

CLASSIC DRIVER

1967 Porsche 911 - Soft Window Targa

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- Sold
- **Year of manufacture** 1967
- **Mileage** 185 km / 115 mi
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Chassis number** 500*18
- **Number of seats** 4
- **Number of doors** 2
- **Performance** 130 PS / 96 kW / 129 BHP
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
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- **Drive** LHD
- **Interior colour** Black
- **Condition** Restored
- **Location**



- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Red
- **Car type** Targa
- **Exterior brand colour** Polo Red
- **Interior brand colour** Black Leatherette
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Description

Fully documented restoration
One of the earliest Targa's on the market
Desirable soft window configuration
THE 911 TARGA

The loss of an open car in Porsche's lineup was addressed with the September 1965 introduction of a new Targa roof model at the Frankfurt Auto Show. Commemorating Porsche's successive wins at the famous Sicilian road race, the new model was called Targa - a term coined to describe the open roof body style. A production version became available the following year on both the 911 and 912.

Featured was a rather substantial safety rollover hoop finished in a satin-look steel with a lift-off roof in two sections - a rigid plastic panel over the passenger compartment and a zip-out plastic rear window. Initially, Targas rolled off assembly lines at a rate of seven per day (out of a total production of 55), but the number was quickly increased due to their popularity. Despite the larger numbers, just 718 were built during the first year of production.

Beginning with February 1966 production, the factory adopted Weber carburetors in place of the Solex models, addressing a flat spot in acceleration noted with earlier models. With the introduction of an updated model in August 1968, the rear window was changed to glass, adding to the collectability of the original zip-out rear 'soft-window' models, such as this example.

THIS 911 TARGA

This 911 came to Europe in 2016, being a verid solid car it still could do with some TLC and the buyer decided to have a no expense spared - so called - "nut-n-bolt" restoration. A Porsche Certificate of Authenticity confirms it is no longer a numbers-matching example but it is restored to its as-delivered color scheme. The engine and gearbox are period correct and entirely restored as well. Engine #911815 is a correct 1967 Weber carburetted engine. Gearbox #3281293 is a 5-speed gearbox also from 1967.

Finished in Polo Red, the restoration to original specification was completed by RSC Automobile in 2016. Still retaining a lot of original panels, the restoration was completed in 2017 and has been photo-documented and is available for inspection. This is a wonderful example of the sought-after "soft-window" Targa.

This is particular example is one of the earliest Targa ever and is known to be the first Targa ever officially sold & delivered to the USA. Specialists on this topic say:

" ° Why would the factory report (assuming they are not wrong) the first Targa was delivered in early summer 1967 if other records show one was on US soil (or produced?) in January 1967 ?

- 500018 came over 31.01.67.; a Polo red 911 non S. 018 left the factory 1/67. 500024 (a polo red S), 500025 (a gulf blue S) and 500027 were also built 1/67 and went straight to the USA. These were registered 3/67 and 4/67. 500005 and 500008 did not make it to the US shore until 7/67, although both of them were built months before the first US-bound cars (9/66). Hope I am not overstepping my boundaries with this rhetoric, Curt."

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