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The Porsche 911 Carrera RS that wasn't light enough

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Who has typed the words 'Carrera RS' into Google and found that most of the results concern the 911 Carrera RS 2.7 of 1973, as opposed to the sports car legend built 20 years later? Something must be done...

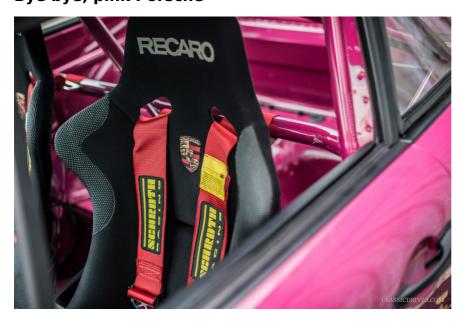
Rare and handsome





Extremely rare and influenced by racing, the Porsche 911 Carrera RS from the 1990s is not only one of the most beautiful modern 911 icons, its values are also increasing. A well-maintained RS recently sold for over €200,000 including buyer's premium, at an auction in Paris. With around 2,000 examples of the more comfortable street version made, these kinds of prices are certain to become the norm. The spartan RS N/GT however – with just 290 examples made – will cost you an additional €100,000.

Bye bye, pink Porsche





There are still some reasonably priced Carrera RSs, but they don't remain available for long. An example of the Porsche 911 Carrera RS N/GT is shown here, in a special order colour known as 'Star Ruby'. Purchased as a new car directly from Porsche in 1991, it was then modified by its owner: he built himself his own ultra-light variant by substituting virtually all the body parts, including bumpers and bonnet, wings and doors, for lighter parts made of reinforced plastic or glassfibre. The factory seats were also thrown out, even though they were already quite spartan. In 2014 however, the owner purchased a set of bubble-wrapped originals from Manfred Hering at Early 911s. Having been returned to its original specification, this Carrera RS today performs like new – according to the vendor. Unfortunately, the 'pink Porsche' has just been sold but, as we mentioned earlier, there are still many others to choose from in the Classic Driver Market.

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