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The Porsche 935 is back, although just 77 will be built

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There was a big surprise at Porsche's Rennsport Reunion at Laguna Seca yesterday: to celebrate its 70th anniversary, the Zuffenhausen marque has announced a limited-edition racing car built in the spirit of the legendary 935...



In what is rather a good way to celebrate a birthday, Porsche Motorsport has presented a new edition of the legendary 935, of which just 77 will be built, priced at 700,000 euros each (exclusive of taxes). The lucky owners can look forward to a 700HP racer based on the current GT2 RS, which can be used on private track days. Alas, the car is homologated neither for the road or for any race series - it seems this was just an exercise to help Porsche's designers let off some steam. The bodywork is crafted from a combination of carbon- and glass-fibre, while the aerodynamic elements have been completely redeveloped.



The car is a retro spectacle - the wheels directly recall the 935, the gear knob is modelled on the 917's, and the exhaust pipes are in the same style as the 908. But you'll also find modern design cues, such as the LED tail lights and the carbon steering wheel borrowed from the GT3 R. As with the GT2 RS, power from the supercharged 3.8-litre flat-six is transmitted to the wheels via a seven-speed dual-clutch gearbox. And all the road car's electronic aids are still present, which is handy when the car weighs much more than the car by which it's inspired. It's believed that Porsche will further reflect on its past and introduce a flat-nosed version of the 911 Turbo in due course.

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