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Approved Tires, Wheels and Spacers (59 / 20)



WARNING

Incorrect tire pressure

- Uncontrollable vehicle handling
- ⇒ Adjust the tire pressure according to specifications. Never allow the pressure to fall below the minimum pressure.
- ⇒ Check age of tires. Replace tires that are more than 6 years old.
- ⇒ Perform visual inspections.
- ⇒ Only use tires recommended by Porsche.

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Model Year: As of 1991 up to 1995

Vehicle Type: 968

Information: Approved tires



WARNING

Driving with different tires (mixed tires)

- Uncontrollable vehicle handling
- ⇒ Only use tires of the same make and type, with the same speed index and the same specification code (N0, N1, N2, ...) on a vehicle.

Makes/Types:

Approved summer tires		
Tire size	Tire make and type	Comments / Label value (Link to EU database)
205/55 ZR16 (FA, RA)	Pirelli P Zero Rosso Asim- metrico N5	FA/RA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/596145

205/55 ZR16 (FA) 225/50 ZR16 (RA)	Pirelli P-Zero Direzionale N3 (FA) Pirelli P-Zero Asimmetrico N3 (RA)	968, all models without sports chassis FA/RA: Data currently not available
	Michelin Pilot Exalto PE2 N0	968, all models without sports chassis FA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/408538 RA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/412732
	Bridgestone Potenza S-02 N3	968, all models without sports chassis FA/RA: Data currently not available
	Continental ContiSport-Contact N1	968, all models without sports chassis FA/RA: Data currently not available
205/55 ZR16 (FA) 245/45 ZR16 (RA)	Continental ContiSport-Contact N2	FA/RA: Data currently not available
	Pirelli P Zero Trofeo R N0 (Ultra High Performance tires)	FA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/621929 RA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/621932
	Yokohama 8008P	FA/RA: Data currently not available
225/45 ZR17 (FA) 255/40 ZR17 (RA)	Bridgestone Potenza S-02 N3	968 MY 92 — 95 968 CS MY 93 — 95 FA/RA: Data currently not available
	Michelin Pilot Sport 2 N3	968 MY 92 — 95 968 CS MY 93 — 95 FA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/412319 RA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/412056
	Pirelli P Zero Rosso Asimmetrico N5	968 MY 92 — 95 968 CS MY 93 — 95 FA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/596141 RA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/596140
	Pirelli P Zero Trofeo R N0 (Ultra High Performance tires)	968 MY 92 — 95 968 CS MY 93 — 95 FA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/621933 RA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/621934

205/50 ZR17 (FA) 255/40 ZR17 (RA)	Michelin Pilot Sport 2 N3	FA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/409007 RA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/412056
	Pirelli P Zero Rosso Asimmetrico N5	FA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/596142 RA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/596140
	Pirelli P Zero Trofeo R N0 (Ultra High Performance tires)	FA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/621935 RA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/621934
	Bridgestone Potenza S 02A N4	FA/RA: Data currently not available
	Continental ContiSport-Contact 2 N2	FA/RA: Data currently not available
225/40 ZR18 (FA) 265/35 ZR18 (RA)	Pirelli P Zero Rosso Asimmetrico N4	FA: Data currently not available RA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/595111
	Bridgestone Potenza S 02A N3	FA/RA: Data currently not available
	Continental ContiSport-Contact 2 N2	FA/RA: Data currently not available
	Pirelli P Zero Trofeo R N0 (Ultra High Performance tires)	FA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/621936 RA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/621937
225/40 ZR18 (FA) 285/30 ZR18 (RA)	Michelin Pilot Sport 2 N3	FA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/411351 RA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/408435
235/40 ZR18 (FA) 285/30 ZR18 (RA)	Pirelli P Zero Rosso Asimmetrico N4	968 Turbo S MY 93 FA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/595113 RA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/595112



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Makes/Types:

