



Subject: Yet more seats

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There was a post I think yesterday asking the question about installing 944 seat rails. I decided to spend a bit more time trying to come up with a good explanation of this because I am concerned that many people on the lists think that a 944 has 944 parts installed, a 911 has 911 parts installed, a 964 has parts installed etc. In many cases the part numbers specific to that model are prefixed with say 964, BUT NOT WHEN IT COMES TO SEATS and SEAT INSTALLATION PARTS and other let us say, non specific items of design including many trim parts.

I will stick only to describing the seat system installed in the 944 because this seems to be a preferred source of parts and I am going to concentrate on SEAT RAILS.

The 944 from 1982 to 1985 had the following seat rail part numbers installed,
A 477 881 211 seat rail with locking device LH
A 477 881 212 seat rail with locking device RH
A 911 521 491 00 seat rail LH/RH
P 944 521 491 00 seat rail inner

You can see that in these three years of production only one part prefixed 944 was used in the seat rail assembly of the 944.

Much of the trim around the seats was from the 911.

The 944 (all models) from 1985-1992 were somewhat different.

The 944 and 944S early Turbos used exclusively 928 prefixed seat rails. I am not going to list them all because there are so many. There are seat rails for manually adjustable seats, for electric vertical adjustment only, all electrical adjustments etc and they are all 928 part numbers.

Now the 944S2 and later 944Ts used 928 and 964 prefixed part number seat rails.

Just quietly the seat part numbers were also well mixed. All SPORTS SEATS used from 1985 through 1994 were prefixed 944. Normal seats installed into the later 944s were from the 964.

So what does this mean. Well here is my little lookup procedure if you are looking to change seats and seat installation parts.

1/. Establish your exact model of Porsche. Read your VIN and understand exactly what it means. The date letter is very important.

2/. Try to establish the exact options installed on your model Porsche.

Please feel free to check the options codes list found at <http://Porsche911.isuisse.com> rennlister, then tech articles. Use your original paperwork if available. Are your seats, full manual, part electric, full electric etc.

- 3/. Try to establish if you can see if ANY modifications have been carried out by the previous owners of your Porsche.
- 4/. Once the above data is clear find out the part numbers which should be installed in your Porsche for the seats, the seat frame and the seat rails. Record all this data. If you can read the numbers off the parts themselves as installed this would also be helpful.
- 5/. When you find a potential set of replacement parts, check each one for its part number. Check the seats, if you have manual seats and you want to install electric seats you will need more than just the seats. Record all of this data.
- 6/. Try to determine if these parts are actually interchangeable. Do not be discouraged to find 928 parts in a 964, or 928 parts in a 944 you will even find a few of these in a 993.

If you have any doubts, please ask, first your local dealer or the person supplying the parts and if you hit a brick wall you can ask the list. However if you are asking me personally please provide all the above data. It is not possible to answer questions like, will a 944s seats and rails fit into a 911SC. I must know what you have, what you intend to install where it came from and what it is going into to.

Seats are a complicated issue and I would hate to see people making costly mistakes purchasing things that do not fit, or modifications have to be undertaken which cannot be reversed or not purchasing something because it has a 928 part number and it would fit,

Ciao,
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