

Tires approved by Porsche

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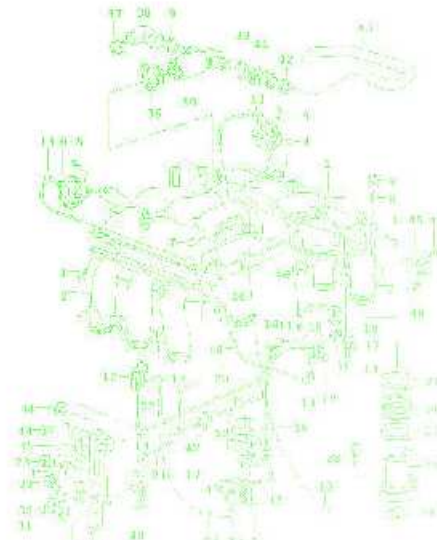
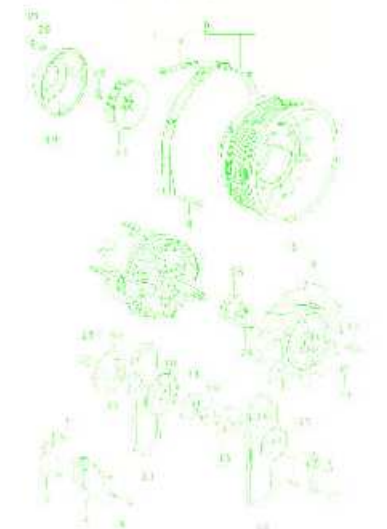
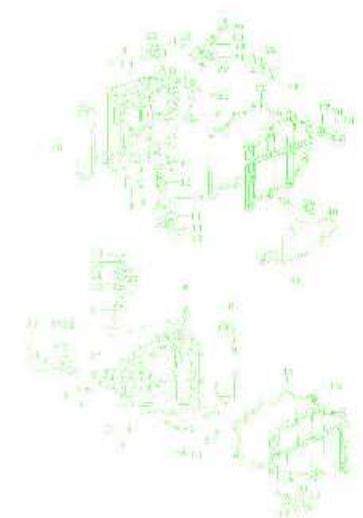
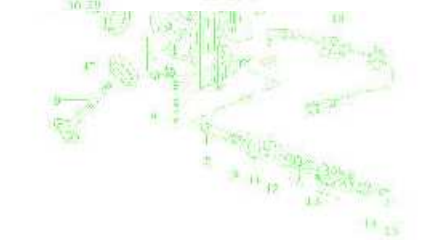
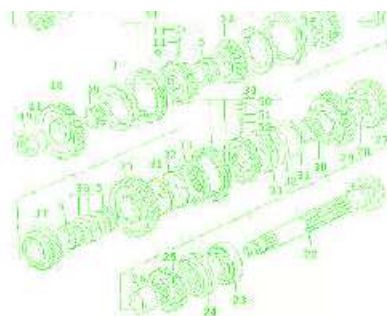
(Note: much of this information was obtained from the 1995 and 1996 Porsche Service Bulletins and the March '98 issue of "Christophorus")

I don't know if you are aware of it, but Porsche does extensive testing on the tires that go on their cars. This involves high speed testing at either the Nurburgring or Mugello race tracks, plus lab testing of maximum speed, wet traction, wear, and noise. For information, when a tire is approved by Porsche, it then will receive what I characterize as an "N" stamp, such as "N0", "N1", "N2", etc. Only tires approved by Porsche will receive these ratings. There is no real difference between an N0 or N1 rating; this simply means that when a manufacturer makes a change to a tire and Porsche re-tests it, the new rating for that tire changes from N0 to N1, for example.

From the above sources, the following are the list of Porsche-approved tires with the "N" specification.