Approved winter tires			
Tire size	Tire make and type	Snow chain clearance (only without spacers)	Comments / Label value (Link to EU database)
205/55 R16 M+S (FA) 205/55 R16 M+S (RA)	Pirelli W240 Sottozero Serie II N2	Yes	968 without sports chassis FA/RA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/596139
225/45 R17 M+S (FA) 255/40 R17 M+S (RA)	Pirelli Winter Sottozero 3 N2	No	FA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/595708 RA: https://eprel.ec.europa.eu/qr/595709



Information

N... = Specification code of the tire, e.g. "N0", "N1", "N2" ... The complete "N ..." code of the tires in question must be shown on the tire sidewall near the tire type designation.
Instructions for correct mounting of the tires are also given on the tire sidewall. If there are no mounting instructions on the tire sidewall, the tire must be mounted so that the DOT marking is visible from the outside.



Information

If a tire is damaged and it is not possible to determine with absolute certainty that there is no ply damage - with all of its consequences - or if the tire was thermally and/or mechanically overloaded due to a loss of pressure or other prior damage, replace the tire in question for safety reasons.
Repairs to "V", "W", "Y" and "ZR" tires are not permissible, as well as the use of inner tubes in tubeless tires. Please inform your customers accordingly. It is advisable to mount winter tires at temperatures below **45° F / 7°C**, because the driving characteristics of summer tires are reduced at low temperatures. Extremely low temperatures can cause permanent damage to summer tires.

Tire pressure:

	16-inch wheels	17-inch wheels	18-inch wheels
Front axle	2.5 bar (36 psi)	2.5 bar (36 psi)	2.5 bar (36 psi)
Rear axle	2.5 bar (36 psi)	2.5 bar (36 psi)	2.5 bar (36 psi)



Information

The tire pressure applies only to the tire makes and types approved by Porsche, and is specified for cold tires (approx. **68° F / 20°C**). The tire pressures must never be lower than the specified values.

Sizes:

Permissible summer tire, wheel and spacer sizes (RO = rim offset in mm)

Tires	Wheels	Comments
205/55 ZR16 (FA) 225/50 ZR16 (RA)	7J x 16, RO 52.3/55 8J x 16, RO 52.3/52	968, all models without sports chassis
225/45 ZR17 (FA) 255/40 ZR17 (RA)	7.5J x 17, RO 65 9J x 17, RO 55	968 MY 92 — 95 968 CS MY 93 — 95 Snow chains cannot be installed
	8J x 17, RO 52 9.5J x 17, RO 68 Only for Coupé vehicles	Only permitted with a 17-mm spacer, Part No. 996.361.617.00, for each wheel on the rear axle. The spacer must be removed when installing the spare wheel. Snow chains cannot be installed
235/40 ZR18 (FA) 285/30 ZR18 (RA)	8J x 18, RO 53 10J x 18, RO 65	968 Turbo S MY 93

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	8J x 17, RO 52 9.5J x 17, RO 68	not for 968 Cabriolet

Wheels:



Information

Improper handling can damage the wheel surface.

Carry out tire removal and mounting using a bead holding-down device only.

Use a leather pad on the rim flange to support the valve insertion tool.

Only use the Porsche centering clamping set for balancing.

Do not use brushes to clean the wheels because brushes can cause deep scratches that cannot be removed by polishing.

Never use solvents or other chemical substances on tires.

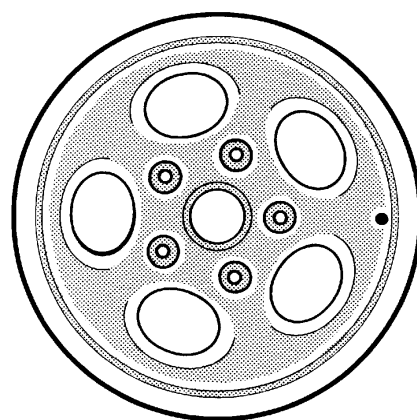
Overview of Porsche wheels

Identification on the inside/outside of the wheel disc:

