

RARE 18-INCH WHEEL UPGRADE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FOLLOWING 911 MODELS:

- **911 TURBO (930) 1978-89**
- **911 TURBO-LOOK 1984-89**
- **911 SC 1978-89 ‘WITH AFTERMARKET TURBO-BODY UPGRADE’ (requires wheel spacers!)**

Dear Fellow 911 Wide Body Owners,

Quality tyre choices for the 16-inch Fuchs wheels of our cars are becoming slimmer, with most tyre manufacturers no longer producing the factory specified 245/45R16 rubber for the 9-inch rear rim. Companies, such as Toyo and Kumho, still supply reasonable road tyres in the factory sizes, but lack of demand may see these disappear in the future. Fitting R-tyres for track days or the road is not an option as manufacturers no longer make these in the specified rear size. The best way to ‘future-proof’ ourselves is with larger diameter wheels with increased rim widths, with consensus favouring the 18x8 front & 18x10 rear configuration - the set-up Porsche chose for the 993 Turbo. The problem is finding quality wheels with the appropriate appearance and correct offsets.

The Wheels

I was fortunate to locate stock of some rare wheels that were custom made by a major Australian wheel manufacturer for the US market a few years ago. They are: aircraft grade strength; one-piece; cast from A356 alloy; heat-treated to T6 specifications; with five elegantly curved centre spokes; deep lips and come complete with centre caps with the manufacturer’s logo. They were designed for the ‘930/mid-911 wide body’, have the correct offsets which take into account the increased widths (without the need for wheel spacers) and bolt straight on using the Porsche factory ball seat wheel nuts. If you haven’t lowered your car they will fit fine. If you have, you may need to replace the left front guard washer bottle and feed tube with modified units. I purchased a set of these wheels and they fit my lowered 930 perfectly, look more modern than the original Fuchs, yet still appropriate and cost a fraction of the factory related options! If your car’s standard 16-inch Fuchs wheels have ET+23.3mm offsets at the front and ET+15mm offsets at the rear (offset numbers are on inside of one of the spokes), these wheels will fit. Please have a look at the accompanying photos of my 930 and make up your own mind.

Specifications:

Fronts: 18 x 8 with 2-inch lip and ET+30mm offset (tyre size: 225/40R18)

Rears: 18 x 10 with 3-inch lip and ET+18mm offset (tyre size: 285/30R18)

Colours:

Magnesium silver centres with machined, clear coated lips

Black centres with polished lips

‘Mismatched’ sets* - fronts: magnesium silver centres with machined, clear coated lips & rears: black centres with polished lips (* You will have to decide which colour and lip finish you prefer and two of the wheels can be refurbished at cost to give you a matched set).

Further Information, Sales & Fitting

Social Competition sponsor, Andrew McCathie, has kindly secured these wheels on behalf of the Club. They may be inspected at Traction Tyre and Suspension Centre, 65 Kellets Road, Rowville. Andrew has also made the wheels available to Porsche parts supplier Stan Adler, so they may also be inspected at Performance 9, 5/18 Sloane Street, Maribyrnong.

- **The matched sets are immediately available for sale to members.**
- **You can also place an order with Andrew McCathie for one of the ‘mismatched’ sets and he will arrange for two of the wheels to be refurbished at cost in your choice of either the silver or black specifications to give you a matched set. Andrew has worked out the best Yokohama road or R-tyre options to closely match the original ‘930/mid-911 wide body’ outside tyre diameters and offers a great wheel and tyre package (including professional fitting & balancing).**
- **For 911 SC owners with aftermarket turbo-body upgrades, Stan Adler can also supply the correct wheel spacers (if required).**

THE PRICE! ONLY \$1,100 PER SET including GST (plus the cost of painting if required).

Phone Andrew at Traction on 9764 2811 or Stan at Performance 9 on 9318 2848 / 0414 911901.

Kindest regards

Michael Dennis Porsche Club of Victoria member and 930 owner

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SHEET

Dear Fellow Purchasers,

The following information was collected during this project and may be useful to purchasers of these wheels.

1. ACCESS TO WHEEL NUTS (OPTION 1) -TALLER WHEEL NUTS

Contact: pelicanparts.com

Your existing ball-seated Porsche wheels nuts will fit the 18 inch upgrade wheels without a problem, however the design of the wider upgrade wheel places them quite deep within the body of the wheel. While access with the factory wheel brace is achievable, US-based Porsche parts distributor Pelican Parts offers 10mm taller nuts described on their site as "aftermarket alloy lug nuts/tall, black" which make access easier. If you are really keen, these can be ordered from their website quoting Part No. PEL-7075BT for around \$250.00 AUD for a set of 20 (including shipping and handling) and arrive in about 14 days.

2. ACCESS TO WHEEL NUTS (OPTION 2) – ‘SLIMLINE’ WHEEL NUT SOCKET PERFORMANCE 9, 5/18 SLOANE STREET, MARIBYNONG 3032

Contact: Stan Adler – 9318 2848 / 0414 911901

The simplest and cheapest way to gain better access to (and full purchase on) the nuts, is with a special 'slimline' nut socket or wheel brace. Stan can customise a solution to suit your requirements, including reasonably priced open steel nuts.

3. WHEEL SPACERS FOR 911 SC 1978-89 ‘WITH AFTERMARKET TURBO-BODY KIT’ PERFORMANCE 9, 5/18 SLOANE STREET, MARIBYNONG 3032

Contact: Stan Adler – 9318 2848 / 0414 911901

The above modified cars can accept these wheels, but as the set-up is not original, owners will probably require spacers. Stan can provide the correct spacers to ensure that the 18 inch wheels fit as intended.

4. WINDSCREEN WASHER BOTTLE / FEED TUBE MODIFICATION STEVE THE AUTO ELEC, 23 STEPHENSON STREET, RICHMOND 3121

Contact: Steve Varrasso – 9429 4988

Owners of lowered mid-911 wide body cars have probably already worn a hole in the windscreen washer reservoir bottle and feed tube located under the left front guard. Steve can replace these with different units, and will plumb them into the existing washer system and filler cap. The modified set up will clear the tyre, even with the 18-inch upgrade and costs around \$350, depending on the overall condition of your windscreen washer system.

5. WHEEL CENTRE CAP DECALS

Contact: Don & Robin at decalsonly.com

The wheel manufacturer does not provide Porsche options for the centre caps, however I purchased a set of quality 45mm silver metallic decals with black Porsche 'turbo' script over the internet from this Canadian company's website. Don and Robin are also considering producing a logo for wide body non-turbo owners - a black Porsche 'shield' logo on the same 45mm silver metallic decal (if there is a demand). They cost about \$14.00 AUD for a set of four, arrive by post in 10 days and with careful application fit perfectly and look great.

Kindest regards

Michael Dennis

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