Bridgestone Expedia S-01	N0, N1, N2
Bridgestone S-02	N2 or N3
Continental Sport Contact	N0 or N1
Dunlop SP Sport 8000	N0
Goodyear Eagle GSD	N2
Michelin MXX3 Pilot SX	N0, N1, N2
Michelin Pilot Sport SX	N0
Pirelli PZero	N0 or N1
Pirelli PZero Direzionale	N2 or N3
Pirelli PZero Asimmetrico	N2 or N3
Pirelli P700-Z	N0 or N1
Toyo Proxes F1 S	N0
Yokohama A-008P	N0 or N1
Yokohama AVS S-1Z	N1

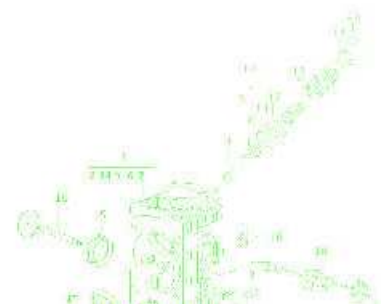
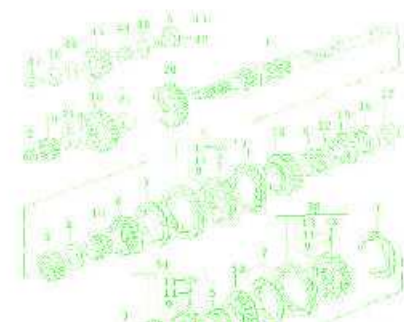
The following is a factory-original rim and tire size summary for various Porsche models:





Rim Size

Offset Tire Size



(F = Front R = Rear)

(mm)

928GTS

7 1/2 X 17	F	65.0	225/45 X 17
9 X 17	R	55.0	255/40 X 17

968

7 X 16	F	52.3, 55.0	205/55 X 16
8 X 16	R	52.3, 52.0	225/50 X 16
7 1/2 X 17	F	65.0	225/45 X 17
8 X 17	F	52.0	225/45 X 17
9 X 17	R	55.0	255/40 X 17
9 1/2 X 17	R(1)	68.0	255/40 X 17

(1) - requires 17mm spacing ring and longer wheel studs

'89 - '94 Carrera 2 and 4, RS America, Speedster

6 X 16	F	52.3	205/55 X 16
7 X 16	F	55.0	205/55 X 16
8 X 16	R	52.3	225/50 X 16
9 X 16	R	52.3	245/45 X 16
7 X 17	F(2)	55.0	205/50 X 17
8 X 17	R	52.0	255/40 X 17
8 X 17	F(3)	52.0	225/45 X 17
9 X 17	R	55.0	255/40 X 17
9 1/2 X 17	R(1)	68.0	275/35 X 17

(1) - requires 17mm spacing ring and longer wheel studs

(2) - requires new stop washers in steering rack

(3) - America Speedster only

'91 and '92 911 Turbo

7 X 17	F	55.0	205/50 X 17
9 X 17	R	55.0	255/40 X 17

993, C2S, C4S, Twin Turbo

7 X 16	F	55.0	205/55 X 16
9 X 16	R	70.0	245/45 X 16
7 X 17	F	55.0	205/50 X 17
9 X 17	R	55.0	255/40 X 17
8 X 18	F(1)	52.0	225/40 X 18
10 X 18	R	65.0	265/35 X 18
10 X 18	R	40.0	285/30 X 18

(1) - Requires steering rack support bracket on '95 and '96 993. 18" wheels not approved for mounting on '95 cars before chassis 99_7_SS_323614.

Boxster

7 X 16	R	40.0	205/55 X 16
7 X 17	F	55.0	225/50 X 16
8 1/2 X 17	R	50.0	205/50 X 17
7 1/2 X 18	F	52.0	255/40 X 17
9 X 18	R	52.0	225/40 X 18
996			
7 X 17	F	55.0	265/35 X 18
9 X 17	R	55.0	205/50 X 17
7 1/2 X 18	F	50.0	255/40 X 17
10 X 18	R	65.0	225/40 X 18
			265/35 X 17

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Year 2000 updated tire information

Approved summer tire manufacturers beginning model year 2000

Wheel size	Manufacturer	Trade name	Specification	Abbreviations	Short description
16"	Bridgestone	S-O2	N3	B3	All-around
	Continental	SportContact	N1	C1	Comfort
	Michelin	MXX3 Pilot SX	N2	M2	Sports
	Pirelli	PZero Direzionale*	N3	P3	Sports
	Pirelli	PZero Asimmetrico**	N3	P3	
	Yokohama	AVS S-1Z	N1	Y1	Comfort
	17"	Bridgestone	S-O2A***	N4	(B4)
Continental		SportContact	N1	C1	Comfort
Michelin		MXX3 Pilot SX	N1	M1	Sports
Pirelli		PZero Direzionale*	N2	P2	Sports
Pirelli		PZero Asimmetrico**	N2	P2	
18"	Bridgestone	S-O2	N2	B2	Sports
	Bridgestone	S-O2A***	N3	(B3)	
	Continental	SportContact	N1	C1	Comfort
	Dunlop	SP Sport 9090	N0	D0	All-around
	Michelin	Pilot Sport SX	N0	M0	Sports
	Pirelli	PZero Asimmetrico	N2	P2	Sports
	Pirelli	PZero Asimmetrico	N3	P3	Sports
*only for front axle	** only for rear axle	***release in preparation			

