

## 1976 Porsche 911 | Classic Rally Car PRICE £87,500











## **ABOUT THIS CAR**

The Porsche 911 has been a mainstay of GT racing for decades, but it's easy to forget that many of its early successes came in rallying. Vic Elford finished third on the 1966 Tour de Corse, then led the following year's Rallye Monte-Carlo before slipping to third in the closing stages. 'Quick Vic' nonetheless won the 1967 European Rally Championship, Pauli Toivonen repeated that success in 1968, and the 911 took a hat-trick of victories on the Rallye Monte-Carlo between 1968 and 1970.

The 911 rally car being offered for sale is based on a standard 3.0 Carrera. That model ran for only two years from its introduction in September 1975 and, in effect, used a normally aspirated version of the 2994cc engine that was found in the 911 Turbo. It produced just under 200bhp, which was enough to propel it from 0-60mph in 6.3 seconds and onto a top speed of 145mph.

Total production was only 3687 cars, of which just over 1000 were supplied with right-hand drive. That makes this UK-market example a rare car, and it was delivered to its first owner in January 1976. Having been acquired by experienced rally driver Mervyn Coxon during the mid-1980s, it was rebuilt into a rally car with the bodyshell being seam-welded, an oil cooler in the 'whale tail' rear spoiler, adjustable front anti-roll bars, works-spec torsion bars and a front light pod.

Coxon then campaigned the 911 in events such as the Rallye International de Wallonie in Belgium and the Rally of the Lakes in Ireland, before selling it in 1987 to Dr Graham Rood. An engineer and aviation enthusiast who also owned an ex-works Sunbeam Tiger rally car, Dr Rood kept the Porsche for more than 25 years before it passed to another experienced rally enthusiast – Phil Stroud.

He went all the way through the car, stripping the bodywork to bare metal before repainting it in Rothmans livery – even the stripes are painted on, rather than being stickers. Having also fitted modern seats, harnesses and an extinguisher system, Stroud drove it on events such as HERO's Throckmorton Rally with long-time co-driver David Harris – as well as using it as an exhilarating road car.

Having been sold to a new owner in July 2021, under his ownership the Porsche has had a considerable amount spent on it in the past couple of years, including an engine rebuild to the best specification. The 3-litre flat-six is now running on Weber 46IDA36 carburettors and the engine bay has been finished to an extremely high standard – testament to the care that's been lavished upon the whole car.

Inside, there are Sparco seats and Sabelt harnesses, a plumbed-in fire extinguisher system, a full bolt-in roll cage and a Brantz International 2 Pro tripmeter.

Driving superbly and presented in the iconic Rothmans livery along with running on Fuchs alloys, this matching-numbers Porsche 911 is offered for sale with a Porsche Certification of Authenticity plus its original handbook and a number of period photographs, and it makes an extremely charismatic choice of historic rally car.

All viewings welcomed by appointment only at Rally Preparation Services.

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## **SPECIFICATIONS:**

- First registered 03/02/1976.
- Sparco seats
- Sabelt Harness'
- Full Roll Cage
- Momo Suede Steering Wheel
- Brantz trip meter
- Plumbed in fire extinguisher
- Fuchs Alloys
- Avon CR6-ZZ Tyres
- TRS Tow Strap
- Odyssey battery
- Light pod
- Underbody protection
- Assortment of displaced parts from recent works