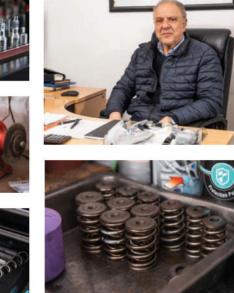
You read that correctly – not Portiacraft, but Porsche Craft. "We traded under the Porsche Craft name for years, but in the late 1990s, Porsche AG started clamping down on companies incorporating the Porsche name in its branding. As the new millennium came into view, it was clear we would have to change the name of the business or potentially face an ugly legal battle against one of the world's biggest sports car manufacturers. Spelling the name phonetically was a sneaky way around the rules, but it seemed to satisfy Stuttgart's men in suits and has been the name of the business ever since."

As much as Harry has been the backbone of the business since its

inception, he has had help along the way. Indeed, one of Portiacraft's key members of staff is Martin Robinson. "I grew up across the road from Portiacraft and loved seeing the amazing cars Harry spread around the forecourt," he reminisces. "One day, when I was about fourteen years old, I walked in and asked if the company needed someone to clean its sales cars." Impressed by Martin's gumption, Harry gave him a part-time job cleaning cars after school and at weekends. That was in 1985. Above The company took up residence in Watford Way in 1978, back when Harry was maintaining Triumph Stags alongside Porsche sports cars

Below Harry oversees a wide range of mechanical work at Portiacraft, including full engine rebuilds





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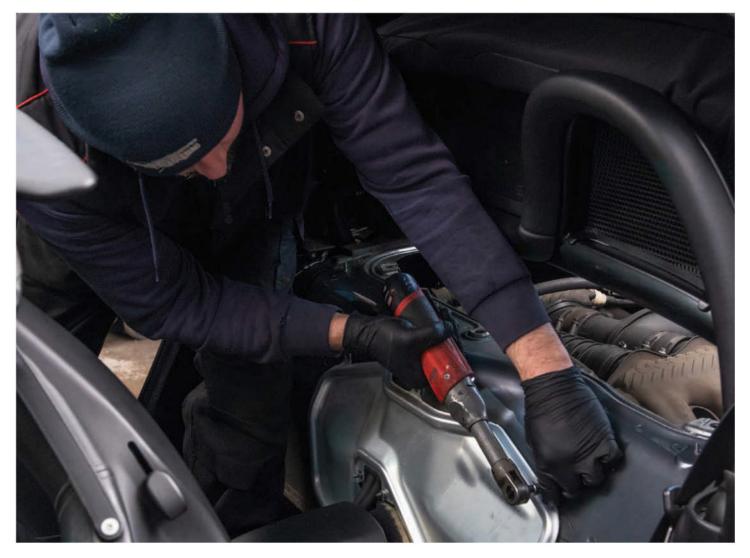
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Martin has been at Portiacraft ever since. "I finished school two years later and began working at Portiacraft fulltime," he remembers. "At first, I was just cleaning cars, but I was super-keen to learn more about them and would devour motoring magazines to learn as much as I could about the different Porsches we were selling. I would also spend as much time as I could around the company's mechanics, quizzing them in order to find out how the cars we sold were put together."

UP THE RANKS

Martin's resulting encyclopaedic knowledge of Porsche and its products meant he was not only a dab hand with a sponge, but was soon proving himself a stellar salesman. Needless to say, he graduated from head detailer to a role in sales and stock acquisition.

"Martin's role within the business has grown over the years," Harry confirms. "He's now Portiacraft's general manager, a reflection of the fact he knows every element of this business inside out. He's been here thirty-eight years. I have no doubt, if he has his way, he'll be here for another thirty-eight years!"

Another Portiacraft member likely to be with the company for the long-term is the aforementioned Ollie, who joined the family business in 2004, not long after his eighteen birthday. "I started off much like Martin, washing cars and generally learning the business from the ground up," he explains. "I've been a Porsche enthusiast for as long as I can remember. In fact, after being born, I was transported home in an aircooled 911. Growing up as the son of a Porsche-mad dad in the motor trade meant it was more or less inevitable I'd end up working with Porsches in one

Above All mechanical work was brought in house following the business expanding into the neighbouring unit on Watford Way

Below The business is in safe hands with Ollie looking after sourcing of sales cars



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Above Martin has been with the business for almost four decades

Below Demand for Portiacraft's services continues to rise way or another." In the present, Ollie takes care of the majority of the firm's stock buying, meaning he is often out and about finding suitable Porsches to

add to Portiacraft's ever-changing sales list. "The bulk of our output is focused on early watercooled Porsches, including the 996and 997-generation 911," he tells us.

"These are great cars and are generally much better value for money than aircooled 911s or much newer Porsches. Moreover, in my experience, the 996, 997 and their Boxster and Cayman derivatives tend to be bought by true enthusiasts. These are owners who want a Porsche they can use and cherish without breaking the bank. The cars we sell fit the bill perfectly."

IT WAS GETTING INCREASINGLY EXPENSIVE TO HAVE THE JOBS COMPLETED TO THE STANDARD HARRY DEMANDED

This isn't to say Portiacraft doesn't trade in both early and modern 911s, as well as the occasional Porsche SUV, but in the main, the company sticks with what it knows best and, importantly, what it recognises there is most demand



for. Typically, this equates to a watercooled 911 priced between £15,000 and £70,000.

These are also the Porsches loved

by the Portiacraft team. "They're excellent cars," Harry smiles. "Don't be fooled by horror stories on the internet. IMS bearing failure, for example,

is certainly not as common as the naysayers would have you believe. We've been working with these cars for years and we hardly ever come across an IMS issue. It only affects a small percentage of Porsches with the M96 and early M97 engine, primarily those with a singlerow IMS bearing from factory. Even then, failure is an exceptionally rare occurrence."

According to Martin, bore scoring is a much more prevalent issue than IMS failure, with 996s and first-generation 997s manufactured from 2004 – after which Porsche moved to a two-year servicing schedule – being most likely to suffer. "Every car we sell has been rigorously checked for signs of bore scoring. If found to have an issue, we carry out the appropriate engine rebuild before the car is advertised for sale," Martin explains. "This work will be backed by Portiacraft's comprehensive

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in-house warranty, which is applied to all cars sold, giving our customers complete peace of mind in the pre-loved Porsche they are buying from us."

STRONG REACH

Back in the early days of Portiacraft, much of the mechanical work involved in preparing the cars for sale was farmed out to a third-party specialist, but it was getting increasingly expensive to have the jobs completed to the standard Harry demanded. The solution came in the early 1990s, when the business was expanded into adjoining units, thereby allowing all required mechanical work to be carried out on Portiacraft's premises.

It's important to note it's not just the meticulous preparation of sales cars taking place in this corner of North London. Portiacraft offers a complete range of servicing, repair and maintenance services for its customers, including full engine rebuilds. "In Paul Defreis and Claudio Costa, we have two dedicated and knowledgeable in-house technicians," Martin states, proudly. "We charge an hourly rate of ninety pounds, subject to VAT. Thanks to excellent relationships with our parts suppliers, we can diagnose and fix faults, or apply upgrades, in a cost-efficient manner. We strongly believe in being open and honest with our customers and will

never push for any parts or work not completely necessary."

Building long-standing relationships with its client base has helped Portiacraft to keep a constant stock of sales cars. "We buy back around ninety percent of the cars we sell," Ollie confirms. "We already know their history and the individual owners. Many trade-up on a fairly regular basis, meaning we are used to seeing 911s with multiple names on their logbooks. This isn't considered a negative, though, as may be the case with cars from other premium marques.

Put simply, almost all the owners we buy

from or sell to are true enthusiasts who

have cherished their cars and maintained them to a very high standard."

At a time sourcing good cars at the right price is becoming a difficult business, this steady stream of used Porsches is most welcome. "The market has changed a great deal since I started the business more than forty years ago," Harry muses, "but we've always managed to roll with the times and keep moving forward." And with Ollie now ready to pick up the baton and follow in his father's footsteps, it's safe to say Portiacraft will continue supplying and maintaining Porsches in this neck of the woods for many years to come. • Above and below Most Portiacraft sales cars are known to the business, but this doesn't stop them being subject to exacting inspection and remedial work prior to being offered to the firm's clients



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981 CAYMAN 2.7

Anything but basic, the entry-level 981 Cayman delivers a huge number of smiles to the mile without breaking the bank, making it one of the Porsche scene's best buys...

