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**PORSCHE CARRERA CUP CARS UNVEILED**

SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, March 10, 1992 --- Porsche Motorsport North America today revealed the new race car for the 1992 IMSA Porsche Carrera Cup series.

Nearly identical to cars raced in European Carrera Cup events, IMSA Carrera Cup entries are highly modified race versions of the Porsche 911 Carrera 2 production car. They enter the United States as street-legal vehicles and are then converted to race cars. These competition models feature more powerful engines, lighter overall weight, stiffer chassis and suspension systems and stronger brakes than the standard Carrera 2.

Carrera Cup Cars utilize the same classic 3.6-liter six-cylinder air-cooled Porsche engine found in the Carrera 2. Power has increased from the standard 247 hp to 271 hp. A tuned racing exhaust system has been added, but the catalytic converter retained, allowing the engine to run on 98 octane unleaded pump gasoline.

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The deletion of many comfort and convenience items on the Carrera Cup Car as well as the addition of numerous lightweight components have resulted in a weight saving of more than 500 lbs. over the Carrera 2. The competition model also incorporates a more rigid chassis as the result of various reinforcement welds, added cross members and the installation of a welded-in rollcage.

The Cup Car's racing suspension features stiffer springs and shock absorbers and an enlarged front five-way adjustable 24 mm stabilizer bar. Stopping efficiency has been enhanced in the four-wheel disc brake system with the addition of Porsche 911 Turbo brakes in the front and special Carrera Cup brakes in the rear. Each utilizes Pagid RS 4 racing brake pads.

To ensure greater adhesion, wheel and tire sizes on the Cup Car have been increased. The model is equipped with 8 x 17 front and 9.5 x 17 rear wheels compared to the 6 x 16 front and 8 x 16 rear wheels found on the standard Carrera 2. All North American Cup Cars will race on the new Toyo F1-SR Z-speed-rated street radial tire with racing compound. Tire sizes are 235/45/17 front and 255/40/17 rear.

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After modifications, all Carrera Cup cars will be delivered to competitors as turn-key race cars (not legal for street use). In addition to performance equipment, each car is outfitted with a driver's racing seat with six-point seat belt, fire extinguisher, driver's side safety window net, tow hook and external electrical cutoff switch.

North American Carrera Cup production for the 1992 season is limited to 45 cars. Final purchase price for each vehicle after modification is approximately \$100,000 plus a \$10,000 performance bond promising participation in the 1992 Cup.

To maintain equal competition throughout the entire 1992 eight-race schedule, all engines and transmissions on Carrera Cup entries will be sealed. Engine management systems will also be controlled. No unauthorized preparation in any of these areas will be permitted nor will substitution of any parts be allowed.

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