

CLASSIC DRIVER

[The Porsche 996 Turbo is a grand tourer with the heart of a Le Mans winner](#)

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Among the many mouth-watering classics at Collector Cars Auction's Lyon sale on June 21st, we found this incredibly high-specification Porsche 996 Turbo, featuring the legendary twin-turbo Metzger flat-six that powered Porsche to a 1998 Le Mans win.



In 2024, the 996-generation Porsche 911 is not the underloved underdog it used to be. Pinky Lai's fabulous Y2K styling has certainly come back into fashion, and Porscheholics across the globe have even softened to the once-divisive fried egg-style headlights. With that in mind, now could be the perfect time to add a 996 to your garage, but with so many models to choose from, it can be tricky to decide which to go for. If you're looking for a track weapon, the 996 GT3 and GT3 RS are some of the best available, but if you yearn for more of a grand tourer, this laid-back automatic 2002 Porsche 911 Turbo has almost unrivaled continent-crossing prowess.



Powered by the mythical twin-turbocharged 3.6-litre Metzger flat-six, adapted from the unit that boosted Porsche's 911 GT1 to a 1998 24 Hours of Le Mans win, this Turbo is immune to the bore scoring and IMS issues that can afflict lesser 996 models. Sure, the rear-biased all-wheel-drive system adds weight to the equation, but with an automatic box, this example is certainly geared more towards long-distance comfort than back road blasts.



Speaking of comfort, this Orient Red example is brimming with Porsche exclusive optional extras, many of which you rarely ever see. A forest's worth of walnut wood trim adds a helping of opulence, while the range-topping Bose Sound system will keep your ears entertained when you're not savoring that flat-six howl. Even better, this example has been retrofitted with Porsche's PCCM+ infotainment system, giving you access to Apple CarPlay; a huge boon to anyone looking to daily this delightful Porsche. Currently showing just 61,200km, this low-mileage 996 Turbo will be up for grabs at [Collector Cars Auction's Lyon sale on June 21st](#).

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