



NARROW-MINDED

Forty-three years separate the youngest from the oldest, yet the cars are unmistakably Porsche. What better way than to enjoy a Sunday breakfast at the Capella on Sentosa Island and to showcase these air and water-cooled narrow-bodied cars from Zuffenhausen.

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Of wide-bodies and wings, so the usual Porsche performance mantra begins, but what of those who do not have these, are they a deliberately emaciated lot?

Not by the evidence supplied by the original Ruf CTR. It was based on the narrow Carrera 3.2 shell, and the Yellowbird decimated the wide and less aerodynamically efficient new Ferrari F40 at Road & Track Magazine's ultimate super car test at VW's Ehra-Lessien track in 1987.

Even more so when compared against the wide-bodied 520bhp twin-turboed

Porsche-tuned Koenig RS and Porsche's own 959, with the slippery Ruf topping out at 211mph with a mere 469bhp 24 years ago.

Each Porsche featured in the following pages share this narrowness.

They were also performance benchmarks when they were first launched, not through outright bhp, but with strong power/torque to weight ratios and ultimate drivability on narrow country roads.

They also speak of the beauty of the unadorned Porsche shape, and words in this context are wholly unnecessary. ◀



1964 356 C Coupe
Engine : 1.6L, 4 cylinder boxer, air-cooled **Transmission :** 4 speed manual
Power : 74 bhp @ 5200 rpm **Torque :** 90 lb/ft @ 3600 rpm
Weight : 935 kg **Bhp per ton :** 80.43 **Bhp per litre :** 46.25



1982 911 SC Targa
Engine : 3.0L, 6 cylinder boxer, air-cooled **Transmission :** 5 speed manual
Power : 201 bhp @ 5900 rpm **Torque :** 195 lb/ft @ 4300 rpm
Weight : 1160 kg **Bhp per ton :** 175.24 **Bhp per litre :** 67.00





1990 911 (964) Carrera Tiptronic

Engine : 3.6L, 6 cylinder boxer, air-cooled **Transmission :** 4 speed tiptronic

Power : 247 bhp @ 6100 rpm **Torque :** 229 lb.ft @ 4800 rpm

Weight : 1380 kg **Bhp per ton :** 181.89 **Bhp per litre :** 68.61



1995 911 (993) Carrera 4

Engine : 3.6L, 6 cylinder boxer, air-cooled **Transmission :** 6 speed manual

Power : 268 bhp @ 6100 rpm **Torque :** 243 lb/ft @ 5000 rpm

Weight : 1420 kg **Bhp per ton :** 191.43 **Bhp per litre :** 74.44



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2000 911 (996) Carrera 4 Tiptronic

Engine : 3.4L, 6 cylinder boxer, liquid cooled

Transmission : 5 speed tiptronic

Power : 296 bhp @ 6800 rpm

Torque : 258 lb/ft @ 4600 rpm

Weight : 1375 kg

Bhp per ton : 218.77

Bhp per litre : 87.06



2007 911 (997) Carrera S Tiptronic

Engine : 3.8L, 6 cylinder boxer, liquid cooled

Transmission : 5 speed tiptronic

Power : 350 bhp @ 6600 rpm

Torque : 295 lb/ft @ 4600 rpm

Weight : 1490 kg

Bhp per ton : 238.74

Bhp per litre : 92.11