

Buying a 911 SC

So you are thinking of buying a SC - good move! They are still good value for money and I intend to persuade you not to lust after another model whether it be a new 991 a 993 Turbo or a 2.7 RS. Once you own the SC she will soon show you that she is equal to all other 911s and better in many ways.

The body is fully galvanised and apart from a few problem areas is virtually rust free and any problems (Door slam posts, bumper mounts sills etc) are easily repaired as parts are available. The 3 litre engine is probably the most reliable Porsche ever made and simple to work on. The gearbox is tough and reliable and with time becomes a pleasure to master! The engine is not by any means the highest output in a 911 but it suits the chassis and has a broad spread of power. Making a car which I believe is one of the most pleasant to drive and equal to any other 911.

I have experience of a broad spread of models so I write with conviction even if I am a little biased. This is proved by the many proud owners who have had their cars for over 20 years, And the ex-owners who are now searching for another one having tried a later model.

When you view a SC check carefully for rust. When you start the engine cold it should start instantly - a small amount of smoke from the exhaust is normal but as soon as the engine is warm there should be no visible smoke. The gearbox is quite heavy but should be positive and gears should not jump out! The engine should sound smooth and rev freely. The ride is quite forgiving but you should have no banging and clanking. The brakes are heavy but very effective as is the clutch which should not slip. Make sure all the electrics work, it is common with lack of use for the fuses to corrode a quick clean solves most problems.

The Club's website will soon be incorporating a cars for sale module, but currently Piston Heads have a few SCs for sale.

The club is here to help its members so if you have any questions e-mail me at 911SC@porscheclubgb.com. Please provide your membership number as this service is a benefit of Club membership, however exceptions can be made if you are looking at buying an SC and promise to join once you own the car.

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