

The new Porsche 911 Dakar

17/11/2022 Porsche is celebrating an extraordinary world premiere at the Los Angeles Auto Show: the new Porsche 911 Dakar is just as comfortable off-road as it is on the highway.

Limited to just 2,500 examples, this exclusive model doesn't just demonstrate the all-but-limitless possibilities of the Porsche 911 concept: it also evokes the first overall victory by Porsche in the 1984 Paris-Dakar Rally. This momentous win also marked the birth of all-wheel drive in the Porsche 911. This is why the new 911 Dakar is also offered with an optional Rallye Design Package, reminiscent of that iconic winning car.

The first striking detail of the Porsche 911 Dakar is its ground clearance, which is approximately 50 mm higher than that of a 911 Carrera with sports suspension. And the standard lift system can raise the front and rear ends an additional 30 mm.

Its ground clearance and ramp angle rival those of conventional SUVs. The lift system is not designed merely for driving over obstacles at low speeds, but is rather an integral part of the re-tuned suspension. The 'high level' setting is available for ambitious off-road adventures.

Complementing the car's sporty off-road attributes are specially developed Pirelli Scorpion All Terrain Plus tyres (245/45 ZR 19 at the front and 295/40 ZR 20 at the rear). The chunky tread pattern is 9 mm deep and the reinforced sidewalls and the threads consist of two carcass plies. All this makes the tyres of the Porsche 911 Dakar ideal even for challenging terrain and they are highly cut-resistant. Summer tyres are available as an option, also with two carcass plies in addition to the standard all-terrain tyres.

Commanding power on all surfaces

The three-litre biturbo six-cylinder with 480 PS (353 kW) and a maximum torque of 570 Newton metres delivers superior performance with a compelling boxer sound. The new sports car is capable of accelerating to 100 km/h in 3.4 seconds.

As standard, the engine comes with an eight-speed PDK and Porsche all-wheel drive. The standard equipment also includes rear-axle steering, the engine mounts from the 911 GT3, and PDCC anti-roll stabilisation. The interplay of all the components results in the 911 Dakar being just as dynamic on sand and loose surfaces as it is on the Nürburgring Nordschleife.

Its maximum off-road performance is also thanks in part to two new driving modes, which are selectable via the rotary switch on the steering wheel. Rallye mode is ideal for loose, uneven surfaces and features rear-focused all-wheel drive. In Off-road mode the high clearance is activated automatically. This mode is designed for maximum traction on difficult terrain and on sand. Both of the new driving modes also feature the new Rallye Launch Control, which enables impressive acceleration on loose surfaces.

Optionally with roof basket or roof tent as well as Porsche Design chronograph

Additional characteristic features of the 911 Dakar include the newly developed, fixed lightweight rear spoiler made of CarbonFibre-Reinforced Plastic (CFRP), and the CFRP front luggage compartment lid with striking air outlets taken from the 911 GT3. There are also standard off-road details such as the red aluminium towing lugs at the front and back, the widened wheel wells and sills and the stainless steel protective elements on the front, rear and side sills. The side air intakes on the redesigned front end are also protected against flying rocks by stainless steel grilles.

The roof of the Porsche 911 Dakar features a visible 12-volt power outlet for the headlights of the optional roof rack that is available via Porsche Tequipment. With a capacity of 42 kilograms, the rack can accommodate rallying accessories such as fuel and water canisters, folding shovels and traction boards without any problems. A roof tent is also available for the 911 Dakar via Porsche Tequipment.

In the interior, the 911 Dakar underscores its sporting ambitions with standard full bucket seats and the

omission of the rear seats. Lightweight glass and a lightweight battery reduce its weight further, enabling the Porsche 911 Dakar to weigh in at just 1,605 kg – a mere 10 kg heavier than the 911 Carrera 4 GTS with PDK.

A defining feature of the Dakar interior is the standard Race-Tex surfaces with decorative stitching in Shade Green. Exclusively for the 911 Dakar is the optional exterior finish in Shade Green metallic.

Rallye Design Package with styling that echoes that of the 1984 Paris-Dakar-winning rally car

The foundation of the optional Rallye Design Package is the two-tone finish in White/Gentian Blue Metallic. This combination of two-tone paintwork and wrapping on a standard model is a first for Porsche. On the side of the vehicle, the customer can choose an individual race number between 1 and 999.

In addition to decorative stripes in red and gold, the 911 Dakar with the Rallye Design Package – the look of which reprises the winning car from the 1984 Rally Dakar – also features a 'Roughroads' logo on the doors. The term is a registered trademark and reflects the concept of the 911 Dakar and its suitability for driving off-road. Optionally available is the Rallye Sport Package with roll cage, six-point seat belts and fire extinguisher.

Porsche Design Chronograph

Customers of the 911 Dakar can exclusively order the Porsche Design Chronograph 1 ⊠ 911 Dakar or the Chronograph 1 ⊠ 911 Dakar Rallye Design Edition to go with their car. For the first time, the housing is made of particularly scratch-resistant and light titanium carbide.

In Australia, the 911 Dakar will be additionally equipped only with the tyre sealant and electric air compressor as standard due to its high global standard equipment load.

The new Porsche 911 Dakar is available for order now and starts at $491,400**. The Rallye Design Package costs $54,730**. Australian deliveries are expected to commence from the second half of 2023.

Info

Further information, as well as film and photo material, is available in the Porsche Newsroom: newsroom.porsche.com.au .

* PS (PferdeStärke, German for horsepower) is the standard unit used in the European Union to

measure the power output of a motor in 'metric horsepower'.

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Consumption data

911 Carrera 4 GTS (Predecessor model)

911 Carrera (Predecessor model)

911 GT3 (Predecessor model)

*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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