Words Robert Smith Photography Thomas Fawdry

y the time of the 981-generation Cayman's arrival in 2012, Porsche's calculated merging of 911 and Boxster assembly lines had radically cut the cost of vehicle production and, crucially, helped the company to return to

financial stability. Many saw the 986 and the 987 as much 'lesser' sports cars than the 911, but the 981 presented a different story. Certainly, by the time of 981 Spyder and GT4 production, the Boxster/Cayman twins had finally branched out on their own.

When the 991 was released at the back end of 2011, Porsche ownership was immediately opened up to a much wider group of sports car enthusiasts, a consequence of this generation of 911 introducing a higher number of driver aids, including electronically assisted steering. Where the 997 and earlier 911s would punish their pilot for not concentrating, the 991 made allowances for driver error. Porsche purists didn't see this as a positive character trait, but it was one which saw the 991 find favour with a new sales audience – the 991 went on to become the most successful of all 911s.

The same electronic trickery, including an electronically linked parking brake, was carried over to the 981 Boxster/Cayman, which inherited many of its looks from the 991 and the 918 plug-in hybrid supercar. A 4.6-inch full-colour TFT touchscreen sat proud in the centre of the dash, while a variety of sensors relayed live



engine operating information back to the driver in a clear, concise manner.

Even the entry-level 981 Cayman – as seen here – developed 261bhp and 207lb-ft torque, more than enough for bouts of spirited driving along twisty B-roads and coastal highways, where the Boxster/Cayman's mid-engine layout really comes into its own.

We popped along to the Suffolk headquarters of independent Porsche sales, maintenance, restoration and servicing specialist, PIE Performance (*pieperformance.co.uk*), to spend time with the beautiful PDK-equipped 2013 Aqua Blue Metallic 981 Cayman 2.7 seen on these pages. Company boss, Chris Lansbury, talked us through the merits of modern Boxster/Cayman ownership, as well as what to look out for if buying a base model 981. Good luck and happy hunting!

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BODY

Remarkable. Where the 2.5-litre 986 Boxster was criticised for feeling underpowered, the 2.7-litre 981 (itself a Boxster/Cayman starting point) feels altogether sprightly. Perhaps this is down to the car's low body weight, its low drag coefficient or the fact its engine is, in fact, a scaled down version of the 3.4-litre flat-six found in the 981 Boxster/Cayman S? Whatever the reason, the 981's high-end trim, amazing overall specification and glorious looks make the beautiful blue Cayman at PIE Performance feel anything but entry-level. Surely, there must be a catch?

"Not really," laughs PIE head honcho, Chris Lansbury. "By the time the 981 was ready for release, Porsche had refined and improved the Boxster/Cayman concept to the point it was, in many respects, simplified." The Boxster's retractable roof is a prime example of what he's talking about. "Previous Boxsters featured a clam shell, which should sit flush when the roof is hidden within. If the part's gear mechanism isn't lubricated sufficiently, the clam top won't shut properly and may sit proud. In contrast, the 981's roof folds into the back of the cabin. It's a much more straightforward and more efficient system with no problems to report."

Even the oldest production 981 has seen little more than a decade on the road. Combined with modern automotive manufacturing techniques and anti-rust measures, this means finding body corrosion anywhere on a 981 is largely unheard of. With this in mind, evidence of poor panel gaps, difference in shades of paint between sections of the car and any sign of body damage needs to be considered carefully – you may be looking at a Cayman that's suffered an accident.

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, all generations of Boxster/Cayman have been big sellers, so don't be afraid to walk away if you sense something amiss – there are plenty more 981s to choose from.

"The 981 is still new enough for problems associated with high mileage or major wear not to have presented themselves," says Chris. "Rear lights can accumulate condensation," he says, "but as a priority, make sure all of the car's paintwork is free of damage, ensure the extendable rear wing works and check for tears or nicks in a Boxster's roof, which can be expensive to replace."



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IDENTITY

The easiest way to correctly verify the identity of the 981 you're looking at is to check its Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), which can be found at the base of the windscreen and stamped into the chassis under a flap in the carpet flap ahead of the offside front seat. A sticker on the driver's side door jamb will also display the VIN. Make sure it matches what's printed on the V5. Also, spend a tenner at *mycarcheck.com*, where you can download a history report outlining any insurance claims, change of registration number, recorded mileage and whether there is any outstanding finance on the Cayman you're looking at. You should also enter the vehicle's details into the DVLA's online MOT database (visit *bit.ly/dvlamot*), a service which will return all passes, failures and advisories registered as far back as records are stored. Additionally, take advantage of the Suncoast Parts VIN decoder (check it out at *bit.ly/suncoastdecoder*), which will provide you with a Porsche-specific build sheet for just \$10. This document will let you know exactly how the car left the factory, including model specification and any individual equipment optioned. We've lost track of the number of Porsche owners who have discovered their car makes use of a special feature they only found out about after ordering this report. Make no mistake, it is money well spent.







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ENGINE

"The 2.7-litre 981 Cayman and 3.4-litre 981 Cayman S feature excellent engines," Chris says. "That said, cam timing solenoid valves can be problematic. There are two on each bank and we recommend replacing them in pairs on a single side, even if only one is at fault. There is, however, no need to replace all four parts unless your 981 registers a problem on each bank, which is unlikely. If you do find yourself faced with the need to replace all four items, budget three hours labour in addition to the cost of parts." Routine servicing must be observed every 20,000 miles or at least once a year, even if the car doesn't rack up much in the way of mileage.

The 2.7-litre engine may be down on power when compared to the Cayman S's 3.4-litre flat-six (261bhp versus 311bhp), but the difference isn't as noticeable as many of you might imagine. This isn't to say you should buy a base 981 if your goal is to secure the last word in performance, but the 2.7-litre boxer features revised pistons, adjusted variable valve timing and updated airflow equipment combining with kerb weight of just 1,377kg (when equipped with a manual gearbox) to deliver a quick car, offering a zero to sixty time of just 5.4 seconds and topping out at a respectable 164mph. Despite smaller displacement, the base 981 Cayman is more powerful than its predecessor (the 2.9-litre 987 Gen II 2).

"The standard 981 tailpipe is a single outlet," explains Chris. "If possible, get hold of a 981 Cayman with the optional Sport exhaust, as can be seen on our car." The upgraded pipework isn't going to add a stack of ponies to the host Porsche's output, but it will sharpen throttle response and activate a racier exhaust note when the centre console's Sport button is pushed, transforming the character of the 981 Boxster for the better.

Service history from Porsche Centres and independent specialists, such as PIE Performance, is something you should place at the top of your Cayman wish list.

BRAKES, SUSPENSION AND TRANSMISSION

The 2.7-litre 981 Cayman was offered with a six-speed manual gearbox or a seven-speed PDK semi-automatic dual clutch transmission. It's of paramount importance the PDK system is treated to fresh lubricant at Porsche's recommended service intervals (every six years). Check the book pack and service history of the PDK-equipped car you're looking at to ensure this maintenance has been observed. PDK was a £1,900 option, so expect to pay a premium for cars loaded with the system. Clutches should last at least 60k miles before they need to be replaced, costing upwards of £1,000.

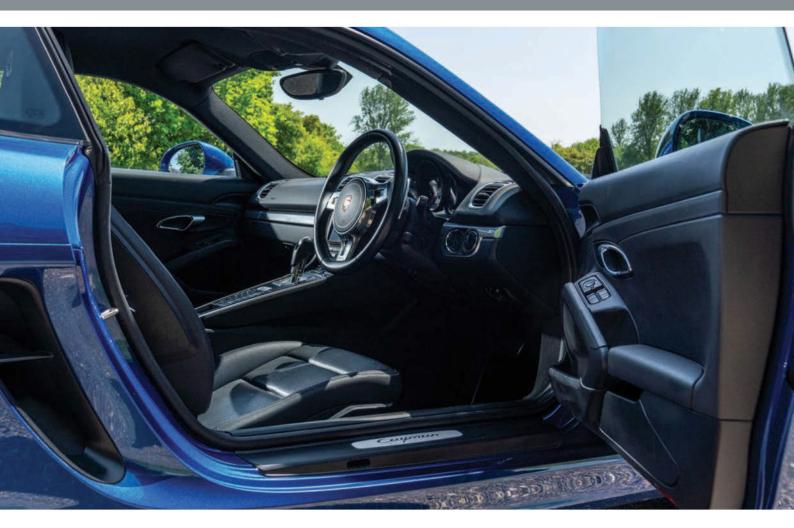
"At the risk of sounding like a stuck record," Chris smiles, "there really isn't anything to report as far as 981 suspension and braking equipment is



concerned. Brakes are traditional, reliable, quality Porsche parts. For this reason, I wouldn't recommend using anything other than OEM discs and pads. That said, the inside face of rotors can corrode." As outlined elsewhere in this issue of *911 & Porsche World*, this is a long-standing problem evident since the first-generation Boxster. "Rubber suspension bushes can fail, and we've had to change a couple of 981 rear hub assemblies, but beyond usual wear and tear, the 981 has proved itself resilient and reliable in all areas."

