

Porsche Macan – the compact sports SUV

With the Macan, Porsche has transferred the successful concept of the sporty SUV to the compact segment. Featuring powerful drives and a sophisticated chassis, the fifth Porsche series delivers the best driving dynamics in its class.

During the market launch of the Panamera, Porsche's next project was already taking shape. The development of a compact SUV below the Cayenne commenced in 2010 under the code name 'Cajun'. The brand's fifth series subsequently enjoyed its debut in November 2013, now bearing the model name Macan.

The Macan assumed pole position in its segment from the very beginning. Both the top model Macan Turbo, featuring a 3.6-litre engine and 294 kilowatts (400 horsepower), and the Macan S, with a three-litre engine and 250 kilowatts (340 horsepower), defined a new performance class eclipsing all other competitors. The Macan S Diesel is the workhorse of the SUV trio, with its turbo diesel engine delivering 190 kilowatts (258 horsepower). To begin with, Porsche fitted this series exclusively with six-cylinder V-engines. The Macan is the first Porsche series in which all variants are equipped with the sporty double-clutch gearbox as standard. The double-clutch gearbox comes into its own during off-road driving, making it possible to change gears without interrupting the tractive force – on steep uphill and downhill gradients alike.

The Macan not only excels in terms of driving dynamics, it also combines efficiency, comfort and suitability for everyday use in typical Porsche style. Another outstanding aspect is the uniquely sleek and wide design. The arched bonnet and gently sloping roof line further emphasise the overall impression of sporty elegance and powerful dynamics. A number of design elements have been drawn from Porsche sports cars and reworked for the Macan. The compact SUV has been a bestseller from the word go, with Porsche producing 341,631 units by December 31, 2017.

The Macan model range was expanded in 2015 to include the new GTS variant. As with all Porsche models featuring this moniker, it is inspired by motorsport. Delivering 20 horsepower more than the Macan S, it features a reworked chassis and reinforced brakes.

At the start of 2016, a new basic model was launched on the compact SUV market – the first Macan with a four-cylinder engine. The turbocharged two-litre engine delivers 185 kilowatts (252 horsepower), enabling outstanding driving performance for this class. The Macan races to 100 kilometres per hour in 6.7 seconds, with the new compact SUV achieving a top speed of 229 kilometres per hour.