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Exclusive Manufaktur edition of Porsche 911 celebrates British race drivers winning Le Mans 24 Hours

Porsche 911 Carrera 4 GTS British Legends Edition celebrates home success at Le Mans

Porsche is the most successful marque in the 24 Hours of Le Mans, with an unrivalled 19 wins in the French endurance race. And British drivers have played an important role in delivering these historical achievements. In celebration of this success, and in special honour of three Britons who helped deliver these victories, a special model with limited availability - the 911 Carrera 4 GTS 'British Legends Edition' - is launched today.

Designed by the drivers who each took historic wins in the 24 Hours of Le Mans for the factory Porsche team - Richard Attwood (winner 1970), Derek Bell MBE (winner 1981, 1982, 1986, 1987), and Nick Tandy (winner 2015) - the car has been developed by Porsche Cars GB together with Porsche Exclusive Manufaktur at the company headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany.

Derek Bell is Britain's most successful race driver in the Le Mans 24 Hours, with a total of five wins overall and four triumphs with Porsche. His British Legends Edition celebrates his 1982 victory in the debut season for the iconic 956 racing car.

There is a 911 Carrera 4 GTS British Legends Edition unique to each driver, identified by the number of their winning Porsche racing car and its colour scheme incorporated into the livery. A Union Jack symbol combined with the driver's signature is a further motorsport-inspired *leitmotif*, and underlines how authentic each car is.

The drivers played an important role in the design and configuration of 'their' British Legends Edition, incorporating personal preferences and reminiscences of their own experiences racing with Porsche at Le Mans. For instance, Alcantara® interior trim creates a link to the focussed ambience of a racing car cockpit. And to offer a manual gearbox or the Porsche Doppelkupplungsgetriebe (PDK) double-clutch transmission was important, to allow each car to be specified according to driving style.

Using the design of the winning race cars as the starting point of each car, joint workshops between Porsche Cars GB and the drivers ensured their passion was built-in to each 911. The ideas were then taken forwards by the design team at Style Porsche in Weissach and the craftsmen at Porsche Exclusive Manufaktur in Stuttgart.

Each British Legends Edition is finished intricately by hand in the new Porsche Exclusive Manufaktur workshop. Special features such as the Satin finish black door mirrors, carbon floor mats with Alcantara® edging and a steering column casing in Alcantara® make their first appearance on this 911.

1970 Le Mans winner, Richard Attwood

Porsche 917 #23 580 hp, flat-12 cylinder, 4.5-litre, 340 km/h top speed

'Porsche Salzburg' red and white livery

British Legends Edition Guards Red

1982 Le Mans winner, Derek Bell

Porsche 956 #1 680 hp, flat-six cylinder, twin-turbo, 2.8-litre, 350 km/h top speed

'Rothmans' blue, white, red and gold livery

British Legends Edition Sapphire Blue Metallic

2015 Le Mans winner, Nick Tandy

Porsche 919 Hybrid LMP1 #19 >900 hp, V4, single turbo, 2.0-litre, 360 km/h top speed

'DMG MORI' white, black, grey livery

British Legends Edition Carrara White Metallic

Learn more about the 911 Carrera 4 GTS British Legends Edition, meet the drivers and share in the spirit of Le Mans via this link: <https://youtu.be/98pb2WauU-w>

Race to road technology transfer

Porsche 917; Porsche 956; Porsche 919 Hybrid - three icons, each with a common link – victory in the Le Mans 24 Hours. Each of these racing cars has also played a valuable role in helping hone technology on the track that has then translated to Porsche cars for the road.

And not just in their specific era, for this legacy of innovation continues to influence the design and development of Porsche sports cars today.

The British Legends Edition also recognises the British motor sport fans' generous spirit through the years, cheering on Porsche from the trackside. Le Mans in particular sees tens of thousands of enthusiasts travelling from the UK to support the teams and drivers, and this special 911 acknowledges this passion.

During the development of the British Legends Edition, it became clear that, to the racing drivers, it was particularly important that a performance-oriented 911 would result and one that expressed its distinctive motorsport character in sound, appearance and its dynamics, too. Derek Bell commented; "I expect Porsche to give me the best chassis when I race, and I expect the same from my road car." In support of this, rear axle steering - offering higher cornering agility and lane-change stability - and Porsche Dynamic Chassis Control (PDCC) - to ensure optimum resistance to body roll and increased tyre contact to the road through corners - are both standard.

Bearing in mind the all-weather, day and night rigours that success at Le Mans places on a car and driver, driving safety and comfort features take priority also. Thus, LED headlights (which replicate those fitted to the 919 Hybrid) for seeing long into the night are included, along with 18-way adjustable sports seats and automatic rain-sensing windscreen wipers. A distinct motorsport ambience is a feature of the interior, with the use of Alcantara® and carbon materials an obvious highlight.

Porsche 911 Carrera 4 GTS British Legends Edition in detail

With this in mind, the 911 Carrera 4 GTS is the ideal starting point for the British Legends Edition. The 3.0-litre flat-six cylinder 'boxer' engine in the 911 GTS offers 450 hp (331 kW).

