

PCGB Forum Rules

1.0 Introduction:

1.1 This Forum is provided by Porsche Club GB for the enjoyment of Club members. Non-members are welcome to enjoy open areas of the forum but should appreciate they are guests of the Club. Forum users are of all ages and backgrounds – please respect their sensibilities.

1.2 To assist in keeping the discussion in this forum courteous, and lawful, we have the following rules. If you don't agree with the rules, don't use the forum.

1.3 Failure to follow these rules may result in temporary or permanent moderation of all your posts and removal of your user status. If Club members pursue actions on the Forum which brings the Club into disrepute, they may be held responsible for their actions in relation to Club Membership rules.

1.4 We are advised that, if damages were sought in law for injurious posts, not only the original poster but the system provider, Club, Forum Moderators and Admin could be at risk. The Club will not accept such exposure, nor considers it acceptable for the Forum Admin and Moderators to be put at personal risk. As we do not have the resource to establish if potentially libellous posts are true, or otherwise, any post which may be considered injurious will be deleted without warning.

1.5 The Forum is run by unpaid volunteers, in their leisure time. They do not have the free time to enter into lengthy debate over their actions and may not be available for immediate decisions. Please respect their position.

1.6 The Club reserves the right to modify the forum rules at any time. It is the responsibility of the User to ensure they are conversant with the current rules.

2.0 Forum Profiles & Usernames:

2.1 Club Members should include their Club Membership Number within their profile. This allows a route of direct contact for Club Officials in event of query or dispute. Non-members and Club Members, who cannot be contacted directly by the Club, may be removed from the forum. The Club will be examining the introduction of a Forum Club Membership status for remote forum users.

2.2 Proper names are preferred as, in our opinion, these promote courteous behaviour.

2.3 Usernames which promote a product, service (including web sites & clubs), Company or are of any perceived commercial gain are not allowed.

2.4 Multiple forum registrations for one individual are not allowed.

3.0 Content:

3.1 When using this forum, you agree not to:

3.1.1 Post insulting, threatening or defamatory material or material likely to cause undue annoyance, provocation, upset or embarrassment to any reasonable person.

3.1.2 Name companies, or individuals, in relation to accusations of malpractice, fraud or other criminal or civil offences.

3.1.3 Use the forums to harass anyone, including but not limited to posting personal or private information and images.

3.1.4 Post pictures of children in any situation. UK law is such that pictures of children cannot be published without the consent of their parents/guardians. We do not have the resource to establish this permission.

3.1.5 Post material which infringes copyright or other intellectual property rights.

3.1.6 Post material, or provide links to material, that may be considered pornographic, violent, racist, sexist, voyeuristic, offensive, unlawful, or otherwise against any reasonable standard of behaviour. Post words which may be considered vulgar or use alternative spellings to indicate such or to confuse the forum profanity filter.

3.1.7 Post content, links to websites, or adverts for your own commercial gain or otherwise use the PCGB forums to bring attention to your product or service. Personal for sale postings are acceptable as long as they are an individual member/owner selling his/her personal car or accessories.

3.1.8 Reproduce private emails or other correspondence.

3.1.9 Reproduce deleted or locked threads or posts, or start new threads discussing them. If you think a thread or post should not have been deleted or locked, contact the relevant moderator. If the moderator is unable to help, please contact Admin; if Admin are unable to help please contact the Club Manager.

3.1.10 Post chain letters, pyramid schemes, SPAM, or such like, or transmit any file that contains viruses, corrupted files, "Trojan Horses," or any other contaminating or destructive features that may damage someone else's computer.

3.1.11 Include signatures that promote a product or service (including web sites & clubs), company or of any perceived commercial gain. It is suggested that a signature describe the model, year and key add ons for your Porsche.

3.1.12 Post content that is critical of the Club, its members, staff, officials, board of Directors, Porsche Cars GB and Porsche AG, or the Club partners.

3.1.13 Post content in relation to Club director elections.

4.0 Forum Etiquette:

4.1 Do not be critical of other members' posts or start threads designed to be critical of others. If you are unhappy with another post or with the conduct of a member, please use the 'Report Abuse' option.

