

## **PCGB Forum Rules** – Revised 5/2/09

### **1.0 Introduction:**

- 1.1 This Forum is provided by Porsche Club GB for the enjoyment of Club members. Non members are welcome to enjoy open areas of the forum but should appreciate they are guests of The Club. Forum users are of all ages and backgrounds – please respect their sensibilities.
- 1.2 To assist in keeping the discussion in this forum courteous, and lawful, we have the following rules. **If you don't agree with the rules, don't use the forum.**
- 1.3 Failure to follow these rules may result in temporary or permanent moderation of all of your posts and removal of your user status. If Club Members pursue actions on the Forum which brings the Club into disrepute they may be held responsible for their actions in relation to Club Membership rules.
- 1.4 We are advised that, if damages were sought in law for injurious posts, not only the original poster but the system provider, Club, Forum Moderators and Admin could be at risk. The Club will not accept such exposure, nor considers it acceptable for the Forum Admin and Moderators to be put at personal risk. As we do not have the resource to establish if potentially libellous posts are true, or otherwise, **any post which may be considered injurious will be deleted without warning.**
- 1.5 The Forum, is run by unpaid volunteers, in their leisure time. They do not have the free time to enter into lengthy debate over their actions and may not be available for immediate decisions. Please respect their position.
- 1.6 The Club reserves the right to modify the forum rules at any time. It is the responsibility of the User to ensure they are conversant with the current rules.

### **2.0 Forum Profiles & User Names:**

- 2.1 Club Members should include their Club Membership Number within their profile. *This allows a route of direct contact for Club Officials in event of query or dispute. Non Members and Club Members, who can not be contacted directly by the Club, may be removed from the forum. The Club will be examining the introduction of a Forum Club Membership status for remote forum users.*
- 2.2 Proper names are preferred as, in our opinion, these promote courteous behaviour.
- 2.3 User Names which promote a product, service (including web sites & clubs), Company or are of any perceived commercial gain are not allowed.
- 2.4 Multiple forum registrations for one individual are not allowed.

### **3.0 Content:**

- 3.1 When using this website you agree **not to**:
  - 3.1.1 Post insulting, threatening or defamatory material or material likely to cause undue annoyance, provocation, upset or embarrassment to any reasonable person.
  - 3.1.2 Name companies, or individuals, in relation to accusations of malpractice, fraud or other criminal or civil offences.
  - 3.1.3 Use the forums to harass anyone, including but not limited to posting personal or private information and images.
  - 3.1.4 Post pictures of children in any situation.  
*UK law is such that pictures of children can not be published without the consent of their parents/guardians. We do not have the resource to establish this permission.*
  - 3.1.5 Post material which infringes copyright or other intellectual property rights.
  - 3.1.6 Post material, or provide links to material, that may be considered pornographic, violent, racist, sexist, voyeuristic, offensive, unlawful or otherwise against any reasonable standard of behaviour. Post words which may be considered vulgar or use alternative spellings to indicate such or to confuse the forum profanity filter.
  - 3.1.7 Post content, links to websites, or adverts for your own commercial gain or otherwise use the PCGB forums to bring attention to your product or service.  
*Personal for sale postings are acceptable as long as they are an individual member/owner selling his/her personal car or accessories.*
  - 3.1.8 Reproduce private emails or other correspondence.
  - 3.1.9 Reproduce deleted posts or start threads discussing them.  
*If you think a post or thread should not have been deleted, contact the relevant moderator. If the moderator is unable to help please contact Admin; if Admin is unable to help please contact the Club Chairman.*
  - 3.1.10 Post chain letters, pyramid schemes, SPAM or such like, or transmit any file that contains viruses, corrupted files, "Trojan Horses," or any other contaminating or destructive features that may damage someone else's computer.
  - 3.1.11 Include signatures that promote a product or service (including web sites & clubs), company or of any perceived commercial gain.  
*It is suggested that a signature describe the model, year and key add-ons for your Porsche.*

#### 4.0 **Forum Etiquette:**

- 4.1 Do not be critical of other members' posts or start threads designed to be critical of others.  
*If you are unhappy with another post or with the conduct of a member please use the 'Report Abuse' option.*
- 4.2 Make sure that your message topics fit the description of the forum.
- 4.3 Don't quote the entire message that you're responding to, only the pertinent bit (*use the 'quote' option*).
- 4.4 Don't change the subject of a post when replying – *many users scan headings only*.
- 4.5 Only post pictures when necessary since they can consume large volumes of disk storage and make for slow responses.  
*Multiple large and/or lightly-compressed pictures slow the performance of the forums too much for modem users; please remember that web pictures only need to be 72 dpi and can be compressed without loss of definition.*
- 4.6 Keep signatures in the body of your posting to a reasonable length to ensure that the thread's content remains readable.
- 4.7 Don't post entire messages in CAPITALS, use excessive text speak, or unnecessary formatting.

#### 5:0 **Reporting Abuse:**

- 5.1 Action when using 'Report Abuse':-
  - 5.1.1 Selecting 'Report abuse' causes the locator of the offending post to be sent, along with your user details, to the Moderators of the relevant Forum and to the Administrators. In most cases, Admin will make a simple judgment as to whether the report is valid and will advise the user who reported the 'abuse' and the moderator(s) of his decision; if this is not considered fair the reporter may write to a Board member for a second opinion.