Pandemic-caused lockdowns promoted the trend of buying Porsches remotely, often without test drives or even looking at the car in the metal. If you're going to engage in this practice, we strongly advise you to commission PIE Performance (or the car's nearest recognised marque specialist) to carry out a thorough pre-purchase inspection. The resulting documentation will outline not only the car's true condition, but also details of any parts which may need to be replaced in the short term. Only then will you know if the Cayman you're thinking of buying is correctly priced. For example, parts and labour for renewal of braking components will set you back the best part of £1,000. Make sure the price you pay for the car reflects any additional spend you'll be faced with at the point the Porsche lands on your driveway.





INTERIOR & ELECTRICS

The 981's interior feels completely modern, even today. PIE Performance's Cayman 2.7 features attractive black leather, complementing the bright blue paintwork. "The materials Porsche used for 981 interiors are incredibly robust, but be mindful of possible driver's seat bolster wear," Chris warns. "The only real complaint we've come across is weak switchgear. Specifically, the electric window switches, door mirror switches and heater control switches become brittle and can snap. The electrics themselves cause no problems, although dash warning lights suggesting otherwise can be triggered by a battery running low voltage. On this topic, we've received 981s on the back end of Porsche Centres incorrectly diagnosing a major fault. Owners can be asked to pay for expensive replacement parts, when the problem is simply a duff battery and the need to extinguish fault codes." Needless to say, if you don't intend to drive the car daily, it's a good idea to keep your 981 connected to a trickle charger, avoiding low battery voltage during periods of rest. Scuttle drains can get blocked over time, especially on a 981 left standing outside for extended periods. It's essential these are regularly cleaned, else rainwater will flood the scuttle pan and litres of water will seep behind the dashboard. "Damp will play havoc with some of the 981's electrical systems if the scuttle is left unmonitored," continues Chris. "If fitted, the factory tracking system is particularly susceptible to error, causing alerts to be sent to the company responsible for monitoring the whereabouts and safety of the car." ●





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LIGHTS ALIVE

Litronic, PDLS, PDLS Plus, HD LED matrix. Fantastic technology, confusing names. In this article, we chart the evolution of Porsche headlight design...

Words Thomas Schenck and Dan Furr Photography Dan Sherwood, Dan Furr, Barry Hayden

ne of the highlights of the original 911 Turbo's specification was headlight washers as standard equipment. They were

large, rather inelegant nozzles located on the bumper, but were intended to improve visibility at night and in inclement weather – owners of air-cooled 911s may scoff, but the headlights of classic Porsches aren't exactly known for their range.

In the wake of the Turbo, the headlights of Porsche sports cars gradually became a key element of trim level and model

hierarchy justifying a move upmarket. For example, the first-generation 997 Carrera S was differentiated from the base-model Carrera not only by its larger, more

powerful engine and Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM), but also by the inclusion of xenon headlights.

Varying levels of headlight sophistication made themselves known across successive generations of 911. Today, rather than simply a means of illumination, Porsche headlights are an integral component of the manufacturer's design language, aiding the overall look of the host vehicle. The relationship between form, function and dealership sales is easy enough to understand, unlike some of the convoluted and often ambiguous names Porsche gives its lighting systems.

Litronic and Porsche Dynamic Light System Plus, for example, are just two examples of what are essentially meaningless marketing labels to anyone new to the Porsche scene (or to marque enthusiasts unfamiliar with the brand's modern or modern-classic products).

With this in mind, and in a bid to help you see more clearly in the dark (both literally and metaphorically), we decided to take you on a journey through Porsche's lighting labyrinth. We've also taken time to evaluate aftermarket headlight options bringing modern functionality to older Porsches.

It should be noted, until the arrival of the 993-generation 911 for the 1994 model year, Porsches made use of halogen bulbs for headlight illumination. Aside from modest work on the quality of this kind of bulb, the technology hardly evolved and is therefore not worthy of covering in any detail. Suffice to say, glass ellipsoid lenses and halogen bulbs were the order of the day for the majority of the the frunk, behind each light assembly), headlight washers remained a separate cost option.

996 GEN II

With the arrival of the second-generation 996, Porsche redesigned the 911's (and 986 Boxster's) controversial 'fried egg' headlights. In doing so, xenon lights became bi-xenon lights. What's the difference? Bi-xenon headlights allow xenon lighting both in low-beam *and* high-beam, meaning only one bulb is required for both functions. Switching to high beam is achieved by way of a

> motorised blackout shutter, which almost instantly increases the intensity of illumination. Thanks to this system, the earlier problem of waiting for xenon to heat to the required

TODAY, RATHER THAN SIMPLY A MEANS OF ILLUMINATION, PORSCHE HEADLIGHTS ARE AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT OF THE MANUFACTURER'S DESIGN LANGUAGE

air-cooled era of Porsche production. It was only from the arrival of the 993 that things got interesting.

993 AND 996 GEN I

Toward the end of the 993's production run, Porsche introduced its Litronic self-levelling xenon headlight system. Litronic is essentially a marketing label used by Bosch and Porsche to describe xenon headlights. These lights are recognisable for the blue tinge they emit when illuminated, a result of xenon (a colourless gas) exhibiting a blue glow when placed in an electric field. You'll note this design of headlight is adopted for low-beam automotive lighting only. This is because it takes time for xenon to heat up, making it unsuitable for highbeam illumination (especially for quick flashing of headlights).

Interestingly, despite this advancedfor-the-time headlight option (check your 993's option list for code 601 and a pair of high-voltage ballast packs mounted in temperature (and therefore deliver heightened illumination) is eliminated.

With the arrival of bi-xenon lighting for Porsche products, headlight washers were integrated into the host vehicle's headlight clusters. Incidentally, for bixenon lighting, Porsche continued to use the Litronic name. The system was standard equipment for the 996 Turbo and the 40 Jahre anniversary model.

997 GEN I

The first-generation 997 arrived in 2004. Until this point in time, lighting technologies being offered to Porsche customers were cost options intended to encourage dealer showroom visitors to spend more on their new cars, but the logic of differentiating models through headlight design and technology was starting to take hold in Zuffenhausen. For example, the entry-level 997 Carrera was equipped with old-fashioned halogen headlights, whereas the Carrera S was treated to bi-xenon headlights

in a grid structure and surrounded by Porsche's now typical quartet of daytime

running lights

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including eightyfour light-emitting

diodes, arranged

LED matrix headlight.

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and headlight washers as standard kit. First-generation 997 GT3s, meanwhile, were equipped with halogen lighting as standard and xenon as an option.

997 GEN II

The appearance of the second-generation 997 for the 2009 model year coincides with the adoption of bi-xenon lighting (and dynamic lighting adjustment) for the entire 911 range as standard equipment. What buyers gained as an option, however, was directional lighting — the low beam headlights can rotate near fifteen degrees in a curve. This type of headlight can be recognised by a 'double lens' inside the light assembly and was one of the earliest examples of Porsche offering the option of a change to headlight design (as opposed to a different type of lighting).

The second-generation 997 Turbo is equipped with directional bi-xenon headlights as standard equipment. The same-age 911 GT3 was manufactured with xenon headlights, but was offered with directional bi-xenon units as an option. Curiously, Porsche also introduced the availability of lightweight headlights (lacking headlight washers or lighting range regulation).

It should also be noted how the second-generation 997 introduced LED lighting to the 911's front bumper blocks and rear lights. They provide the benefit of better visibility, but also have the advantage of looking more elegant when lit. Also, for four-wheel-drive versions of the second-generation 997, a central reflective strip between the two rear lights made a return after being dismissed for the build of earlier 997s driven by all four wheels. As was the case with the 996 Carrera 4S and earlier incarnations of the 911 making use of the same decoration, the strip isn't illuminated, but contributes to aesthetic differentiation between twowheel-drive and four-wheel-drive versions of the 997.

