

Fifth generation - Design and model variants

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Model variants

With its many new variants, the 996 saw Porsche begin an unprecedented product strategy. Along with the familiar 911 Carrera, 911 Carrera 4 and 911 Turbo with its different Coupé, Cabriolet and Targa

bodies, the highlight of the 996 model series appeared in 1999 in the form of the 911 GT3, which followed in the tradition of the 911 Carrera RS. From autumn 2000, the 462 PS 911 GT2 brought an even more extreme sports car to the range, and featured ceramic brakes as standard. In 2004, Porsche also started selling the track-focused 911 GT3 RS.

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