

Ultimate Porsche Acronym List - Courtesy Tom & Carpokes!

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If you update the list Tom posted on the Carpokes thread (url above), please create a post on the thread letting us know and I'll update the pdf version. Thanks! Tim aka blueline

AFPR: Adjustable Fuel Pressure Regulator.

A-Tune: A performance chip for the 944 Turbo, NLA.

ABD: Automatic Braking Differential. Part of PSM, uses brakes to improve traction/stability.

ABS: Antilock Braking System. Pulses brakes to avoid skidding when braking hard.

ACC: Adaptive Cruise Control. Smart CC that maintains proper distance between cars.

AFM: Air Flow Meter.

AFR: Air-Fuel Ratio. Essentially a measure of how rich or lean your engine is running.

APE: Autothority Performance Engineering.

ASR: Anti-Slip Regulation. Part of PSM, controls tire spinning under acceleration.

AWS: Auto Weight Sensing. For airbag system.

BOV: Blow Off Valve.

B/S: Balance Shaft. A rotating shaft that dampens engine vibrations on the 944/968 motors.

CARB: California Air-Research Board. Smog regulators in California.

CC: Cruise Control or Climate Control or Cubic Centimeters.

CP: Carpokes. The friendliest Porsche forum on the Internet.

CV: Cycling Valve or Constant Velocity.

CO: Carbon Monoxide: One of several exhaust gases measured during smog tests.

DFI: Direct Fuel Injection.

DME: Digital Motor Electronics. This is the main ECU that controls fuel, spark and other engine parameters.

ECU: Electronic Control Unit. Generic term for computer that controls engine management system.

EBC: Electronic Boost Controller.

EDC: Electronic Damping Control or Engine Drag Control.

EGT: Exhaust Gas Temperature. The temperature of the exhaust as it exits the head.

EMS: Engine Management System.

ET: Einpress Tiefe (i.e., wheel offset). Distance from mounting surface to wheel centerline.

FAL: Front Axle Lift. System that raised front of car to get over speed bumps, etc.

FBS: Full bucket seats (lightweight bucket carbon fiber seats aka LWB & LWBS).

FD: Final Drive Ratio. After transmission gearing, final gear ratio in the differential.

FPR: Fuel Pressure Regulator.

HC: Hydrocarbons. One of several exhaust gases measured during smog tests.

HVAC: Heat, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning. General terms for the whole climate control system.

IC: Intercooler. Cools the intake air after it's pressurized by the turbo.

ICV: Idle Control Valve. Different name for the ISV.

ISV: Idle Stabilizer Valve.

KEP: Kennedy Engineering Performance.

KLR: German acronym. Commonly just called the KLR. It is a supplemental computer in the 944 Turbo. Among other things, it is designed to detect and control knock. "Kühlwasser-Lüfter-Relais" (coolant fan relay).

KW: KW is a coil-over and suspension parts manufacturer.

LBE: Lindsey Boost Enhancer. A device sold by Lindsey Racing that allows for a more forceful onset of boost.

LCA: Lane Change Assist. System that alerts driver when it is not safe to change lanes.

LR: Lindsey Racing. A shop that makes and sells parts for the 944.

LSD: Limited Slip Differential. Internal transaxle parts that transmit power to both wheels.

LWB: Lightweight bucket carbon fiber seats (aka LWBS & FBS).

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MAF: Mass Air Flow sensor.

MAP: Manifold Absolute Pressure sensor.

MBC: Manual Boost Controller.

MOST: Media Oriented Systems Transport Bus. Onboard high-speed multimedia bus.

MSR: Engine Drag Torque Control. Part of PSM. Helps prevent engine-brake induced tire slippage.

M/T: Manual Transmission. Transmission with clutch and gear shifter.

M-tune: A MAF kit for the 944 Turbo, NLA.

MY: Model Year.

N/A: Naturally Aspirated. A car that consumes ambient air without aid from a turbocharger or supercharger.

NOx: Nitrogen Oxides. One of several exhaust gases measured during smog tests.

NTCI/II: Negative Temperature Coefficient. Temperature sensors.

O2: Oxygen sensor.

OAP: Over Axle Pipe

OBD II: Onboard Diagnostics, 2nd Generation.

OEM: Original Equipment Manufacturer.

OPRV: Oil Pressure Relief Valve. Regulated engine oil pressure.

PAA: Porsche Active Aerodynamics. System of active aerodynamic parts.

PADM: Porsche Active Drivetrain Mount.

PAS: Porsche Active Safe. A collision avoidance technology.

PASM: Porsche Active Suspension Management. System that adjusts stiffness of suspension.

PC: Porsche Connect. Phone app to connect with car.

PCA: Porsche Club of America. The biggest Porsche club in the U.S.

PCC: Porsche Car Connect. Phone app to connect with car.

PCCB: Porsche Ceramic Composite Brakes. Fancy brakes, no brake dust.

PCM: Porsche Communications Management. Central video screen and related functions.

PCNA: Porsche Cars North America. The North American arm of Porsche.

PDCC: Porsche Dynamic Chassis Control. Computer-assisted anti-roll system.

PDLS: Porsche Dynamic Light System.

PDK: German Acronym for Porsche's dual clutch transmission.

PEC: Porsche Experience Center.

PIWIS: Porsche Integrated Workshop Information System.

PP: Pressure Plate. Part of the clutch.

POSIP: Porsche Side Impact Protection System. Part of the air bag system.

PPF: Paint Protection Film.

PPM: Parts Per Million. Often used for smog test limits.

PSCB: Porsche Surface Coated Brakes (very shiny, mirror-like no-dust rotors on Cayennes & Macans)

PSE: Porsche Sport Exhaust

PSM: Porsche Stability Management. A Computer nanny system to help keep car under control.

PS, PSP: Power Steering, Power Steering Plus.

PTS: Paint to Sample.

PTV: Porsche Torque Vectoring.

PWM: Pulse Width Modulation. A type of electronics control signal.

PWT: Porsche Ersatz Teile (Porsche replacement parts).

RAS: Rear Axle Steering.

ROW: Rest of World.

TB: Throttle Body.

TDC: Top Dead Center.

TPMS: Tire Pressure Monitoring System.

TPS: Throttle Position Sensor. The DME/KLR uses this sensor to monitor the position of the throttle.

TT: Torque Tube. Rigid tube carrying drive-shaft, which adds rigidity between the motor and the transaxle.

UAI: Universal Audio Interface.

VEMS: An aftermarket engine management system.

VTG: Variable Turbine Geometry. Turbocharger technology that minimizes lag.

VR: Vitesse Racing. An aftermarket company that sells performance parts.

WOT: Wide Open Throttle. Flooring the gas pedal.