



## 911 Love: an interview with Patrick Dempsey

05/08/2022 Actor and director, race car driver, and racing team founder: Patrick Dempsey on his love for the 911.

Patrick Dempsey was already appearing on stage at the age of 15. He had his movie debut in 1985 in *Heaven Help Us* and won the Young Artist Award just two years later. An actor and director, Dempsey came to international attention playing Dr. Derek Shepherd in the hit series *Grey's Anatomy*. Off set, the 56-year-old with Irish roots pursues his greatest passion – motorsport. The race car driver competed in the 24 Hours of Le Mans multiple times, finishing in second place in the class GTE-Am in 2015, and founded his own racing team Dempsey-Proton Racing. He is now a permanent member of the Porsche motorsport family and has been the face of the Porsche Design Eyewear brand since early 2021.

### What is love?

Doing something that comes from your heart without wanting anything in return and with no judgment.

### How are you?

I will be a lot better when this COVID pandemic is truly over.

**The Porsche 911 in three words?**

A timeless classic.

**Which simple things can make you happy?**

Kindness or someone saying hello or a warm smile.

**What would you never do in a 911?**

Surf a 30-meter wave.

**What's your favorite road?**

The Pacific Coast Highway from Carmel-by-the-Sea to San Simeon.

**What can distract you?**

Leaf blowers.

**Three things you would take to a desert island?**

An umbrella, a knife, and fishing hooks.

**Is there a historical figure you admire?**

Marcus Aurelius.

**What on a 911 could you do without?**

A front license plate.

**And what couldn't you?**

Everything else.

**What music did you wake up to this morning?**

I don't listen to music in the morning, just an alarm clock.

**Your favorite film?**

Round Midnight by Bertrand Tavernier.

**Your favorite book?**

American Nations by Colin Woodard.

**Where do you long to be?**

In the mountains.

**Your most treasured possession?**

My Porsche 356.

**Your secret?**

My secret is my secret that I don't feel like sharing with the world.

**The 911 moment of your life?**

Racing Le Mans.

**Your best advice?**

Never forget where you came from.

## Patrick Dempsey

**Born:** 1966

**Residence:** Malibu/Maine

**Profession:** Actor

**Porsche:** 911 T, built in 1972

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