991 GEN I

For the 991 Carrera line-up, bi-xenon headlights with headlight washers and lighting range adjustment were standard for all models. The 991 also introduced automatic headlight switching, a convenient (and cool) safety feature firing up the car's headlights when daylight fades. At this point in the 911's production timeline, however, Porsche's options list became a real headache — as you're about to discover, with a wider range of 911s on offer, more headlight equipment was available than ever before.

This is a good thing, but with so many different combinations of lighting kit for the various 991s in production, prices differed wildly.

Four-wheel-drive versions of the newer 997 carried over the aforementioned rear light strip, but it was now illuminated. As an option, clear rear lights were available, although they're not to everyone's taste. Let's delve into the three main headlight developments available for the early 991. Left First-gen 996 headlight with separate washer jet

Middle Second-gen 996 headlight, now with incorporated washer jet

Right First-gen 997 bi-xenon headlight, as featured on the Carrera S and 4S

Below Second-gen 997 Turbo, including directional bi-xenon lighting as standard



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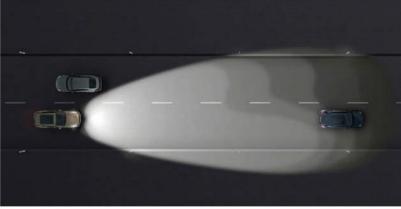


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Porsche Dynamic Light System (PDLS) The 911's directional bi-xenon headlights adopted this new name, which was

accompanied by new lighting functions. A basic level is given for city driving, while another is designed for high speed – effectively, PDLS increases safety by enhancing near-

field, lateral and far-field illumination by adjusting the range of the dipped beam according to driving speed. Additionally, newly introduced sensors adapt the lighting in bad weather to avoid glare.

The dynamic cornering light function rotates the main headlights toward the inside of a road's curve in relation to the car's speed and steering angle. Static cornering lights turn on auxiliary headlights for clearer visibility on tight, turning roads.

PDLS was offered as standard equipment on the 991 Turbo S and was available at a discounted purchase price to buyers of the 991 Turbo and the 911 Edition 50 Years, but was only available as a full-price cost option for the rest of the 991 range. This is where pricing gets really complex — as PDLS demonstrates, individual equipment varied in price depending on where the host Porsche sat

THE DYNAMIC CORNERING LIGHT FUNCTION ROTATES THE MAIN HEADLIGHTS TOWARD THE INSIDE OF A ROAD'S CURVE

in model hierarchy (and therefore what equipment the car already possessed in standard trim).

PDLS Plus

As if things weren't complicated enough, Porsche offered PDLS Plus as an add-on to PDLS from 2014. We recognise these headlights – standard on the 991 Turbo S - by a visual signature featuring four light points directly inspired by the 919 Hybrid sports-prototype. This four-point arrangement went on to be a key feature of the entire 911 line-up, but this was the first time showroom visitors saw it on a production model.

PDLS Plus introduces LED lamps and an LED ring on the headlight surround, presenting a longer lifespan and more natural lighting than what came before. From around 40mph, the dynamic main beam will detect traffic from the opposite

> will alter lighting intensity to avoid glare. In other words, the light cone's intensity and range are adjusted depending on the car's surroundings.

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Above all, let us note the aesthetic argument of the four light points is primarily an additional selling point to encourage customers to buy 911s higher up the food chain.

Black headlight interiors

The 991 Carrera GTS introduced a new, purely aesthetic element of headlight differentiation: black light cluster interiors, front and rear. This was a first for Porsche and proved a big success, so much so black light cluster interiors were quickly offered as an option across the entire 991 range. Again, however, we find ourselves with further combinations of standard equipment and extras: PDLS was standard on the GTS, but PDLS Plus and LEDs remained an option. **Top left** The secondgeneration 997 introduced LED lighting front and rear

Left Illustration showing the effect of PDLS Plus with dynamic high beam

Above 991 Carrera GTS introduced black headlight cluster interiors as a purely aesthetic update





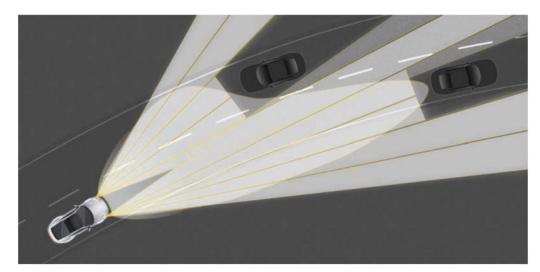
Above Demonstrated by this 992 Carrera, the 919 Hybrid's fourpoint light signature has become a staple of Porsche's modern design language

Below Illustration showing the 992 Carrera S/4S with LED matrix headlights and PDLS Plus

991 GEN II

Thankfully, with the arrival of the secondgeneration 991, Porsche's headlight options didn't change a great deal. Note, however, even the standard bi-xenon headlights adopted the LED signature with light points. It is in aesthetics we see the 911 evolve: at the rear, this generation's sculpted lights exhibit a more satisfying look, presumably in response to criticism from some quarters regarding the earlier 991's rear lights being too large. Finesse rules the roost. PDLS and PDLS Plus were still the main options of the day, and the interiors of GTS light clusters continued to be finished in black. All options were extended to the rest of the 911 range.

In terms of Porsche's pricing policy, though, things were a real mess. For instance, Angoulême-based independent Porsche and Audi specialist, Atelier Palmers, has recognised no fewer than seven different price points for PDLS Plus LED headlights with black light cluster interiors, simply because there were seven different starting options for this package, each linked to the host 911's position in model hierarchy. For example, the 991 Turbo includes PDLS Plus as standard equipment, but doesn't make use of black light cluster interiors, meaning they're an optional extra for this model. As already established, the GTS features the latter, but doesn't include PDLS Plus as standard. And on we go.



992 GEN I

We are now in the era of standard LED headlights across the entire 911 range. The 992's daytime running lights feature a four-point signature at the front *and* at the rear, where a light strip has become the signature of all models. This is a design element found on almost all models in the current Porsche range, with the exception of the 718 Boxster/Cayman twins. The 992's optional Porsche Exclusive Design rear lights are distinguished by a black tinted headband.

PDLS Plus

When it comes to 911 headlights, PDLS Plus was the best of the best, but following the launch of LED matrix headlights, is now relegated to the rank of premium option. There are no particular modifications to report when comparing the 992's PDLS Plus system to that of the second-generation 991, suffice to say PDLS Plus remains a brilliantly effective lighting system.

LED matrix headlights

This is where Porsche further encourages showroom visitors to spend a little more on their new 911s. Equipped with eighty-four individual LEDs, the 992's matrix headlights are accompanied by a camera, which detects the presence of other vehicles in the surrounding area and constantly adapts the lighting beam

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accordingly. Concretely, matrix headlights provide optimal lighting without disturbing the field of vision. The option is combined with PDLS Plus (beam rotation in turns) and can be associated with black light cluster interiors.

Once again, we see the extent headlight design enters into Porsche's commitment to aesthetic differentiation between models and, importantly, how it presents an opportunity for dealerships to up-sell. For the 992 Carrera S, for example, LED matrix headlights with PDLS Plus and black light cluster interiors will set you back €3,666. The same option costs €2,550 for buyers of the 992 Turbo, but only €618 on the Turbo S. In contrast, this combination is supplied as standard equipment on the recently released 911 Dakar. Complicated, huh?!

986 BOXSTER

The Boxster/Cayman twins have never been as well equipped as their corresponding 911. Even so, let's take a quick look at some of the lighting differences between models.

As was the case with the 996-generation 911, the 986 Boxster was equipped with halogen headlights as standard. Buyers had to dig deep into the 986's options catalogue to find Litronic headlights with xenon lighting. Headlight washers were also optional.

987 GEN I BOXSTER/CAYMAN

Introduced in 2004 and coinciding with launch of the 997-generation 911, the

987 Boxster was offered with halogen headlights as standard. Bi-xenon lighting with range adjustment was optional, as was the case with the Cayman fastback coupe, unveiled at the 2005 Frankfurt Motor Show.

987 GEN II

The second-generation 987 Boxster/ Cayman continued to make use of halogen lights as standard. There was, however, a novelty available for buyers: the bi-xenon headlight option was now accompanied by the inclusion of LED daytime running lights.

