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Owner's Manual

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Dear Owner,

We would like to thank you for your purchase of a Porsche Sports car.

Judging by the car you have chosen, you are a motorist of a special breed, and you are probably no novice when it comes to automobiles.

Remember however, as with any vehicle, you should take time to familiarize yourself with your Porsche and its performance characteristics. Always drive within your own unique capabilities as a driver and your level of experience with your Porsche. Ensure that anyone else driving your Porsche does the same. To prevent or minimize injury, always use your safety belts. Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during the operation of your vehicle.

This Owner's Manual contains a host of useful information. Please take the time to read this manual before you drive your new Porsche. Become familiar with the operation of your Porsche car for maximum safety and operating pleasure. The better you know your Porsche, the more pleasure you will experience driving your new car. Always keep your Owner's Manual in the car, and give it to the new owner if you ever sell your Porsche.

A separate **Maintenance Booklet** explains how you can keep your Porsche in top driving condition by having it serviced regularly.

A separate **Warranty and Customer Information Booklet** contains detailed information about the warranties covering your Porsche.

For U.S. only:

If you believe that your vehicle has a fault which could cause a crash, injury or death, you should immediately inform the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in addition to notifying Porsche Cars North America, Inc. (Porsche Cars N.A.).

If NHTSA receives similar complaints, it may open an investigation, and if it finds that a safety problem exists in a group of vehicles, it may order a recall and remedy campaign. However, NHTSA cannot become involved in individual problems between you and your dealer, or Porsche Cars N.A.

To contact NHTSA, you may call the Vehicle Safety Hotline toll-free at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); go to <http://www.safercar.gov>; or write to: Administrator, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. You can also obtain other information about motor vehicle safety from <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Your car has thousands of parts and components which have been designed and manufactured in accordance with Porsche's high standards of engineering quality and safety.



Warning!

Any alteration or misuse of the vehicle can lead to accidents and severe or fatal personal injuries.

Any alteration of the vehicle may negate or interfere with those safety features built into the vehicle. Modifications may be carried out on your vehicle only if approved by Porsche. Your Porsche is intended to be used in a safe manner obeying the local laws and in the light of driving conditions faced by you, and in accordance with the instructions provided in this Owner's Manual.

- Do not misuse your Porsche by ignoring those laws and driving conditions, or by ignoring the instructions in this manual.

Regularly check your vehicle for signs of damage.

Damaged or missing aerodynamic components such as spoilers or underside panels affect the driving behavior and therefore must be replaced immediately.

Your car may have all or some of the components described in this manual.

Should you have difficulty understanding any of the explanations of features or equipment installed in your vehicle, contact your authorized Porsche dealer. He/She will be glad to assist you. Also check with your dealer on other available options or equipment.

Throughout this booklet, left is designated as the driver's side of the vehicle, and right as the passenger's side of the vehicle.

Text, illustrations and specifications in this manual are based on the information available at the time of printing.

It has always been Porsche's policy to continuously improve its products. Porsche, therefore, reserves the right to make changes in design and specification, and to make additions or improvements in its product without incurring any obligation to install them on products previously manufactured.

We wish you many miles of safe and pleasurable driving in your Porsche.



Warning!
For your own protection and longer service life of your car, please follow all operating instructions and special warnings. These special warnings use the safety alert symbol, followed by the words **Danger, Warning and Caution.** These special warnings contain important messages regarding your safety and/or the potential for damage to your Porsche. Ignoring them could result in serious mechanical failure, serious personal injury or death.

- ▷ Do not alter your Porsche. Any alteration could create dangerous conditions or defeat safety engineering features built into your car.
- ▷ Do not misuse your Porsche. Use it safely, and consistently with the law, according to the driving conditions, and the instructions in this manual.

Alteration or misuse of your Porsche could cause accidents and serious personal injury or death.

Note to owners

In Canada, this manual is also available in French. To obtain a copy contact your dealer or write to:

Note aux propriétaires

Au Canada on peut se procurer un exemplaire de ce Manuel en français auprès du concessionnaire ou du:

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1-800-PORSCHE / Option 3

Safety notes!

Your vehicle warranty does not cover use in competition, racing or track use or other events. Components and/or parts that fail during racing or driving events (including Porsche sponsored events) will not be covered by the manufacturer new car limited warranty or the pre-owned vehicle warranty.

Your new 911 GT3 has been developed with experience gained from the development, testing, and driving of countless GT vehicles. While drivable on public roads, the GT3 is specially equipped for racing on racetracks and is set up at the factory for the adjustments required for racing.

