



1972 Porsche 911E Targa - Ölklappe

Originally delivered to Germany in December 1971, this Porsche 911E Targa Ölklappe was discovered after many years in storage and subsequently acquired in December 2021. Retaining its original matching engine, the car became the subject of a comprehensive restoration programme focused on originality, authenticity and factory-correct presentation.

Finished in its original Pastelgelb over black leather specification, the mechanically fuel-injected 2.4-litre flat-six once again delivers the character and driving experience that defined the 911E on delivery in 1972.

The 1972 Ölklappe

For the 1972 model year, Porsche introduced one of the most distinctive, desirable and collectible features ever fitted to the 911: an external oil filler flap positioned on the right-hand rear wing.

Intended to provide convenient access during refuelling and routine servicing, the design reflected Porsche's continual pursuit of practical engineering solutions.

Although innovative, the arrangement occasionally led to confusion at fuel stations and was discontinued after a single year of production. As a result, the 1972 'Ölklappe' models remain unique within the long-bonnet 911 lineage and continue to be highly sought after by collectors and enthusiasts alike.

This example combines the distinctive one-year-only Ölklappe configuration with the iconic Targa body style. Introduced in 1965, the Targa combined open-air motoring with the security of a fixed roll-over bar, creating one of the most recognisable silhouettes in Porsche history. The name "Targa" was derived from the legendary Targa Florio endurance race in Sicily, an event Porsche had already won four times by the model's introduction and one that remains closely associated with the marque's motorsport heritage.

Vehicle Specification

Model	Porsche 911 E
Construction Form	Targa
Engine:	2.2L Flat-Six
Build Date:	December 1971
Model Year:	1972 Ölklappe
Country Shipped:	Germany
Transmission:	915/02 Five-Speed
Exterior Colour:	Pastelgelb (Pastel Yellow)
Interior Trim:	Black Leather
Wheels:	15 Fuchs

Vehicle History

Delivered new to Germany, the car spent the first [years] years of its life in its country of origin before arriving in the United Kingdom in 1981.

Over the following decades it passed through a small number of custodians, including respected restoration specialist Paul [Surname], owner of [Business Name] in [Location]. The car subsequently passed to a gentleman in Bude, Cornwall. Following a relocation to London, the vehicle was placed into long-term storage after only a brief period of use.

Remaining dormant for many years, this 911E came to our attention through previous restoration

projects and was acquired in December 2021. Recognising the significance of this rare 1972 Ölklappe Targa, a comprehensive restoration programme was undertaken with the objective of returning the car to factory-correct standard.

Restoration Ethos

The restoration was completed as a true, comprehensive, nut-and-bolt rebuild with originality and factory correctness remaining the guiding principles throughout.

From the outset, the ethos of the project was to preserve as much of the original factory car as possible, retaining original character and authenticity throughout the restoration process wherever practical.

Every component of the vehicle was carefully restored, refinished or renewed to achieve a presentation and driving experience closely aligned with the character of the car as delivered in 1972.

Mechanical systems were comprehensively rebuilt during the restoration, including the engine, suspension, transmission, braking and fuel systems.

The result is a highly detailed and sympathetically restored 911E Ölklappe, completed with an emphasis on originality, craftsmanship and long-term preservation.



Body Restoration

The restoration commenced with a complete strip-down to a bare shell, allowing a detailed assessment of the body structure before restoration work began.

Close attention was given to body integrity, panel fit and alignment throughout the rebuild, with the objective of returning the shell to a highly original, factory-correct standard. Where required, genuine Porsche panels were sourced to ensure correct fit, appearance and authenticity consistent with the original construction of the vehicle.

Following completion of the restoration, the shell was refinished in its original Pastelgelb colour, faithfully returning the car to its correct 1972 specification.

Original Flat-Six Engine

The original matching flat-six engine was comprehensively rebuilt to factory specification.

Specialist machining and preparation work on the case halves, including align honing to factory tolerances, was supported by Greatworth Classics during the engine restoration programme.

The mechanically fuel-injected 2.4-litre flat-six has been restored to its original specification and delivers the distinctive character of the 911E exactly as intended on delivery in 1972.

Interior & Trim

The interior was restored with the same emphasis on originality applied throughout the project. Finished in black leather, the cabin retains the simple and driver-focused character that defines the early long-bonnet 911, including its original dashboard, instruments and characteristic five-dial layout.

Originality & Documentation

Retaining its original matching engine, the car is accompanied by a Porsche Certificate of Authenticity confirming its factory specification and provenance.

A substantial history file accompanies the vehicle, comprising invoices, ownership records and supporting documentation accumulated throughout its life. The restoration itself is comprehensively documented through an extensive restoration archive, including photographs, video records and supporting documentation recorded from acquisition through to completion.

Although exempt from MOT testing as a Historic Vehicle, the car has recently undergone and passed an MOT inspection. Together with the accompanying documentation, this provides a detailed record of the vehicle's condition, restoration and continued roadworthiness.

Contributors

The restoration was completed by a small team of engineers and specialists whose experience spans mechanical engineering, precision machining, historic motorsport and classic vehicle restoration.

Every stage of the project was guided by the principles of originality, engineering integrity and long-term usability, combining traditional craftsmanship with meticulous attention to detail to return the car to a factory-correct standard while preserving the character of the original platform.

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