981 GEN I

Porsche's policy of model differentiation through headlight design was apparent on launch of the 981 Boxster/Cayman in 2012. 2.7-litre models were equipped with halogen headlights as standard, but buyers stepping up to a Boxster/Cayman S were entitled to bi-xenon lighting as standard. The 981 GTS took things a step further by incorporating PDLS with black lens interiors as standard, although the same equipment was only offered as an option on the 981 Boxster Spyder and 981 Cayman GT4. Porsche likes to keep things simple with its sportiest models.

Regarding the 981's looks, exterior lighting has played its role to the full. This is clear at the rear, where Porsche has focused on sculpted lenses with curves extending the shape of the rear wing. This was a design success story not reproduced on the 718.

718 GEN I

The 718 Boxster/Cayman's lighting configurations are largely the same as those of the 981. As standard, two-litre and S-badged 718s are granted bi-xenon lights with LED daytime running lights. PDLS with four-point lighting is optional (meaning LED headlights with PDLS Plus is also optional). The GTS models are the best-equipped, as demonstrated by the inclusion of PDLS with black lens interiors. The 718 Boxster Spyder, Cayman GT4 and GT4 RS make use of bixenon headlights with black light cluster interiors, but no PDLS as standard. The fabulous LED matrix headlight option is not yet available for the 718 range.

Aftermarket lighting solutions

Many of us like the idea of equipping an older Porsche with modern lighting. Let's take a look at some of the options available on the aftermarket.



Above Due to the fact the 992 Turbo S is so well-equipped as standard, adding PDLS Plus and black headlight interiors attracts a much lower cost than the Turbo

Below 981 rear light design carries the contour of the rear spoiler across the centre of each lens

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Each kit comes supplied with the required sensor, mounting tool and fitting instructions. We've extensively tested the system and can confirm this is a brilliantly engineered, low-cost lighting solution helping to modernise the 997, 987 and 955/957.

We even published a fitting guide in the May 2022 issue of 911 & *Porsche World*, which you can order at *bit.ly/issues911pw*. Buy the PALS lighting system from the Autolight website for immediate despatch. **Price: £499**

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BERGVILL F/X T-LIGHT V3 LED HEADLAMP UPGRADE FOR 993

Aftermarket automotive electronics specialist, Bergvill F/X, has added to its portfolio of products for Porsche models by introducing its T-Light headlight upgrade kit for the 993-generation 911. The company has enjoyed many years of international success with the original T-Light kit, which is a plug and play HID upgrade, replacing the non-Litronic 993's standard halogen low-beam headlights without the need for changing optics or other components, save for the original bulbs. In 2020, Bergvill F/X launched an upgrade for its 993 low-beam offering, optimising output beam and light pattern, as well as offering a 6000K variant (over the standard 4300K version) for drivers who like whiter light.

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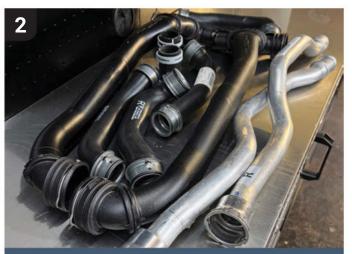
Owners of 997 Carreras (and model derivatives) and the same-age Boxster/Cayman will know the M96/M97 engine's front coolant crossover pipes are susceptible to leaks, either through corrosion forming around fasteners or by rubber hoses becoming brittle with age. In this guide, we show you how to replace troublesome old pipework with new parts...

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Words and photography Dan Furr



We head to Suffolk-based PIE Performance Porsche (pieperformance.co.uk) to document the installation of replacement front crossover pipes. The car being worked on is Editor Furr's Tiptronic-equipped first-generation 997 Carrera 4S. The procedure is more or less the same for all 997 Carrera models, as well as the 987 Boxster/Cayman, regardless of transmission type.



The new pipes and hoses — all genuine OEM components — were supplied by independent Porsche parts retailer, Design 911 (design911.co.uk). Although each part is available to purchase separately, Design 911 has collated them all in an off-the-shelf package. Suitable for first- and second-gen 997 Carreras and 987 Boxster/Caymans, the kit can be ordered as part WATERPIPEKIT03.





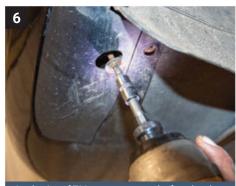
Porsche long-life coolant is available direct from Design 911. The M96/M97 engine makes use of approximately thirty-two litres of coolant, meaning you'll need to order sixteen litres of concentrate.



Loosen the front wheel bolts and raise the car in the air. Avoid trapping plastic undertrays between your jack/stands and jacking points. With the car above ground, remove front wheels and drain the coolant.



A series of 10mm plastic nuts and T25 torx screws hold the car's undertrays in place. Unfasten the trays and put them to one side. You will now be able to see the faulty front pipework.



A selection of T30 torx screws can be found at the base of the mudguards. Unscrew them and store for safe keeping.



Four T25 screws hold each front wheel arch liner in position. Unfasten each screw.



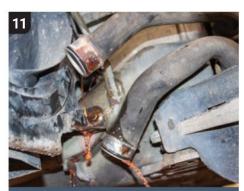
Carefully pull the wheel arch liner away from the car.



Repeat the process on the other side of the vehicle.



On each side of the car, you will be able to see where rubber send and return coolant hoses connect to their respective radiator cowling by way of quick-release clips.



Use a flat-headed screwdriver to remove the clips and pull each hose free. Be mindful of the likelihood of coolant spillage. Repeat the process at the other side of the car.



10mm bolts hold the plastic hard pipes in place. Remove the bolts and put to one side.



Repeat the process on the other side of the car. You may find the bolts difficult to remove. If so, spray with lubricating fluid to ease the process. Snapped bolts will need to be drilled out.



You will need to lower the front subframe. Due to our car featuring four-wheel drive, we need to support the weight of the front differential.

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A series of 18mm bolts hold the front subframe in place. The front anti-roll bar can remain in situ, but you will need to loosen the subframe bolts to allow access to the metal coolant pipes.



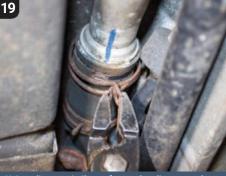
Four 15mm bolts hold the front chassis brace in place. Remove the bolts and put the brace to one side.



Unfasten the two 13mm bolts holding the support straps for the protective guard below the petrol tank. You can pull the guard to one side, enabling access to the coolant pipes.



Unfasten the headlight levelling sensor's 10mm retaining bolt. Remove the sensor. The corresponding 10mm bolt on the other side of the car holds a clamp in place – there is only one sensor.



Using pliers or similar, unfasten the clips on each of the rubber joiner pipes between the long metal coolant transfer pipes and the plastic hard pipes.



If you're having difficulty separating the joiner pipes, use a flat-headed screwdriver and prize them free. You can now discard the metal pipes, as well as the rubber pipes attached to their ends.



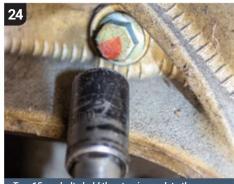
The plastic hard pipes attach to metal coolant transfer pipes leading to the rear of the car. Dried leaked coolant is clear to see around the metal pipe. Use a screwdriver to remove the joiner pipe clips.



Undo the torx screw holding the metal pipe's bracket in place and pull the plastic hard pipe free of the joiner pipe. Pull the joiner pipe free of the metal pipe, being careful not to damage the latter.



New and old joiner pipes side-by-side. The condition of the old joiner pipe (considered original to the car) is typical of 997-generation 911s and 987 Boxster/ Caymans springing front-end coolant leaks.



Two 15mm bolts hold the steering rack to the subframe. Remove them both. This will enable you to lift the rack by the distance required to allow the plastic hard pipes to clear the tie rods.



Carefully lift the ends of the steering rack to give you enough room to pull out the plastic hard pipes.



Concentrating on one side of the car at a time, carefully pull one of the plastic hard pipes away from the car and discard.







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Repeat the process at the other side of the car. You will need to retain the metal brackets. It is a good idea to brush them free of loose rust and treat each bracket to a coating of anti-corrosion agent.



Attach the brackets to the new plastic hard pipes. Push the plastic pipes into position, fasten the brackets and attach the new joiner pipes.



This image shows the plastic bracket which the new metal coolant transfer pipes will clip into.



