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## [Save the whale - give this ex-Le Mans Porsche 911 RSR Turbo a home...](#)

### Lead

On 9 March in Amelia Island, Gooding & Company will offer one of the most significant competition Porsches in existence for sale: the Works 911 RSR 2.1 Turbo which claimed 2nd overall at Le Mans in 1974 and essentially shaped the marque's motorsport efforts from that point onwards...

### Save the whale(tail)



One of our most vivid motorsport memories was of a Porsche 911 RSR Turbo at the Le Mans Classic in 2014. It was the dead of night, and as the Martini-liveried monster roared past us through Indianapolis and towards Arnage, its socking-great snail-shell turbo — protruding awkwardly out of the frankly bodged rear bodywork — was so hot it was glowing bright orange. At that point in time, we remember thinking there wasn't a cooler car on the planet — and today, ogling the photos of this example, with its gargantuan whale tale and hilariously wide hips, the fact remains the same.

### Tough cookie



Now, Gooding & Company will offer the most successful RSR Turbo — known as 'R13' — at its [Amelia Island sale on 9 March 2018](#). The legacy of Porsche's first production-based turbocharged competition car is significant, and its DNA shaped, among countless other machines, the marque's dominant Group C cars of the 1980s.



The final car built for Martini & Rossi, 'R13' came 2nd overall at the 1974 Le Mans 24 Hours and was raced by the likes of Gijs Van Lennep and George Follmer. It's also in a beautifully preserved condition — just what we like to see with battle-scarred and hardened racing cars. It's expected to fetch 6-8m US dollars when it crosses the block next week. However, if your budget doesn't stretch *quite* that far, two other competition Porsches, which owe much to the RSR, are also offered: a 1976 Porsche 934 (est. 1.2-1.6m dollars) and a 1990 Porsche 962C (1.5-2m dollars).

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### Gallery









































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