Wheel size, rim offset (RO) in mm, Part No. and Porsche logo

7J x 16 H2, RO 55.0

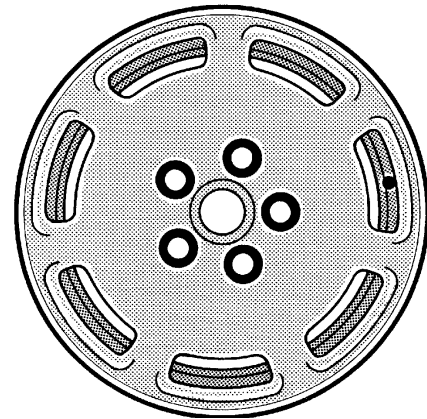
8J x 16 H2, RO 52.3



Alloy wheel, cast

7Jx16 H2, R0 52.3

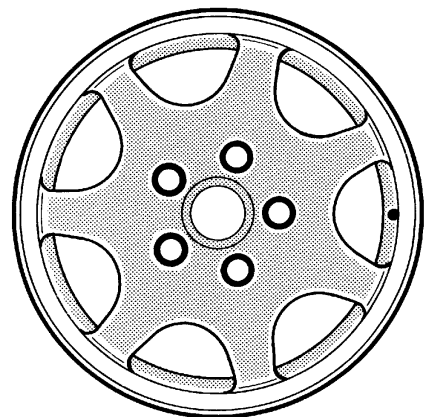
8Jx16 H2, R0 52.3



Disc wheel, forged

7Jx16 H2, R0 55.0

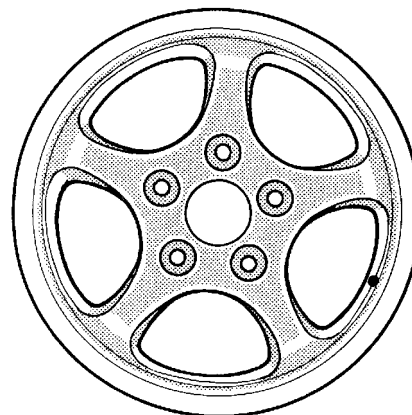
8Jx16 H2, R0 52.3



Design 90 wheel

7Jx 16 H2, R0 55.0

8Jx 16 H2, R0 52.0



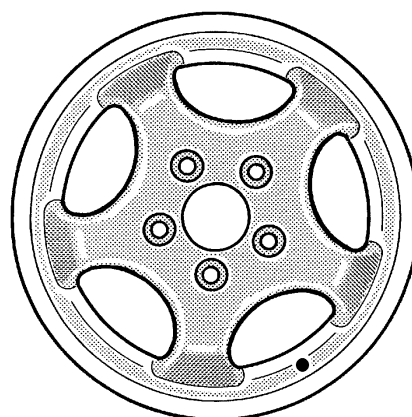
Cup Design

7.5Jx 17 AH, R0 65.0

9Jx 17 AH, R0 55.0

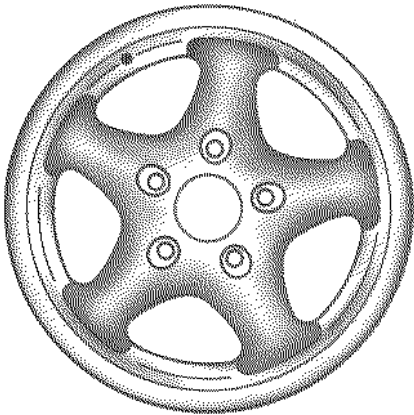
8Jx 17 AH, R0 52.0

9.5Jx 17 AH, R0 68.0



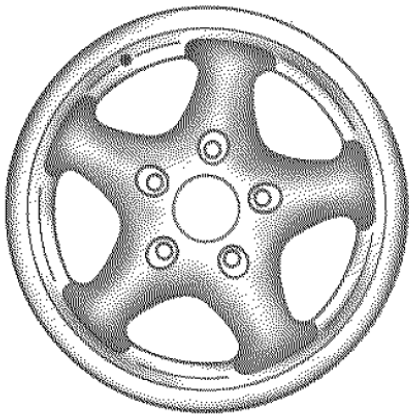
17-inch Cup Design

7.5J x 17 H2, R0 65.0
9J x 17 H2, R0 55.0



Cup Design '93 wheel

8J x 17 H2, R0 52
9.5J x 17 H2, R0 68



Cup Design '93 wheel

RS CUP wheel	n/a
8J x 18 H2, R0 52 polished	
RS CUP wheel	n/a
10J x 18 H2, R0 61 painted	

Wheel mounting: The tightening torque for securing wheels and spacers is **130 Nm (96 ftlb.)**.