Connect the metal coolant pipes to the plastic hard pipes. The ends of the metal pipes are designed to ensure they cannot be installed incorrectly. The pipes should also be labelled 'L' and 'R'.



Ensure the joiner pipe clips are tight against the plastic hard pipes and the metal pipes.



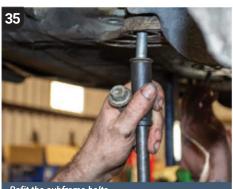
Move to the rear of the plastic hard pipes and slide the corresponding new joiner pipes into the rear metal coolant pipes. Slide the other ends of the joiner pipes into the plastic hard pipes.

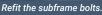


Reattach the bolts holding each metal pipe's plastic bracket in place.



Refit the 13mm bolts holding the support straps for the protective guard below the fuel tank.







Refit the headlight levelling sensor.



We are now ready to fit the rubber pipes leading to the front of the car from the plastic hard pipes and metal coolant transfer crossover pipes.



Of the Design 911 kit highlighted at the beginning of this guide, you should now be left with four rubber hoses. Two are labelled 'L', two are labelled 'R' (for left and right respectively).







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As before, thanks to the design of the connectors on the end of each hose, it is impossible to get the them the wrong way around or connected to the wrong metal/plastic pipe. Install all four rubber hoses.



You can now refill with fresh coolant. Leave the undertrays off for the time being — you should check for leaks after you have filled with coolant and the engine is running to temperature.



We are using specialist vacuum equipment to eliminate any air present in our 997's cooling system in advance of filling with fresh coolant. Note how the process collapses the new rubber hoses.



With air extinguished from the cooling system, new coolant can now be poured into the header tank.



The system is now full of new coolant. The engine can be run to temperature. When you are happy there are no leaks, install the undertrays. Job done.

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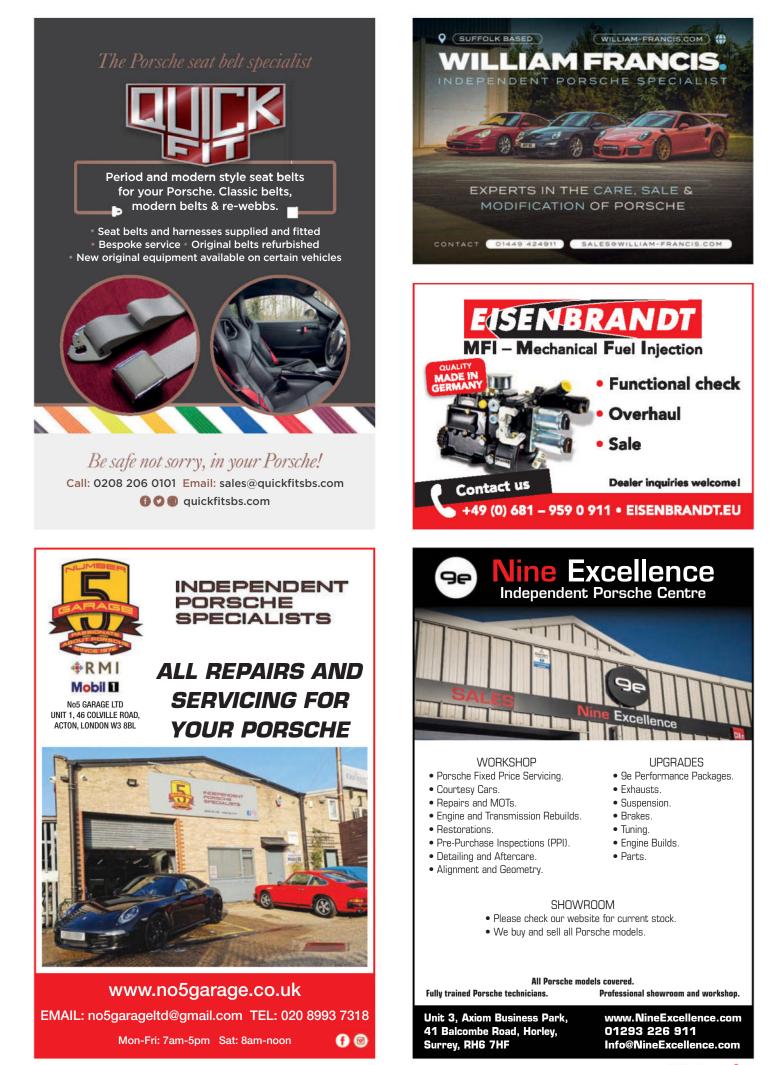
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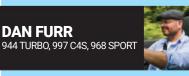
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Trouble in paradise as my 997's gearbox gives up the ghost. In the meantime, my 968 Sport gets a new



radiator and I fantasise about taking to the road in my restored 944 Turbo. Again.

RICHARD ROBERTS 991 CARRERA GTS

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JOHNNY TIPLER 987 BOXSTER S

A fair amount of activity on the Boxster front. All will be revealed in these pages in the not too distant



future, suffice to say things are in a state of flux. Time for a holiday in rural Portugal.

DAN SHERWOOD 996 GEN II GT3

Returned to Rindt Vehicle Design to photograph one of the company's latest 911 restorations and was



delighted to be reunited with my GT3. Pics of the corrected bodywork to follow.

CHRIS WALLBANK 981 GT4. 981 BOXSTER S

A busy month flying all over the world for work. As a result, my 981s haven't seen much use, but I'm brewing plans



for the coming months, including installation of a Carplay head unit for the Boxster.

THE NEW RECRUIT

No stranger to the pages of 911 & Porsche World, Richard Roberts returns to the magazine, this time driving his Guards Red 2015 991 Carrera GTS...





ot only am I a regular 911 & Porsche World reader, but I also have a feature car under my belt - my Python Green 718 Cayman

GT4 was featured on the cover of the June 2021 issue of the magazine. This was reputedly the first PDK-equipped 718 GT4 to be supplied to the UK market, but the car came and went after only a few thousand miles. Not because there was anything wrong with it, you understand. Quite the contrary - it was simply too lairy for daily use.

Developing 414bhp, this super-quick Cayman had the brilliant ability to go sideways on demand. It was too easy to drive fast everywhere, though. I feared for my license! With this in mind, I didn't have my 991 Carrera GTS's ECU mapped. In case you were wondering, this particular 911 develops 424bhp at 7,400rpm and 325lb-ft at 5,600rpm in standard trim. All of this brings me to the nub of this introductory piece.

The cover story for the April 2023 issue of 911 & Porsche World identified the first-generation 991 Carrera GTS as

a future 911 icon and a modern Porsche 'best buy'. To my mind, this flavour of 991 is already a 911 icon and, importantly, the Porsche to buy now. The level of standard equipment is sublime, as is the extra power over the 991 Carrera and Carrera S. The GTS also has a better exhaust note, not to mention centrelock wheels.

The car's 3.8-litre flat-six is normally aspirated, making it one of the last 911 Carrera powerplants free of forced induction. The GTS's plus points stretch beyond the engine bay, though. Put it this way, step inside the cabin of a secondgeneration 991 Carrera GTS (powered by a three-litre twin-turbocharged boxer) and everything feels more 'digital'. Don't get me started on the 992 Carrera and its derivatives, which are huge. More grand tourer than sports car.

What gives me the right to comment? I bought my GTS (a January 2015 build) in January 2016. The car features all the usual GTS refinements, including Sport Chrono, a sports exhaust, dynamic engine mounts, suspension lowered ten millimetres, Porsche Torque Vectoring (PTV), LED daytime running lights, Porsche Dynamic Lighting System

Above The firstgeneration 991 GTS's normally aspirated flat-six produces a significant 79bhp and 37lb-ft torque over the base 991 Carrera

Facing page Richard met with 911 & Porsche World photographer, Ade Brannan, for these pictures of the car





















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TECH: THE FLEET



(PDLS) and a Sport Design front spoiler with matching door mirrors. The car is finished in Guards Red, carries colourcoded stitching, plus the uber-rare (and expensive) options of Burmester audio and Porsche Dynamic Chassis Control (PDCC).

I initially went to Porsche Centre Chester with a budget of sixty grand and jumped into a PDK-kitted 991 Carrera S. I can best describe the test drive as underwhelming. In a perfect example of main dealer up-selling, it was suggested I try the first-generation 991 Carrera GTS. I was hooked by the first roundabout.