This engine delivers 30 hp (22 kW) more than the 911 Carrera S. Every 911 is renowned for its scintillating power delivery, but with its 10% greater maximum torque the GTS offers even better acceleration and responsiveness. The 550 Nm of pulling power is available between 2,150 and 5,000 rpm. As with the 911 Carrera, Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) is standard on GTS models. The British Legends Edition features PASM sports suspension and PDCC, which lowers the body by 10 mm. Each GTS also features the Sport Chrono Package incorporating dynamic engine mounts and steering wheel-mounted mode switch, plus a switchable, modified sports exhaust system.

The Porsche Traction Management (PTM) all-wheel drive delivers assured all-weather traction, and leads to the 911 Carrera 4 GTS being the fastest sprinter in the 911 Carrera family. Fitted with the optional PDK transmission, it can accelerate from zero to 62 mph in 3.6 seconds with Launch Control activated.

To these impressive credentials, the British Legends Edition also adds the following highlights:

Chassis

Rear axle steering

Sport PASM chassis including Porsche Dynamic Chassis Control (PDCC)

Exterior

Decal set in contrasting colour

Badge on B-pillar with Union Jack motif and signature of the driver

LED headlights in black with Porsche Dynamic Light System Plus

SportDesign package featuring extended rear spoiler

SportDesign mirrors painted in Satin black finish

Rear engine lid air intake grilles painted in the exterior colour

Interior

Door sill guards in carbon with a Union Jack motif and '911 Carrera 4 GTS British Legends Edition' lettering (illuminated in corresponding exterior colour)

Door panel trim and centre console finish in carbon

Dashboard trim in carbon with Union Jack motif and '911 Carrera 4 GTS British Legends Edition' lettering

Alcantara® GTS interior package with Rhodium Silver contrasting stitching, GT sports steering wheel in Alcantara® and '12 o'clock marking' in red, steering column cover in Alcantara®

Centre console lid in Alcantara® embossed with name and signature of the driver

Unique floor mats in carbon with Alcantara® edging and decorative stitching in Rhodium Silver

Adaptive Sports seats Plus with 18-way powered adjustment and memory package

Automatically dimming exterior and interior mirrors with integrated rain sensor

Cruise control

The 911 Carrera 4 GTS British Legends Edition is on sale from 9 October priced as follows:

Guards Red	£122,376.00 inc VAT RRP
Sapphire Blue	£123,210.00 inc VAT RRP
Carrara White	£123,210.00 inc VAT RRP

Customers will also be invited to explore the potential of their new car, and further develop their own skills behind the wheel, by participating in a bespoke driving experience around the unique tracks at the Porsche Experience Centre, Silverstone.

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Editors' Note:

Porsche can claim more than 30,000 race victories in almost every motor sports series worldwide, and while many of these successes have been achieved with immensely powerful specialist race cars like the evocative 917 and 956, the iconic 911 sports coupe is the bedrock on which the peerless racing reputation of the Stuttgart marque has been built.

The 911 demonstrates perfectly the Porsche philosophy of not only building sports cars in order to win races, but also to gain development know-how that can be incorporated into the evolution of its road cars. Successive generations of the rear-engined 911 have been honed on the race circuit since its debut in 1963, with customers benefitting from continuous improvements in key dynamic areas such as engine performance, braking and aerodynamics.

Porsche is the world's largest manufacturer of racing cars; the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup race car competes in the Mobil1 Supercup, the world's fastest international one-make Championship, which supports Formula One Grands Prix. The 911 GT3 Cup also entertains spectators around the world racing in the many domestic Carrera Cup Championships in Germany, Asia, France, Italy, Japan, Scandinavia and Great Britain. The GT3 R is the first step for drivers moving up to GT racing, while the all-new for 2017 911 RSR is the standard-bearer for the Porsche Works teams in IMSA and the WEC, contesting international blue riband sports car events like Daytona and the Le Mans 24 Hours.

With a record number of overall victories, Porsche is the most successful manufacturer in Le Mans history. In 2014, Porsche returned to Le Mans and the World Endurance Championship

(WEC) with the factory-run 919 Hybrid sports prototype race car in the top LMP1 category, and scored its first outright victory in its debut WEC season in the final race in Brazil.

In 2015, Mark Webber (AUS), Brendon Hartley (NZ) and Timo Bernhard (D) clinched the Drivers' World Endurance Championship, and the WEC Manufacturers' Championship, for Porsche. The Stuttgart company also triumphed at Le Mans, with the 919 Hybrid of Britain's Nick Tandy, Earl Bamber (NZ) and Formula 1 driver Nico Hulkenburg (D) scoring an emotional triumph, and leading the sister car of Webber/Hartley/Bernhard across the line for a 1-2 finish.

The Porsche Team also won Le Mans in 2016, with Neel Jani (CH), Marc Lieb (D) and Romain Dumas (F). This trio went on to clinch the WEC Drivers' Championship, and the Porsche Team also won the WEC Manufacturers' title for the second year in a row.

Porsche scored its 19th and most recent success at the 2017 Le Mans 24 Hours in June when Timo Bernhard (D), Brendon Hartley (NZ) and Earl Bamber (NZ) took the chequered flag in their 919 Hybrid LMP1 after 24 hours of flat-out racing vs rivals Toyota.

For the 2017 season, Nick Tandy contests the complete WEC season in the 919 Hybrid LMP1 full-time, joined by Neel Jani and André Lotterer in car #1. Team mates in car #2 are Bernhard, Hartley and Bamber.