

A piece of Porsche history returns to the road for Icons of Porsche 2026

16/11/2026 Nearly five decades after escorting Queen Elizabeth II, the restored 1979 Porsche 924 will lead a convoy from Abu Dhabi to Dubai ahead of its debut at Icons of Porsche 2026.

Abu Dhabi |A historic 1979 Porsche 924, once part of the Abu Dhabi Police fleet, will return to the road, leading a convoy from Abu Dhabi to Dubai ahead of the sixth edition of Icons of Porsche. The restored vehicle will make its first major public appearance in more than four decades at the festival, taking place on 21–22 November at The Square, Nad Al Sheba.

Restored by Porsche Centre Abu Dhabi and Al Ain, part of Ali & Sons Holding, the 924 was part of the police escort for Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip during their first visit to the UAE in 1979. Following an extensive restoration, the car will once again lead a convoy, this time bringing together Porsche owners and enthusiasts to celebrate its return to the road.

A historic escort prepares to return to the road

The drive from Abu Dhabi to Dubai has become an Icons of Porsche tradition for Porsche Centre Abu Dhabi and Al Ain, bringing together Porsche owners and enthusiasts for every edition of the festival. This year, the restored 1979 Porsche 924 police car will take its place at the front of the convoy.

The journey will begin at Yas Marina in Abu Dhabi, where participants, including members of the Porsche Classic Community UAE, will gather for a ceremonial lap at Yas Marina Circuit before continuing their jouney to Dubai.

“Restoring this remarkable car has been a tremendous achievement for our team at Porsche Centre Abu Dhabi and Al Ain and a proud moment for Ali & Sons Holding. Seeing it lead a convoy of Porsche owners and enthusiasts will be a fitting way to mark its return to the road. We look forward to sharing this moment with our customers and welcoming the wider Porsche community to discover the car and its story at Icons of Porsche.” said Wissam Khalil, General Manager of Porsche Centre Abu Dhabi and Al Ain.

The restored Porsche 924 makes its debut at Icons of Porsche

The convoy will conclude its journey at The Square, Nad Al Sheba, the new home of Icons of Porsche 2026. Making its first major public appearance in more than four decades, the historic police car will be among the highlights of this years festival.

The debut is particularly significant as this year's festival will celebrate 50 years of Porsche transaxle models. Introduced in 1976, the 924 was Porsche's first production model to feature a front-engine, rear-transaxle layout, marking an important chapter in the brand's engineering history.

For Porsche Centre Abu Dhabi and Al Ain, the project reflects an ongoing commitment to preserving and celebrating Porsche heritage in the UAE. The restoration has returned a historically significant vehicle to the public eye while ensuring an important chapter of both Porsche and UAE automotive history can continue to be shared with future generations.

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