4.2 Make sure that your message topics fit the description of the forum.

4.3 Don't quote the entire message that you're responding to, only the pertinent bit (use the 'quote' option).

4.4 Don't change the subject of a post when replying – many users scan headings only.

4.5 Only post pictures when necessary since they can consume large volumes of disk storage and make for slow responses. Multiple large and/or lightly compressed pictures slow the performance of the forums too much for modem users; please remember that each image file size should be less than 8MB and are limited to 10 images per post.

4.6 Keep signatures in the body of your posting to a reasonable length to ensure that the thread's content remains readable.

4.7 Don't post entire messages in CAPITALS, use excessive text speak, or unnecessary formatting.

4.8 Don't double post (post the same message twice in one thread) or cross post (place the same message across several forums).

4.9 Do not post new problems on someone else's thread and interrupt a topic of discussion.

5:0 Reporting Abuse:

5.1 Action when using the 'Report' icon at the bottom of the relevant post:

5.1.1 Selecting 'Report' causes the locator of the offending post to be sent, along with your user details, to the Moderators of the relevant Forum and to the Administrators. In most cases, Admin will make a simple judgment as to whether the report is valid and will advise the user who reported the 'abuse' and the moderator(s) of his decision; if this is not considered fair the reporter may write to the Board whose subsequent decision will be considered as final.

6:0 Copyright and Content Ownership:

6.1 Porsche Club GB does not claim copyright ownership of any material (text, image or video based) which you freely choose to post, upload or submit to any publicly or membership restricted accessible area of the Forum or Website under the www.porscheclubgb.com domain.

However, by doing so you are granting PCGB a world-wide, royalty free, non-exclusive licence to copy, distribute, transmit, reproduce, publicly display, edit, translate or publish such content for as long as the Club deems appropriate. In addition, you warrant that all so-called "moral rights" in those materials have been waived.

6.2 Unless a prior contract has been entered into between PCGB and content provider (poster), no monetary value applies to content uploaded to the Club website, discussion forum or other digital media hosted by the Club. No negotiation for retrospective payment of content submitted at the free will of its author will be considered.

6.3 Content under the www.porscheclubgb.com domain becomes the property of the Club – it's important to understand that this doesn't remove the copyright ownership from the author of the post. Posters make the free choice to place their content in the public domain, but having chosen to post, do not necessarily have the right to determine the future of that content within the realms of the space (forum) that they've engaged in. For example, demands to delete previously submitted content may not be considered.

6.4 You acknowledge that all information, text, graphics, logos, photographs, images, moving images, sound, illustrations and other materials (the "Content"), whether posted publicly or transmitted privately, are the sole responsibility of the person from whom such Content originated.

The Club does not control or endorse the Content and cannot guarantee the accuracy, integrity or quality of such Content and you acknowledge that by using the Services you may be exposed to content that is offensive and/or indecent. The Club will not be liable in any way for any Content or for any loss or damage of any kind resulting from the use of any Content transmitted via the Services and you agree to bear all risks associated with the use of any Content, including any reliance on the accuracy or completeness of such Content.

7.0 User Warnings and Suspensions:

7.1 Suspension of your access to the forum will be considered where you have been found to have broken the rules. Minor infractions will normally result in a warning from a Moderator or Forum Administrator however depending on the frequency, severity and nature of the offence, suspension can also be imposed which can vary from 48 hours to six months.

Persistent offenders will have their forum access terminated permanently.

7.2 If you feel you have been unfairly suspended you may appeal this decision with the Board in writing whose subsequent decision will be final.

7.3 If, after having your access to the forum terminated, you have been found to circumvent this by utilising an alternate User Profile this additional profile will also be terminated without notice and, should you also be a PCGB member, will be referred to the Board for potential action under Article 12 of the Club's rules.

8.0 Termination

8.1 The Club has the right to suspend and/or terminate your access to the Site and any or all of the Services at any time, without notice, for any reason, including without limitation, any breach of these Terms.

8.2 The Club may also at any time, at its sole discretion, discontinue the Site and/or the Services or any part thereof without prior notice and you agree that we shall not be liable to you or any third party for any termination of your access to the Site and/or Services.

8.0 Severance:

8.1 If any of these Terms should be determined to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction then such Term shall be severed and the remaining Terms and Conditions shall survive and remain in full force and effect and continue to be binding and enforceable.

If you have any questions about the privacy policy, the practices of this Site, or your dealings with this Site or any other website to which we provide links, please contact the PCGB Clubhouse.

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