



A Carrera 4 on steroids? An all-new Turbo based on Porsche's 993 platform? Zero to 60 in less than 4 seconds? Yes, yes and yes. What we're talking about, of course, is Porsche's brand-new 911 Turbo, a 400-bhp rocket that says "goodbye" to turbo lag and just about every car on the road, even the 300-bhp Lotus Esprit S4S tested on page 88. Accompanying our Porsche test is a look back at the significant Turbos over the years. And for some less expensive fun, check out Dodge's new Neon Sport Coupe.

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- 1995 Lotus Esprit S4S—the end of an ear-splitter: presenting the final chapter in the saga of the hardest-working 4-cylinder engine in the business
- Dodge Neon Sport Coupe—Chrysler's fun-loving \$15,000 twincam pocket-size performer delivers a full-size dose of snap, crackle and pop

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- Ferrari F355 Spider-what's better than a Ferrari F355? An open-air Ferrari F355 Spider that hasn't lost rigidity or speed
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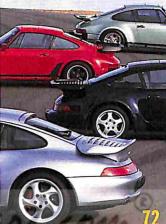
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- Ampersand—fast, fun future-cars: Get ready for a new Audi targa and **50** cabrio, the V-8 Taurus SHO, Plymouth's wild Prowler and a V-12 Lagonda
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