Track Experience at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park - Summer 2020

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Background

Porsche Sport Driving School started at the Hockenheimring in Germany over 40 years ago. The idea in 1974 was to build a foundation for performance-oriented enthusiasts and educate them through the instruction led from skilled trainers. More than 16 countries host Track Experience, formerly Porsche Sport Driving School, allowing participants the chance to get behind the wheel of a Porsche on many different surfaces and in various driving conditions
Track Experience launched in Canada in May 2017 and offers Warm-Up, Precision, Performance and Master level programs. Instructors are Certified Porsche-trained professionals from Porsche Sport Driving Canada.

Levels

Warm-up:
A Porsche is a precision instrument that reacts to every movement you make –steering, braking, accelerating - and puts it into action exactly.

Warm-up provides an introduction to sport driving and basic concepts aimed at developing your vehicle handling skills. You will receive coaching on the varying dynamics of the vehicle and how they apply to everyday driving. Understanding handling combined with controlled speed provides for a comfortable and smooth driving experience. Practice will consist of learning how to confidently initiate evasive actions and experience how slight differences in speed will affect the intensity of load changes. This simulation replicates the perfect driving conditions in which the car threatens to oversteer. A thrilling experience, you will be back for more.

The syllabus features an introduction to basic principles. The program also features a guided module where drivers can complete full laps of the circuit.

Participants must be a minimum of 21 years of age at the time of program commencement.
Participants must have a current valid unrestricted driver's licence. Driver's licence must be produced

on site for inspection by Porsche Experience staff before commencement of any driving experience.

Training Overview:
– Course duration: 1/2 day
– Prior training level: none
– Training venue: Canadian Tire Motorsports Park (Bowmanville, On.), Driver Development Track
– Training objectives: introduction to basic driving dynamics
– Next level up: Precision level

Precision:
One-day course for first-time participants.

Your Porsche is like a precision instrument. It reacts to every steering movement you make and puts it into action exactly. If you consider it the other way around, this means that the more accurately you steer, the more control you will have and the safer your driving will be. And that is exactly what is practiced on this course. Precision training is the ideal basis for Performance training.

Training focuses on how to handle the car and basic driving safety. At the same time, attention is paid to the potential dangers of everyday road traffic. Particularly important factors here are learning to estimate speed and being able to react quickly. You will practice taking evasive action and experience the effect that even slight differences in speed can have on the intensity of load changes, gradually simulating driving conditions in which the car threatens to oversteer.

The syllabus features an extensive and well-founded teaching of basic principles – with individual commentation of the learning successes in sections. Participants must be a minimum of 21 years of age at the time of program commencement. Participants must have a current valid unrestricted driver's licence. Driver's licence must be produced on site for inspection by Porsche Experience staff before commencement of any driving experience.

Training Overview:
– Course duration: 1 day
– Prior training level: none
– Training venue: Canadian Tire Motorsports Park (Bowmanville, On.), Driver Development Track
– Training objectives: basic knowledge of driving dynamics and how to respond correctly to critical scenarios
– Next level up: Performance and special training

Performance:
Two-day course for returning participants.

You've successfully completed the Precision level? Then welcome to Performance training, the next step on your way to achieving the greatest possible performance. This driving safety course mainly concentrates on further improving your vehicle control. Participants should possess certain basic knowledge, such as how to find the most suitable seat position, develop optimum vision control and respond correctly when the vehicle threatens to oversteer at low speeds. Then we increase the pace –

and your safety at the wheel.

Porsche Track Experience instructors monitor your driving throughout and assess your progress at the end. However, here too, the emphasis is on improving your ability rather than driving at high speeds. Participants must be a minimum of 21 years of age at the time of program commencement. Participants must have a current valid unrestricted driver's licence. Driver's licence must be produced on site for inspection by Porsche Experience staff before commencement of any driving experience.

Training Overview:
– Course duration: 2 days
– Prior training level: Precision
– Training venue: Canadian Tire Motorsports Park (Bowmanville, On.), Driver Development Track (Day 1), Grand Prix Track (Day 2)
– Training objectives: building on the Precision level, this program focusses on improving car control in

Master:
Two-day course for advanced participants.

At Porsche, constant further development applies to car and driver. So, after several driver training courses with the Porsche Track Experience, how about the next level? Master. On this course you are supported by experienced professionals. Our Porsche Certified Instructors will accompany you through the whole program. And all of the instructors are experienced in racing.

You are already an accomplished driver, so we don't need to cover the basics. Instead, we can focus on showing you how to drive more independently and quickly find your way around the track without the aid of cones and instructors. Naturally, this also includes identifying and following the racing line. You'll also discover how this can be developed still further.

Training is conducted in small groups. You'll also have plenty of time out on the track to put what you've learned into practice and continue to improve your skills – you'll even receive one on one guidance on some laps of the circuit.

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Training Overview:
– Course duration: 2 days
– Prior training level: Performance
– Training venue: Canadian Tire Motorsports Park (Bowmanville, On.), Grand Prix Track
– Training objectives: building on the Performance level, this program focusses on sport driving
– Next level up: Masters RS

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