



Shadow Boxer

03/06/2014 It's the perfect plan: we'll spirit the 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet away, up into the mountains of Austria. But by the light of the silvery moon, the truth is soon revealed: the 911 has spirited us away instead.

The message sent out from the depths of the 911 is unmistakable. The sound is particularly saturated on a night as clear as this, but it sings out with exceptional nonchalance as well. And, coupled with the commanding power of 300 kW (408 hp) (Combined fuel consumption: 10,8 l/100 km; CO₂-emission: 254 g/km), this message also conveys a feeling of hunger, an appetite for more. This so typical, yet so out-of-the-ordinary 911 handles gentle bends with the greatest of ease and tackles steep ascents with equal aplomb.

A good run. That's exactly what the 911 Carrera GTS is looking for, exactly what it needs—and exactly what it finds along the Silvretta Alpine Road. Of course, the 34 curves and short straightaways mean the GTS cannot quite accelerate all the way up to its top speed of 306 km/h (190 mph). But during those short bursts, its accelerative power, in combination with the vibration-free quality and balance of the engine, tells you there is far more for you to enjoy. The abbreviation GTS, which also appears below on the driver's door, offers a clue to its sublime character.

That GTS feeling is most evident whenever spur-of-the-moment acceleration is required of this exceptional sports car in the 997 model series. A torque curve that starts earlier and the enhanced performance transform what would be a hike up the mountain into an easy and rapid ascent. The engine's power and responsiveness blend perfectly into the landscape; it's a feeling that even emanates from the clearer delineation of the wheel arches and the more massively built wheels on the rear axle. Indeed, the Silverta's bends positively demand this greater size and weight.

Right on track. The choice between double-clutch transmission and manual transmission is ultimately a question of what you prefer; PASM orchestrates the chassis with confidence. And the 911 provides its own perfect musical accompaniment on its mountainous journey. You can choose the exhaust system response you like at the touch of a button on the center console. In this region, the proper acoustic emphasis could definitely be described as a bellow.

Is it childish to chase after the cone of light cast by your own headlights on winding roads? Well, if it is, it's all because of the spell cast by GTS. It is a car that turns your soul.

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