

Goodwood Revival: Two Porsche 356 cars turn back time

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11/09/2017 For Porsche Classic, this year's Goodwood Revival was all about the Porsche 356: Two very early examples of Porsche's first series-production model were on display at the Goodwood Motor Circuit in the South of England.

The Goodwood Revival is probably the most popular convention for classic racing cars from before 1966. Against the backdrop of a historic 1960s workshop, Porsche Classic experts from Zuffenhausen demonstrated the different phases of restoration work, using the engine and body parts of a 356 as an example. New additions to the range of genuine spare parts include brake drums for the 356 A, which were on display alongside a selection of other genuine parts. Acting as a signpost for the Porsche stand, a 911 S from 1966 with the famous Fuchs rims stood in an air-conditioned glass container at the "over the road" parking area for classic cars.

The two Porsche 356 cars being exhibited were in fantastic condition. One model was a “split screen” coupé from before 1952 with a central post in the windscreen. The customer vehicle has not been restored and will undergo extensive work by Porsche in the next few years. The customer order focussed on the vehicle's body, paint and interior. Porsche Classic also presented a slightly later vehicle with a centre-creased windscreen, which was on loan from the Porsche Museum. The Classic workshop gave visitors the chance to compare the two vehicles to gain an insight into the restoration work that has been performed. Experts from Zuffenhausen applied tin plating to various body parts and started up an overhauled four-cylinder flat engine from a 1965 Porsche 356 several times.

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