The exhaust, even in its less vocal mode, is louder than that of the Carrera S. The ride is stiffer, too. The extra 29bhp over the S isn't immediately noticeable on a test drive, but the black centrelock wheels sealed the deal at £92k.

I bought the car as a weekend toy, but during the following couple of years, I found myself using my daily driver (a BMW 434d X-Drive) less and less. After my son and I journeyed to the Alps in the Porsche in June 2018, I decided the boring BMW would go and I'd daily the 911. At this point, it had covered almost 20k miles and was worth about £80k. Fast-forward to the present day and the odometer reads 63k miles.

Yes, I've used this brilliant 911 almost

MOREOVER, IT IS NO MORE EXPENSIVE ON TYRES, INSURANCE AND SERVICING THAN MY PAST BMWS AND AUDIS

every day for the past five years. I've yet to witness an adverse reaction when I arrive at client meetings in this car. It handles the weekly shop (even if groceries end up in the passenger footwell) and has even transported my dog to the local veterinary surgeon. This Porsche is relatively economical, too, returning circa 35mpg on a run. Moreover, it is no more expensive on tyres, insurance and servicing than my past BMWs and Audis.

On the subject, the service I have received from Porsche Centre Chester has been spot-on. Certainly, it has been immeasurably better than the customer experience I endured at the Audi dealership around the corner. Don't get me started on the BMW sales centre I frequented, only to be talked down to. Let's talk depreciation. My 911's current trade value is circa £50k. I reckon a private sale would be closer to £60k if I get the front-end painted to eliminate

> stone chips. Would this be the cheapest 991 GTS in the country? Quite possibly, but I'm not selling it anytime soon. Referencing the upper end of the private sale value, this Porsche has cost me £32k in depreciation over

seven years, equating to around £4.5k per annum. These are numbers a fast BMW or Audi owner can only dream of.

Other than regular servicing and tyres, not much maintenance has been required. Front brake discs were replaced a few years ago, but the rears were in tolerance when the pads last needed doing. For peace of mind, I've extended the Porsche warranty for three years at a cost of £2.9k. I think I'll keep extending it until the car reaches the limit of fifteen years/125k miles.

In coming issues, I'll report on my time living with the GTS, furthering my argument for it being the 911 to buy now - I defy anyone with a whiff of petrol in their veins to favour the force-fed three-litre flat-six over the normally aspirated 3.8. ● Above Originally intended to be a weekend toy, Richard's GTS has been put to use as his everyday car for the past five years

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TECH: THE FLEET PREP SCHOOL

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When it comes to automotive bodywork, Rindt Vehicle Design is in a class of its own, which is why 911 & Porsche World photographer, Dan Sherwood, handed the company his 996 Gen II GT3...



I he last time you saw my GT3, I was returning the car to where I bought it: Porsche restoration and sales specialist, Rindt Vehicle Design.

The Berkshire-based firm had just opened a state-of-the-art bodywork and paint spraying centre at its Maidenhead headquarters. These services, as well as fabrication, are nothing new for the Rindt team, but were previously the reserve of those who had commissioned the company to carry out a full restoration or a restomod conversion. The opening of the new facility has allowed these services to be offered to a wider customer base - everything from basic stone-chip touch-ups and wheel refurbishment, to full resprays, paint correction and polishing is now available to all Porsche owners.

My GT3 was invited be the first car through the door. Defects occurring during the removal of old paint protection film were in dire need of remedying before new film could be applied. Not one to do things by half, I asked Rindt to carry out further repairs to the car's bodywork, including the areas of cracked paint on both rear arches. Rindt's paint guru, Gavin, spotted further defects under the high intensity LED lights of the new inspection booth. It made sense to tackle these imperfections, too.

To ensure a flawless finish, rather than concentrate on a few localised areas in need of attention, it was quickly decided to treat the car to more or less a full respray. To this end, with the exception of the roof, every panel was earmarked for a fresh coat of Speed Yellow. While confident he could easily correct the vast











majority of the car's aesthetic anomalies, however, Gavin raised a concern regarding the rear spoiler. My GT3 wears the larger carbon-fibre rear spoiler blade from the more track-focused GT3 RS. Defects in the gel coat threatened to be less than a straightforward fix, primarily because the fault appeared to have penetrated the weave of the carbonfibre beneath. Returning the part to new condition would therefore be a more involved procedure than simply rubbing down and applying fresh clearcoat.

BACK TO BASE

I left the team to work their magic on the car and awaited progress reports. Gavin started by removing the front and rear bumpers, fuel filler flap, mirrors, rear spoiler and door handles. The front bumper was the first part to be tackled. It was sanded down to plastic before being built back up with plastic primer, followed by high-build primer. Fine-grade sanding ensured a smooth, uniform surface for the basecoat. As the photographs on these pages show, the rear bumper received similar treatment.

With both bumpers prepped, it was the spoiler's turn to receive Gavin's attention. He started by sanding down the clearcoat to see if the defects could be removed without interfering with the weave of the carbon-fibre beneath, but as he feared, the problem wasn't limited to the topcoat — the weave was affected.

He reasoned the only way to fix it and retain the view of exposed carbon was to have the part sent off to a composite specialist in the hope they could lay a fresh layer of carbon-fibre, thereby presenting a perfect weave pattern. Obviously, this would have massively increased the time, labour and cost of the job. Thankfully, he had a brainwave.

Rather than try and fix the weave, he suggested painting the top of the spoiler blade in gloss black, but leaving a thin strip of exposed weave at the trailing edge. He also recommended adding a flash of yellow as a final flourish, while leaving both the underside of the blade and the end plates to show off the glorious carbon weave in full. This seemed like a great compromise. I'll reveal the result next month, suffice to say I think we made the right choice.

Luckily, the mirrors, which had also suffered damage as a consequence of PPF removal, were able to be saved by way of a simple rub-down and relacquering, resulting in a flawless glossy finish over the raw carbon-fibre twill.

Focus then moved to the car's body panels, which involved filling a few small dents present in the rear quarter panels, along with a chip in the side skirt and various small imperfections Gavin came across when he was flatting down the paintwork. Once happy with the finish of the panels, he treated the troublesome wheel arches, which were plagued by cracked paint and minor rust where a previous owner had rolled them to a poor standard.

Fortunately, once the paint was removed, it became clear corrosion was only surface-deep. It was easily ground back to bare metal, which was swiftly protected by the application of a marinegrade rust inhibitor. It was then epoxysealed and primed for topcoat.

With all the defects sorted, the whole car, minus the roof, was flatted down to be primed and painted in Rindt's new down-draft extraction paint booth. "To ensure a perfect colour match with our Spectral base and clearcoats, we completed four separate spray outs to see which shade matched the original paint best," Gavin highlights. "Even a new car can exhibit subtle differences from what its factory paint code describes. With cars a couple of decades old, or even older, you need to check by eye to ensure subtle differences in the pigment, which may have occurred over a number of years, are perfectly matched."

It was time for paint. I'll continue the story and present photos of the revitalised Porsche in next month's magazine. Stay tuned. ● Above The Rindt Vehicle Design team set to work fixing bodywork and paint defects, as well as coming up with a novel solution to avoid expensive repair of the car's carbon-fibre spoiler

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AUCTION NEWS

Whether you're interested in Porsches as road or race cars, our eye on the market has unearthed some magnificent motors for your consideration, including the very first 935...

uction season is delivering a wonderful selection of classic and modernclassic Porsches for sale. Records are being smashed, generating even greater exposure for our corner of the automotive world, making this month's eclectic mix of available cars all the more enticing. Kicking off proceedings is the 1955 356 Pre-A Speedster being offered by ER Classics (erclassics.com), one of Europe's largest classic sports car dealers. Characterised by its dark grey paint job and twin-tone black-and-grey leather, the near 60bhp open-top stunner features a foldable roof finished in ruby red. Additionally, the car is being offered with a snug-fitting hard top, perfect for winter cruising.

seen close-up attention, while the brake lines have been replaced with new Porsche Classic components. Heritage Parts Centre supplied the engine hoses and fuel lines. "It's important to get the parts right when resurrecting a classic car," Barrie comments. "With this in mind, everything I've fitted is a genuine Porsche component."

