

Porsche 911 GT3 RS sets production car lap record at Road America

11/07/2023 Porsche beats its own record by nearly two seconds

2023 Porsche 911 GT3 RS sets new production car record at Wisconsin track Lap set by Porsche Deluxe Carrera Cup North America veteran Dimitri Dimakos Porsche upped the ante on its own Road America production car track record. A lap in the Type-992 Porsche 911 GT3 RS bettered the established record set in a 2018 Porsche 911 GT2 RS. The record shattering lap was set by Porsche Deluxe Carrera Cup North America veteran Dimitri Dimakos on the freshly paved "Nürburgring Nordschleife of North America".

Atlanta. In a new 2023 Porsche 911 GT3 RS, professional race car driver Dimitri Dimakos set a new production car track record at Road America.

Dimakos, a veteran of the Porsche Deluxe Carrera Cup North America, lapped the four mile, 14 turn road course in a time of two-minutes, 13.8 seconds. Conditions were near perfect, with an air temperature hovering around 75 degrees and a track temperature just above 90 degrees Fahrenheit. The lap on the

freshly paved classic American race course in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin bettered the previous record (2:15.1). The previous lap, set by David Donohue in a 2019 Porsche 911 GT2 RS in April, 2019, was improved upon by nearly two seconds. The feat is especially remarkable considering the huge horsepower difference between the 700-hp prior record holder, and the 518-hp 911 GT3 RS.

“The biggest thing is not necessarily the lap time, it is the ease at which the car can achieve that lap time and the confidence it inspires in the driver,” Dimakos said. “The car can be driven by someone who is a novice or intermediate level driver and still be very fast and comfortable to drive. The braking is nearly identical to what we run in the 911 GT3 Cup car. I was braking at exactly the same spot. No wiggling at all. The car stopped exactly straight, turned-in great.”

The sophisticated active aerodynamics and new Motorsport-based 4.0 liter, naturally aspirated, flat-six engine of the current generation 911 GT3 RS also made it over 4.5 seconds quicker than the 2019 Porsche 911 GT3 RS at the same track. The privately owned production-spec road car – which had been delivered to the owner just weeks before – was aligned for the track by an authorized Porsche Center and fitted with optional, road-legal Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 R NO high performance road tires size 275/35 ZR 20 front and 335/30 ZR 21 rear, which are specifically developed and homologated for the 911 GT3 RS.

The official lap time was logged by onboard VBOX equipment and validated by Goldcrest Motorsports. The lap took place during a test day where the 911 GT3 RS and 911 GT3 Cup car were lapped side-by-side by the same driver. More detailed information on that story is available here.

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Consumption data

911 GT3 RS (WLTP)*: Fuel consumption combined: 13.2 l/100 km; CO_2 emissions combined: 299 g/km; CO_2 class: G

*Further information on the official fuel consumption and the official specific CO_2 emissions of new passenger cars can be found in the "Leitfaden über den Kraftstoffverbrauch, die CO_2-Emissionen und den Stromverbrauch neuer Personenkraftwagen" (Fuel Consumption, CO_2Emissions and Electricity Consumption Guide for New Passenger Cars), which is available free of charge at all sales outlets and from DAT (Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH, Helmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen, www.dat.de).

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