- Wheel Storage:
- Tires must be stored in a cool, dry and dark room with adequate ventilation.
 - Tires must never come into contact with fuel, oil, grease or chemicals.
 - Do not store summer tires in storage areas with ambient temperatures of less than 5° F (-15° C).

- Complete wheel & tire assemblies can be stacked for storage; we recommend that you increase the tire pressure by approximately 6 psi (0.4 bar).
- Optimum conditions for storage of the complete wheels are provided by the Original Porsche storage trolley, Part No. 000.044.000.38.
- If the tires are not mounted on wheels, it is best to store them in a vertical position.
- We recommend that you turn tires stored in this position every two weeks in order to prevent flat spots.
- Tires that are stacked in a horizontal position will become severely deformed and cannot be seated properly in the rim flange when they are mounted.

General
Information:

- Always use new valves when changing tires.
- Always observe any possible instructions concerning the rolling direction and/or specifying which side the tires must be mounted on.
- Coat the tire beads and humps with mounting lubricant before mounting the tire. This ensures that the tire beads will slide over the humps easily.
- In order to prevent the tire from turning on the wheel, avoid extreme driving maneuvers (acceleration and braking) during the first 100 to 200 miles with new or recently mounted tires.
- In order to optimize smoothness of rolling, it is appropriate - and necessary in individual cases - to mount the tire in a certain (favorable) position with respect to the wheel (matching).

Matching (uncontrolled and controlled) is explained below: Uncontrolled matching:

- Turning the tire on the wheel by 90° or 120° if necessary in order to achieve an acceptable value with regard to rolling smoothness (true running, imbalance and weight distribution of balance weights).

Controlled matching:

- With a balancing machine with matching program. In most cases, this produces an even better result with regard to the rolling smoothness (true running, imbalance and weight distribution of the balance weights) than can be achieved with uncontrolled matching.
- Maximum permissible radial runout and lateral runout of the wheels < 0.7 mm. Maximum permissible radial runout and lateral runout of the wheels with tires < 1.25 mm. Values < 1.50 mm -ideally approx. 0.5 mm - are desirable.
- The mounting pressure (seating pressure) of 58 psi/4.0 bar overpressure must not be exceeded before both tire beads are evenly seated on the rim flange.

New Tires (Replacements):

- If new tires are to be mounted or the tires of one axle are to be replaced, tires of the same make, type and with the same specification code must always be used on each of the two axles.
- If tires are replaced on one axle only, the different tread depth from that on the other axle can cause a noticeable change in the familiar handling.
- This is especially the case if new tires are mounted on the rear axle.
- This effect decreases with increasing tire mileage.

When replacing a tire on an axle, make sure that the tread depth of the new tire does not differ from that of the other tire on the same axle by more than 30 %.

Refer to WM 449503 for specific details of the vehicle you are working on.

- >The 2mm specification will be given here.
- > If there is none listed then the default is 30%.

Repairs to Tires:

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Tire Aging:

- Tires age due to chemical and physical processes, which can impair their function.
- Tires that are stored unused for an extended period harden and become brittle faster than tires that are in continual use.
- Hairline aging cracks can occur on older tires.
- On tires in continual use, the kneading action activates the plasticizer in the rubber and thereby prevents hardening and cracking.
- Therefore, attention should be paid not only to the tread depth but also to the age of the tire.
- Tires should not be older than 6 years.
- The age of the tire can be determined via the DOT code on the sidewall, which indicates the production date of the tire: e.g. DOT 2201 = 22nd week of 2001.

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