Only one manufacturer and one specification no. (N1;N2;....) may be mounted to vehicle;otherwise, driving performance can vary significantly.

Summer wheel/tire combinations beginning model year 2000

Wheel		Tire dimensions	Boxster*	Boxster S	911 Carrera/4 911 Cabrio/4	911 Carrera 911 Cabrio Exc/Teq wide tires	911 Carrera 4 911 Cabrio 4 Exc/Teq wide tires	911 Carrera 911 Cabrio Exc/Teq wide tires 320hp(235kW)	911 Carrera 4 911 Cabrio 4 Exc/Teq wide tires 320hp (235kW)	911 GT3	911 Turbo
Dimensions	Offset										
6JX16	50	205/55ZR16	B3;C1M2;P3;Y1								
7JX16	40	225/50ZR16	B3;C1M2;P3;Y1								
7JX17	55	205/50ZR17	(B4);C1;M1;P2	(B4) ;C1;M1;P2	(B4) ;C1;M1			(B4);C1	(B4);C1		
8.5JX17	50	255/40ZR17	(B4);C1;M1;P2	(B4) ;C1;M1;P2							
9JX17	55	255/40ZR17			(B4) ;C1;M1			(B4);C1	(B4);C1		
7.5JX18	50	225/40ZR18	C1;D0;P3	C1;D0;P3	C1;D0;P3			C1;D0**	C1;D0**		
8JX18	52	225/40ZR18				C1;M0;P2;P3	C1;M0;P2	C1;M0;P2;P3***	C1;M0;P2***	B2;M0;P3	
8JX18	50	225/40ZR18									(B3) ;P3
9JX18	52	265/35ZR18	C1;D0;P3	C1;D0;P3							
10JX18	65	265/35ZR18			C1;D0;P3			C1;D0**	C1;D0**		
10JX18	65	285/30ZR18				C1;M0;P2;P3	C1;M0;P2	C1;M0;P2;P3***	C1;M0;P2***	B2;M0;P3	
11JX18	45	295/30ZR18									(B3) ;P3

* 18 inches approved for Boxster only for '98 models or later; **combination 1; *** combination 2

"(B3)" and "(B4)" (in italics): releas in preparation

Corresponding tires: see column "abbreviations" under table "Approved summer tire manufacturers beginning model year 2000"

Year 1999 updated tire information

Approved summer tire manufacturers beginning model year '99

Wheel size	Manufacturer	Trade name	Specification	Abbreviations	Short description	
16 inches	Bridgestone	S-O2	N3	B3	All-around	
	Continental	SportContact	N1	C1	Comfort	
	Michelin	MXX3 Pilot SX	N2	M2	Sports	
	Pirelli	PZero Direzionale*)	N3	P3	Sports	
			PZero Asimmetrico**)	N3	P3	
17 inches	Yokohama	AVS S-1Z	N1	Y1	Comfort	
	18 inches	Bridgestone	S-O2	N2	B2	Sports
		Continental	SportContact	N1	C1	Comfort
		Michelin	Pilot Sport SX	NO	(M0)	release in preparation
		Pirelli	PZero Asimmetrico	N3	P3	Sports

*) only for front axle

***) only for rear axle

Only one manufacturer and one specification no. (N1;N2;...) maybe mounted to vehicle; otherwise driving performance can vary significantly.

