

Camera car created by apprentices: a Porsche Boxster for unique perspectives

29/10/2025 As part of a training project, nine apprentices from Porsche Leipzig GmbH transformed a Porsche 718 Boxster S into a highly functional camera car. The conversion, which took place back in 2017, has remained largely behind the scenes until now. Its modifications were tailored to the practical requirements of filming on the track at the Porsche Experience Center Leipzig.

Precision is essential when capturing photo and video on track – including in terms of the performance of the camera car itself. When the previous 'buggy', an older Porsche Boxster, could no longer keep pace with current models, a new idea emerged: a 718 Boxster S would become its successor. The task of converting the vehicle was assigned to a team of nine apprentices, guided by training supervisor Carsten Pohle.

From production model to specialist vehicle

As part of their second-year training, the apprentices developed a concept tailored to the demands of daily use. The soft-top roof was removed, a robust roll bar installed, and the vehicle – including all add-on parts – was finished in matte black to minimise reflections during filming.

Steel tube mounts were added to the front, rear, and sides for versatile camera positioning. The roll bar also serves as an elevated mounting point.

Focus on safety and functionality

Ensuring the photographer's safety was a key aspect of the conversion. Both luggage compartments were padded and fitted with harness systems. An additional standing platform between the front seats and the rear trunk offers further possible shooting configurations – with the necessary PPE safety harness.

The vehicle also received a few technical upgrades; internal wiring allows direct connection between camera and laptop, which can be securely fastened in the passenger area. An inverter supplies power to operate and recharge all technical equipment.

In action for striking visuals

Since its completion, the converted Boxster has been regularly used for shoots on the Leipzig track. External productions have also put the vehicle to good use, including on several shoots for Motor Presse Stuttgart. Even motorsport legend Walter Röhrl has been filmed with the camera Boxster. Most recently, it served as the camera car for the Tutto Bene Hillclimb near Lake Maggiore – another example of the versatility and real-world application of this unique apprentice project.

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Consumption data

718 Boxster S (WLTP)*: Fuel consumption combined: 10.4 – 9.6 l/100 km; CO_2 emissions combined: 235 – 218 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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