The GT3 can be adapted to either the racing or the street environment. In each case, take into account that a modern high-performance sports car is a complex system whose individual components are carefully adjusted to work well together. Interfering in this system is only an option if it can be guaranteed that all of the components will continue to work together according to the actual running conditions. Well-founded Porsche technical specialist knowledge is necessary for this. You should seek advice from your authorized Porsche dealer.

Here, you will receive information about sports parts available from Porsche, their reliability on public roads and important maintenance notes.

Please bear in mind that use on race tracks subjects all vehicle components to considerably more wear than normal use, making professional inspection and maintenance after each use a vital precondition for functioning and safety.

Please use only Original Porsche Parts for your car. These parts are available from your authorized Porsche dealer, who has expert knowledge concerning the range of approved parts and will be pleased to advise you further.

The use of other parts or accessories which are neither Genuine Porsche Parts nor approved by Porsche may adversely affect the safety of your car, and Porsche can take no responsibility for any loss or damage caused by their use.

Even if the supplier of other accessories or parts is a recognized supplier, the safety of your car may still be affected if such items are installed. Due to the large variety of products offered in the accessory market it is not possible for Porsche to inspect and approve every one.

When your Porsche is driven in normal driving situations on public roads, away from the racetrack, please note that the use of replacement parts which are not Genuine Porsche Parts, or approved parts, or the use of accessories not approved by Porsche may also detrimentally affect the Warranties relating to your car.

Note again that in no case will Porsche warrant any parts damaged while racing your vehicle, on or off the track.

Motor racing

For reasons of safety, the braking system, steering, running gear, wheels and tires of your car should be checked after every use on a race track.

On public highways, the running gear and rear wing must be in the standard position.

Power transmission

The differential lock, which was designed for use on race tracks, may make a slight noise when maneuvering and on tight corners.

Porsche Stability Management (PSM)

PSM should always be switched on during "normal" driving. This is particularly the case when the road is wet.

Development philosophy

Porsche 911 GT3 stands for a sports car with exceptional performance, both on the road and on the race track. This objective means that, in the event of any compromise being required between sportiness and comfort during the development process, the tendency will be geared more towards sportiness. This can result in the following restrictions in comfort:

- Brake squeal when light pressure applied to the pedal shortly before stopping.
- Rough engine operation in speed range around 3000 rpm.
- Cracking noise in area of front-axle coil springs.
- Greater operating force for clutch and gear shifting.
- Aerodynamic-related extremely low vehicle position with restrictions in terms of ground clearance.

Sport tires

Your vehicle is equipped with special sport tires (ultra high performance tires).

This type of tire is approved for use on public highways and complies with all statutory requirements and safety criteria.

The design of the tire is also geared towards use on racing circuits (driver safety training courses, sports driving schools, Club Sport events) and provides distinct advantages here in terms of dry grip and wear compared to conventional road tires.

The major features are a reduced tread depth and a special tread pattern and carcass.

Due to ultra high performance design and the particular manufacturing process of these tires, they must always be replaced in axle sets (2) regardless of wear or mileage. Failure to do so may have a negative effect on the handling characteristics of the vehicle.

The design features of this sports tire result in the following effects compared with other summer tires when used under normal driving conditions:

- Sport tires have a smaller tread depth, and thus can reach their wear limit sooner. As with all tires, the attainable mileage depends on the individual driving style and the conditions of use.
- Exercise caution when driving on wet roads, paying special attention to hydroplaning situations (stagnant water, puddles, lane grooves). Sport tires have a lower tread depth than normal tires and you must therefore adapt speed accordingly when driving on wet surfaces.

- The driver's skill level must be commensurate with the vehicle performance levels in the upper range limits, due to increased safety risks in the upper range limits.

- ▷ At outside temperatures below 45 °F (7 °C) change to winter tires.
- ▷ Notify anyone using your car of these characteristics and possible effects.



Risk of accident through loss of road surface contact, control over the vehicle and braking ability, leading to serious personal injury or death.

The reduced tire tread depth means that there is an increased risk of hydroplaning on wet roads.

- ▷ When driving on wet or mud-covered roads reduce speed significantly.



Risk of accident from worn tires.

Sport tires have a smaller tread depth, and thus can reach their wear limit sooner. It is important to check tire wear frequently to avoid risk of serious personal injury or death from worn tires.

- ▷ Check tire wear frequently.

Service brake

Both the standard brake system with composite brake discs and the Porsche Ceramic Composite Brake (PCCB) are high-performance brake systems, designed specifically for driving on race circuits.