Summer wheel/tire combinations beginning model year '99

Wheel		Tire dimensions	Boxster *) (986)	911 Carrera 911 Cabrio (996)	911 Carrera 4 911 Cabrio 4 (996)	911 Carrera Exclusive (320PS) (996)	911 Carrera 4 Exclusive (320PS) (996)	911 GT3 (996)
Dimensions	Offset							
6JX16	50	205/55 ZR16	B3;C1;M2;P3;Y1					
7JX16	40	225/50 ZR16	B3;C1;M2;P3;Y1					
7JX17	55	205/50 ZR17	B3;C1;M1;P2	B3;C1;M1;P2	C1;M1;P2	B3;C1;P2	C1;P2	
8.5JX17	50	255/40 ZR17	B3;C1;M1;P2					
9JX17	55	255/40 ZR17		B3;C1;M1;P2	C1;M1;P2			
7.5JX18	50	225/40 ZR18	C1;P3	C1;P3	C1;P3	C1	C1	
8JX18	52	225/40 ZR18						B2; (M0);P3
9JX18	52	265/35 ZR18	C1;P3					
10JX18	65	265/35 ZR18		C1;P3	C1;P3	C1	C1	
10JX18	65	285/30 ZR18						B2; (M0);P3

*) 19 inches approved for Boxster only for '98 models or later

(M0): release in preparation

Corresponding tires: see column "abbreviations" under table "Approved summer tire manufacturers beginning model year '99"

Year 1998 updated tire information

Approved summer tire manufacturers beginning model year '98

Wheel size	Manufacturer	Trade name	Specification	Abbreviations
16 inches	Bridgestone	S-O2	N3	B3
	Continental	SportContact	N1	C1
	Michelin	MXX3 Pilot SX	N2	M2
	Pirelli	PZero Direzionale)*	N3	(P3)
	Pirelli	PZero Asimmetrico)**	N3	(P3)
	Toyo	Proxes F1 S	N0	T0
	Yokohama	AVS S-1Z	N1	Y1
17 inches	Bridgestone	S-O2	N3	B3
	Continental	SportContact	N1	C1
	Dunlop	SP Sport 8000	N0	D0
	Michelin	MXX3 Pilot SX	N1	M1
	Pirelli	PZero Direzionale)*	N2	P2
		PZero Asimmetrico)**	N2	P2
	Toyo	Proxes F1 S	N0	T0
18 inches	Bridgestone	S-O2	N2	B2
	Continental	SportContact	N1	C1
	Michelin	Pilot Sport SX	N0	(M0)
	Pirelli	PZero Asimmetrico	N2	P2
	Pirelli	PZero Asimmetrico	N3	(P3)

)* only for front axle/)** only for rear axle italicized: in preparation

Only one manufacturer and one specification no. (N1;N2;...) maybe mounted to vehicle; otherwise driving performance can vary significantly.

Summer wheel/tire combinations beginning model year '98

Wheel		Tire dimensions	Boxster)* (1986)	911 Carrera 911 Carrera 4 911 Cabrio (1993)	911 Targa (1993)	911 Carrera S)** (1993)	911 Carrera 4S 911 Turbo (1993)	911 Carrera (1996)
Dimensions	Offset							
6JX16	50	205/55 ZR16	B3;C1;M2;(P3);Y1					
7JX16	40	225/50 ZR16	B3;C1;M2;(P3);Y1					
7JX16	55	205/50 ZR16		B3;C1;M2;(P3);T0				
9JX16	70	245/45 ZR16		B3;C1;M2;(P3);T0				
7JX17	55	205/50 ZR17	B3;C1;M1;P2	B3;C1;D0;M1;P2;T0	B3;C1;D0;M1;P2;T0	B3;C1;D0;M1;P2;T0		B3;C1;M1;P2
8.5JX17	50	255/40 ZR17	B3;C1;M1;P2					
9JX17	55	255/40 ZR17		B3;C1;D0;M1;P2;T0	B3;C1;D0;M1;P2;T0	B3;C1;D0;M1;P2;T0		B3;C1;M1;P2
7.5JX18	50	225/40 ZR18	C1;(M0);P2;(P3)					C1;(M0);(P3)
8JX18	52	225/40 ZR18		C1;(M0);P2;(P3)		B2;P2	B2;P2	
9JX18	52	265/35 ZR18	C1;(M0);P2;(P3)					
10JX18	65	265/35 ZR18		C1;(M0);P2;(P3)				C1;(M0);(P3)
10JX18	40	285/30 ZR18				B2;P2	B2;P2	

)* 19 inches approved for Boxster only for '98 models or later

)** 17 inches only in combination with 31 mm spacer ring on the rear axle

Corresponding tires: see column "Table abbreviations" under table "Approved summer tire manufacturers beginning model year '98"

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