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Porsche Exclusive to Produce New 911 Speedster

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I'm not sure how a 201,000-euro convertible Porsche sits alongside Max Hoffman's 1950s concept of a light, lower-cost version of the 356, but Porsche will unveil a new 'Speedster' at this year's Paris Show.

The fourth model to carry the famous name, the latest **Speedster** will also feature a cut-down, more raked windscreen and a manually operated hood covered by characteristic 'double-bubble' humps on the rear bodywork.

The car will come only in two-wheel drive, and the rear wheelarches have been extended by 44mm for an extra-butch stance on the road. Increased performance over standard comes courtesy of an engine specification from the recently announced **Carrera GTS**.

As standard, the limited-edition (to just 356 examples) roadster will have almost every extra in

Porsche's bulging catalogue. This includes **Porsche Ceramic Composite Brake** discs, a **PDK** 7-speed transmission, **Porsche Active Suspension Management** and a differential lock.



This, and the exclusivity, partly explains the eye-watering price: **201,682 euros including VAT** in Germany.

The last limited-run car produced by **Porsche Classic** was the similarly expensive **911 Sport Classic**. The offshoot of **Porsche** will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2011.



Inside the car, a chequered flag motif features large, with black and white inserts in the seats. A new colour - unique to the new **Speedster** - '**Pure Blue**' is standard, although **Carrera White** is a no-cost option. The car will be available to order later this year for deliveries in 2011, the year when it is anticipated the **Stuttgart** manufacturer will launch an all-new 911.

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