

944 ITS/Spec 944 Cross-build

Posted by Tedxdigs - 05 Feb 2018 05:53

Hello all! Hope you're having a good day.

My name is Ted Hough, and I'm building a racing car for the first time, got the bug at a PDX event in my Fiesta, currently a Ford Apprentice mechanic.

My question for the forum is this.

I know that the 1987 944 has a different stock wheel-size than the 1986-and-earlier 944.

The size currently on my car is a 16x7 inch Phone-Dial rim (Which is illegal for 944). Could it be possible to downsize to the 15x7 rim size and still have suspension/Brake clearance? Or am I going to run into fitment issues? The 1987 rim is 16x7, 52.3mm offset. And the 1986's are 15x7 with a 23.3mm offset.

If I can downsize for a 15x7 wheel, where can I find affordable wheels that aren't complete trash? I've been looking around and it seems like the cheapest/best I can find is a "Diamond" brand racing wheel, but I'm not sure if they'd be Back-spaced properly.

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Re: 944 ITS/Spec 944 Cross-build

Posted by AgRacer - 08 Feb 2018 07:03

Jongbloed makes a wheel that fits the 944 in a 15" size and in many different widths and off sets plus are a couple pounds lighter than the stock offerings outside of the fuchs.

philstireservice.com/shop/jrw-series-500-porsche-944/

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Re: 944 ITS/Spec 944 Cross-build

Posted by Tedxdigs - 08 Feb 2018 08:00

Those could be nice, but wouldn't they be illegal? The rules state it has to be a 15x7 wheel.

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Re: 944 ITS/Spec 944 Cross-build

Posted by AgRacer - 08 Feb 2018 11:35

If you are running 944Spec, you have to use either the early cookie cutter/phone dial or late phone dial offset OEM 15x7 wheel. No custom, aftermarket, modified wheels are allowed in 944Spec. I was under the impression you were looking into wheel options for AutoX/SCCA as well, which might allow aftermarket.

For 944Spec, stock 15x7 wheels only.

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Re: 944 ITS/Spec 944 Cross-build

Posted by cbuzzetti - 08 Feb 2018 14:02

I checked with Phils tire 6 months ago about the Jonbloed wheels. They had none in stock and were not expecting anything soon. That may have changed.

I bought 8 of the 15x9" wheels for PTD. The wheels provided a 2 second reduction in lap times using the Spec tire.

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