

Book Reviews for Porschephiles

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All the cars — Porsche

by Lorenzo Ardizio, published 2016 by Giorgio Nada Editore, Milan, Italy



This Italian book, printed in good English, is a really neat handbook about Porsche automobiles. It has no table of contents, but starts with an Index. However, all the cars from 356 No. 1 of 1949 to the 911R of 2016 are presented in chronological order with the year printed prominently on the page edge, so neither a table of contents nor an index is really required. There is, however, a unique sort of appendix listing Porsche's motor racing victories, by race.

Amazingly comprehensive, with 208 vehicles covered, there are still many Porsche year-models that are not included. The omissions are trivial, the inclusions are awesome: the 1965 912 and the 1975 912E are included, but the 66-69 912s are not. Similarly, the 1969 914-4 and 914-6 are included, but the 914-4 evolution from 1.7L to 1.8L to 2.0L in 1973 is not mentioned, though the 914-8 of '69 and the 916 of '72 are covered. The 1993 968 Club Sport and the 1993 968 Turbo S/Turbo RS are given separate treatments. Both 911 Speedsters are represented, the 2004 Boxster and Boxster-S are covered together, as are the 2006 911 GT3 and GT3-RS, but the 2006 911 Turbo is treated individually.

Competition models are very well represented with seven different versions of the 917 being described. There are two versions of the 550 Spyder and three versions of the 718 Spyder described. Even the Dreikantshaber of '63 is included, though only two were ever made. Similarly, the 787 and 804 Formula 1 cars are given separate treatments.

Coverage of modern vehicles is very complete with the Cayenne S, GTS and Turbo being given separate treatments in several years. There are two versions of the 918 Spyder plus the Boxster Spyder of 2015 and the Boxster 718 of 2016.

Even five Panameras and two Macans are there as well as the Cayman GT4.

All the cars - PORSCHE presents each vehicle as a two-page spread. The left-hand page tabulates the technical specifications with an inset photo of the vehicle in action. The right-hand page shows an artist's rendering of the side view, and a block of text describing the vehicle and how it fits into the evolution of Porsche automobiles. Though not segregated into categories, each description is coded in the upper right corner as GT, Sport or Prototype. There is also one Special, one Bus, two F1, two Indy and 15 SUV including (probably to the chagrin of Porsche Marketing) the 2015 Macan GTS.

A great reference book, but though interesting, it is rather tedious to try to read it cover-to-cover, but very practical for use as a *field guide* for Porsches. It is slightly smaller (except for thickness) than the original, glove-compartment sized PCA Panorama, but now neither the Pano nor glove compartments are the size they once were.

Because of its extensive coverage of Porsche automobiles and its concise presentation of comprehensive information, this is a book that every Porscheophile really should have.

All the cars - PORSCHE is hardcover, with 416, 6-3/4 x 8-1/2 inch pages. By the time you read this, it should be available for \$44.95 at your favorite bookseller (ask for it), or from www.quartoknows.com. (Search on "Ardizio" then click on the green picture).