The self-same commitment to perfection led the turbocharged transaxle to Swindonbased German marque specialist, Christian Sanger, for a full engine rebuild. Removing a previous Stage 1 tune and resolving a stuttering issue, the experienced spanner man added a fresh air box, rebuilt the induction system and fitted new, genuine gaskets and seals throughout the engine bay. By way of a Lindsey Racing dual-







ACQUIRED BY THE CURRENT OWNER IN 2012, 935-001 HAS SINCE BEEN RESTORED TO EXACTING, CONCOURS STANDARDS

This attractive classic Porsche hasn't been treated like a garage queen - its punchy 1.6-litre flat-four and sublime handling capabilities have made it a great choice for a number of road rallies, including Argentina's Mille Miglia Sport and ten outings in Italy, including the Mille Miglia, Targa Florio and, impressively, Nuvolari no fewer than seven times. Subject to a full, bare metal restoration in Germany seven years ago and kept as part of a private collection (frequently emerging for rallies and tours), this excellently maintained and well-documented Speedster is ready and waiting for its next owner. For full details, visit the ER Classics website.

Another four-cylinder Porsche taking our fancy is the Alpine White 944 Turbo owned by 911 & Porsche World reader, Barrie Powell. Working alongside his father in a residential garage, Barrie started by stripping down, repairing and reassembling the car's Koni shocks and rear suspension assembly before taking care of the braking system. All four discs and calipers have port wastegate and raised fuel pressure, Christian has also unlocked extra potential in the inline-four. Introduce a custom tune from the supercar supremos at Litchfield Motors, and Barrie's 944 Turbo now produces 311bhp and 346lb-ft torque.

Given a fresh MOT certificate by Porsche Centre Solihull and carrying superb paintwork (recently corrected by Porsche Centre Swindon), the car has been lovingly maintained and comes complete with every receipt since new, all handbooks, tool kit, damper adjuster and much more besides. Presenting a rare opportunity to own a very quick modern-classic at a reasonable price point, this wonderful white Turbo has been valued for private sale at £30,000, but is being offered by Barrie for £28,500 or very near offer. Interested parties should contact him directly on 07825 621020.

Another private sale sure to get Porschephiles excited is the first-ever 935 race car. The history of 935-001 has its origins in a major revision to the FIA's Group 5 category. For the 1976 racing season,









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the FIA changed the rulebook to allow extensive modifications to production-based vehicles homologated in Groups 1 through 4. These "Special Production Cars" followed the 'silhouette' rules, permitting major bodywork and chassis upgrades if the basic silhouette remained unchanged. Porsche was prompted to refine the turbocharged 911 and compete for the manufacturer's championship with a highly developed works entry, resulting in the venerable 935.

Development of the model began in late 1975 with 935-001. The car's radically styled fibreglass bodywork, coil-spring suspension, massive rear tyres and turbocharged flatsix engine came together to produce a competition machine capable of producing Another Gooding & Company sales sensation is the 1983 TAG-Porsche TTE P01 F1 engine sold at the firm's recent London auction. One of the most revered powerplants in F1 history (and McLaren's trusted engine type from 1983 to 1987, during which the team won three drivers' titles and two constructors' championships), this historically significant engine sold for £65,000, some fifteen grand above estimate.

German Porsche parts and accessories producer, Mittelmotor (*mittelmotor.de*), surprised us by announcing the immediate availability of not one, but five superb aircooled Porsches through its headquarters in Bochum, Germany. There's a classic 911 S/T evocation finished in the Gulf livery of

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590bhp, with as much as 630bhp available for short bursts, when permitted.

Acquired by the current owner from the Drendel Family Collection in 2012, 935-001 has since been restored to exacting, concours standards by the renowned Cavaglieri Restorations, with an engine rebuild carried out by Ed Pink Racing Engines. Presenting accurately in its victorious 1976 Martini Racing livery, 935-001 is being offered for private sale through specialist auction and brokerage business, Gooding & Company (goodingco.com), as is 904 chassis 60.

Delivered new to Porsche enthusiast, Albert Gwinner, this particular 904 was never raced - Gwinner retained the car strictly for road use. It was later imported to the USA, where it wound up in the hands of Porsche collector, John Wean, of Fox Chapel, Pennsylvania. Wean owned the Silver Metallic marvel for approximately twenty years before selling it to Ernie Spada of Oswego, Oregon. Under Spada's ownership, 904-060 was comprehensively restored to show-quality condition and exhibited to great acclaim. Acquired by the current owner in 1998, 904-60 has since benefited from a complete engine rebuild conducted by Porsche in Germany. Remarkably, the car retains its original, matching-numbers engine (99054) and transaxle (904-060), unlike the majority of four-cam Porsches. Available for the first time in decades, 904-060 presents virtually as new.

the 908/04 Spyder driven by Jo Siffert and Brian Redman in 1970, a 964 Carrera RS, a low mileage 964 Carrera 2, a recently restored 911 SC and a 968 coupe. Visit the Mittelmotor website for details.

As we were preparing for print, Historics Auctioneers announced the full lot list for its September auction at Bicester Heritage. Included is a 928 GTS with an astonishingly low 4,400 miles on its odometer, the result of the car's life spent as an exhibit in the Sultan of Brunei's personal car collection. This low-mileage 'land shark' has recently been subject to a no-expense spared recommissioning over an eighteen-month period at the hands of Porsche specialist, RGA. The same auction offers a gorgeous Merlin Purple 911 SC Targa backdate. We'll report on each car's final sale price next month.

Suffolk-based Porsche indie, PIE Performance (*pieperformance.co.uk*), is offering a classic S/T evocation (pictured right) based on a 1970 911 T powered by a Carrera 3.2 powerplant. The specification of this superb car is massive – too extensive for these column inches – which is why we recommend you give the PIE Performance team a call. You'll be glad you did.

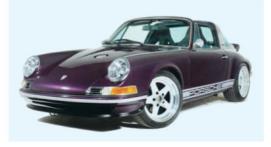
Finally, we wanted to let you know RM Sotheby's is offering a fully restored 1957 356 A Speedster without reserve at its London sale in November. We'll give you all the details in next month's round-up. ●













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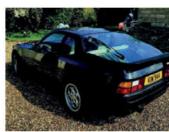
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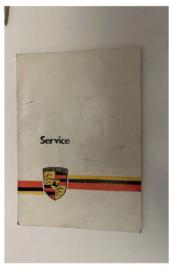
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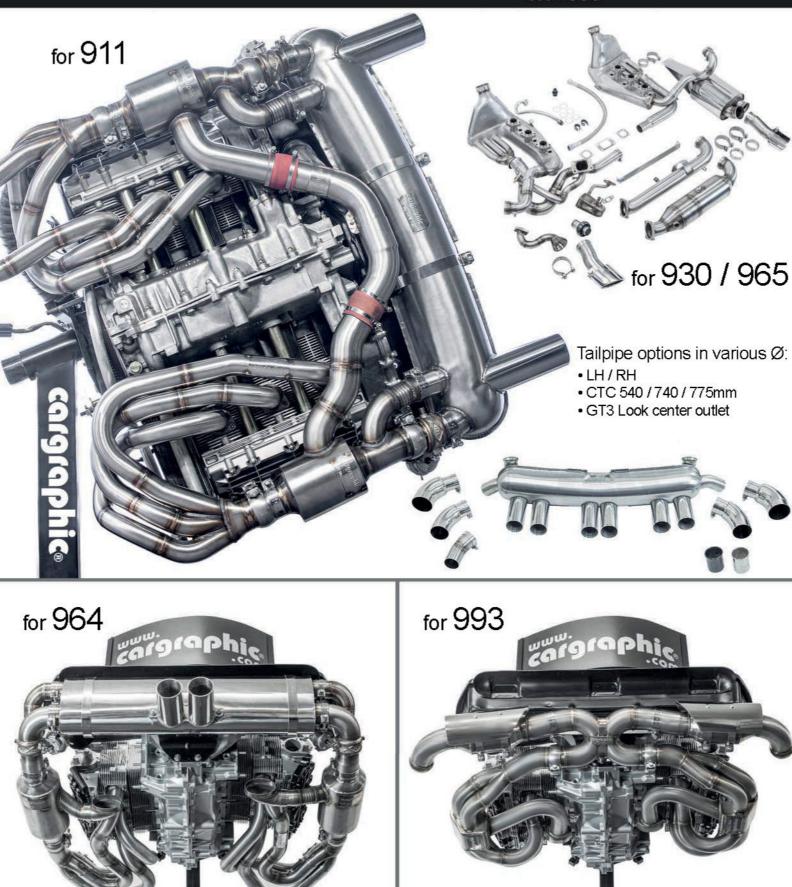


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