

Lighten up

In last month's *Buying Power* we featured the lightweight glassfibre wings produced by EB Motorsport for the super rare and racy 1960s 911R – or more likely for replicas of it – and now the Yorkshire race car parts specialist has introduced doors of a similar construction for the same model. They are priced at £1320 per pair, including VAT but not carriage, the same price EB charges for the “ordinary” early 911 doors. Claimed to be the most authentic 911R doors available, they are designed to accept factory window frames, which allows the later style of lightweight glazing, and have a panel for internal toggle openers. The doors are supplied in a white gelcoat, which is suitable to be left unpainted, with an option of a black finish for the internal panel.

It is quite likely that the original hinges will not be reusable, because half of each hinge is riveted to the door (the other half is bolted to the body) and cannot easily be removed, but also because the pin sometimes seizes and cannot be extracted from the hinge. Hence for £912 including VAT EB offers a full replica hinge set for both doors, which are machined from billet aluminium and with a detailed aluminium pin and bronze bush. This is more involved than simply using a plain steel pin with no bush, but EB's way makes the hinge last longer and operate without squeaks, the firm says. Each hinge assembly is also 250g lighter than the standard cast steel item, thus saving a kilo of chassis weight – important in the weight obsessed racing world. More details on the doors and hinges can be seen at www.eb-motorsport.co.uk



Eibach goes low and wide on 991

Eibach manufactures a fully TUV-approved suspension upgrade for the current 991 model 911. Their Pro-Kit spring upgrade lowers the car subtly (20-25mm at the front, and 15mm at the rear) without inducing harshness or spoiling the car's balance and is suitable for both the 3.4 and 3.8 variants in both coupe and convertible form. When it comes to creating chassis enhancements for the 991, Eibach has an advantage over other aftermarket manufacturers thanks to its working relationship with Porsche, granting it unparalleled access to all chassis data throughout the 991's development cycle.

To complement the lowered stance, Eibach also offers a range of Pro-Spacers. These are precision manufactured, hub-centring spacers, which are machined from aerospace grade aluminium and available in a wide variety of widths. They are perfect for increasing the track measurement for enhanced steering feel and 'turn in.' The Pro-Kit retails at £317.39+VAT and the Pro-Spacer kits start from £96.52+VAT per pair for the 7mm (per side) versions.

For more info contact: www.eibach.com Tel: 01455 285851.



The Tyre DEPOT

Pirelli spends much time and effort ensuring its tyre outlets match to the expected standard.

Among the biggest concerns when having tyres fitted to your Porsche will always be, 'how good are the fitters?', 'will they scratch the wheels on my car?', or even 'do they know what they are doing?' Pirelli has created the Pirelli Performance Centre or PPC Network, established in 1998, where each Centre's key objective has been to provide high technical skill and commitment to service, allowing the Italian tyre maker to confidently direct drivers of high performance cars to one of its depots. The reason Pirelli can be so confident with this network is that each site has to conform to the industry's most demanding technical audit, which has to be passed twice a year. The audit is constantly evolving, with the current one consisting of over 130 separate items. This ensures the highest standards are achieved, maintained and – crucially – increased in each PPC. The depot with the best audit results for the year is awarded the prestigious title of Pirelli Performance Centre of the Year – an industry recognised achievement.

BMTR in Birmingham was announced as Pirelli's PPC of the Year after achieving a near perfect score in the final 2013 audit, for the second year running. Founded in 1919, it is one of the UK's oldest independent tyre retailers and the family owned independent business is also part of Group Tyre.

Pirelli, one of the world leaders in high performance tyres, is the tyre choice of many leading manufacturers, and has developed a network of dealers targeted at drivers of high performance vehicles. The Pirelli Performance Centres are technically capable of servicing high performance vehicles and hold stock of all key performance tyre sizes.

