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Winter Tires for Golden Oldies

Porsche has now extended its demanding approval process for winter tires to include tires for young and old classics, thus enabling drivers of older models to use the best available products on their car. After all, over 70 percent of all Porsche sports cars ever built still exist today, and in most cases their owners actually drive them—in both summer and winter. Conducting an elaborate series of tests, including

extensive test-drives at the Arctic Driving Center in Rovaniemi in Finland, Porsche's engineers determine which of the tires available today perform best for classic Porsche models.

For information on tires recommended for Porsche models, consult your nearest Porsche Center or visit Porsche's website (www.porsche.com).

World Premiere for Lithium-Ion Battery

Porsche is the first carmaker in the world to offer a starter battery using lithium-ion technology. Weighing less than 6 kilograms (13 pounds), the new battery is more than 10 kilograms (22 pounds) lighter than a conventional lead battery. The new lithium-ion battery will be available for the 911 GT3, 911 GT3 RS, and Boxster Spyder as an option—delivered as a separate unit along with

the car. The lightweight unit can subsequently be fitted as an alternative to the regular, conventional starter battery, for example when racing on the track. Because the cars are delivered with both batteries, they are ready for use throughout the whole year; the lead battery is recommended for cold temperatures. (The new lightweight lithium-ion battery has limited starting capacity at temperatures below freezing.) Approximately 70 millimeters (3 inches) shorter than a regular battery, the lithium-ion battery offers better output and performance, lasts longer, and recharges more quickly than a conventional 60 Ah lead battery. But the primary reason for developing and introducing the new battery was its lower weight. In sports cars designed for superior driving dynamics, such as the two versions of the 911 GT3 and the Boxster Spyder, less weight immediately pays off in even greater agility.



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