Certain speeds, braking forces and ambient conditions (e. g. temperature and humidity) therefore might cause brake noises. This also applies after completion of the running-in phase required for the new brake components.

Wear on the different components of the braking system, such as brake pads and brake discs, depends to a great extent on the individual driving style and the conditions of use and therefore cannot be expressed in actual miles on the road.

The values communicated by Porsche are based on normal operation adapted to traffic. Wear increases considerably when the vehicle is driven on race tracks or through an aggressive driving style.

- Please consult an authorized Porsche dealer about the current guidelines in effect before such use of your vehicle.

Aerodynamic components

To benefit from the high driving performance without impairing the driving safety or the service life of the vehicle components, certain vehicle parts must be always fully operational while driving.

- Regularly check your vehicle for signs of damage.
Damaged, worn or missing aerodynamic components such as spoilers or underside panels affect driving behaviour and must therefore be replaced immediately.

To optimize the cooling of the brake discs, air brake spoilers are fitted to the front and rear running gear control arms as well as special air brake ducts on the rear axle.

If these air-brake spoilers or air-brake ducts are not fitted and there is a high thermal demand on the braking system, the service life of the brake discs could be reduced.

Brake wear expectations are based on normal operations in street traffic. Wear increases considerably when the vehicle is driven on race tracks or with an aggressive driving style. Wear will also increase considerably if the brakes are not warmed up before being raced.

The aerodynamic stability of the vehicle is influenced considerably at high speeds by the front lip.

Due to the reduced ground clearance required for optimization of road handling, the front lip and the air-brake spoilers have to be placed in exposed positions to fulfil their function. They can be damaged, for example by ground or curbstone contact.

Seating

Your car has two seats.

The area behind the seats is not intended for passengers.



Danger!

In the event of an accident, serious personal injury or death can result.

- Never allow anyone to sit in the area behind the seats.
Persons occupying the area to the rear of the two seats will not have a safety belt or airbag protection, and in the event of an accident, would be thrown around within or to the outside of the vehicle compartment with probable serious personal injury or death as the result.

Technical modifications

Modifications may be carried out on your vehicle only if approved by Porsche. This ensures that your Porsche will remain reliable and safe to drive, and that it will not be damaged as a result of the modifications.
Your authorized Porsche dealer will be pleased to advise you.

Coverings

- Do not affix any coverings (e.g. films or „stone guards“) in the area of the headlights and air intakes.
Damage due to excessive temperatures and abrasion could result.

The headlights can mist up depending on the temperature and humidity.

- To ensure optimum ventilation, do not cover the gap between headlight and body.

Setting and operating vehicle components when driving



There is a danger of accident if you set or operate the on-board computer, radio, navigation system, telephone or other equipment while driving.

This could distract you from the traffic and cause you to lose control of the vehicle resulting in serious personal injury or death.

- Operate the components while driving only if the traffic situation allows you to do so safely.
- Carry out any complicated operating or setting procedures only with the vehicle stationary.

Portable Fuel Containers



Portable fuel containers may leak, whether they are full or partially empty. Fuel leaking from a portable container carried in your vehicle could, in case of an accident, cause a fire or explosion, resulting in serious personal injury or death.

- Never carry additional fuel in portable containers in your vehicle.

Ground Clearance



Risk of damage. The vehicle may touch the ground as a result of reduced ground clearance.

- ▷ Drive carefully and slowly on steep slopes (e.g. parking lots, curbs, uneven roads, lifting platforms etc.).
- ▷ Avoid steep ramps.

Engine Exhaust



Engine exhaust is dangerous if inhaled. Engine exhaust fumes have many components which you can smell. They also contain carbon monoxide (CO), which is a colorless and odorless gas. Carbon monoxide can cause unconsciousness and even death if inhaled.

- ▷ Never start or let the engine run in an enclosed, unventilated area. It is not recommended to sit in your car for prolonged periods with the engine on and the car not moving.

California Proposition 65 Warning



Engine exhaust, some of its constituents, and certain vehicle components contain or emit chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

In addition, certain fluids contained in vehicles and certain products of component wear contain or emit chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Hot Exhaust Pipes



Risk of burn injury when standing near or coming into contact with the exhaust pipe.

The exhaust pipe is hot when the vehicle is running and remains hot for some time after the vehicle is turned off.

- ▷ To prevent injury, make a point of noting where your vehicle's exhaust pipe is, avoid placing your legs near the exhaust pipe, and closely supervise children around the vehicle when the exhaust pipe could be hot. A hot exhaust pipe can cause serious burns.

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