

Offered for auction is an exceptionally well preserved '74 2.0L 914. The car has original paint and interior. I've never seen another 914 that even approaches the condition of this car, and I suspect it would be a strong contender in the PCA survivor class.

The car was sold new at Tom Cartstin's Porsche Audi in Tacoma Washington. The first owner was prolific author and illustrator of children's books. He drove the car around in silence (it's never been fitted with a radio or antenna) for 17 years. The second owner acquired the car in '91 and sold it shortly thereafter to a friend. When I purchased the car last year, it had been stored for some time.

I have interesting documents that show the first owner traded in a '69 VW station wagon on the 914. I even have copies of the collateral receipt for the \$6000 savings account loan he apparently got on the car. In addition I have the owner's manual, warranty voucher and many of the service records from new. The car of course has its tool kit, jack and spare tire. Unfortunately the first owner died in 2005, it would have been interesting to talk to him about the car he obviously really cared for.

BODY: The Original Phoenix Red paint (bright orange by any standard) is still in very nice shape. It has a deep gloss, and has the factory "orange peel" that just can't be replicated. It's not perfect as you might imagine, there are stone chips on the nose that were touched up back in the day, a few small dings, and a low spot on the trunk. The paint is not thin however, and I don't think it had ever been buffed before. The wheels even have original paint, so you know it's never been in a car dealer's detail shop!

Zero rust and only factory applied undercoat.

All of the panel fit is perfect. None of the bolts holding the body panels appear to have ever been turned.

The trim on the car is nearly flawless. The fragile aluminum trim pieces at the trailing edge of the targa bar that everyone ruins, are just about perfect. The combination of the mild NW climate and garage care means the rubber is excellent. There is no cracking or other signs of decay on any of the body rubber.

MECHANICAL'S: Engine #: GA009763 the number is recorded on the warranty voucher so I know it's the original. This car has the first version of the 2.0L that is rated at 95hp.

The engine runs perfect; smooth idle, a surprising amount of power and torque, and it's mechanically very quiet. The engine does not smoke, or leak one drop of oil. The second owner rebuilt the motor at approximately 100K. I have a receipt only for the partial assembly and installation of the engine. He evidently had local mechanic "moonlight" the rebuild in his personal garage. Receipts or not, the result speaks for itself. This is the best running stock 914 I've ever owned or driven. I had a major service done recently, and fitted a new OE muffler.

The 5 spd transmission shifts smooth, up and down through all of the gears. All of the shift mechanism bushings are nearly new. I recently had the gearbox re-sealed and the oil changed.

All of the brake lines are new, as are the pads and rear rotors. The tires are old Michelins that are showing some cracks.

The car goes down the road straight, with no vibrations or pulling of any kind. I believe the struts and shocks to be original. You'll also notice the car still has the factory nose high ride height adjustment.

INTERIOR: All original, and just about perfect. No cracks in the dash, nice carpet. I've left the "No Smoking" placard on the dash that the first owner put in.

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I don't know how many other all original 914s exist in this sort of condition, but I've never seen one. I have strong reservations about letting this car go.

If you plan to modify this car in any way, or do something goofy like remove the internal combustion engine (that already gets 30mpg) and replace it with an electric motor, don't tell me, because I won't sell you the car. I've learned over the years that it only takes one owner to ruin a good car; this car has never had one of those.

This is an exceptional car, and it will sell for a price well above average.

I can be reached by phone at 503-705-1620 (Tom). I'm providing my number for folks with questions about the car not covered in this description.

I require a \$500 down payment via paypal within 24 hours. Paypal may only be used for the deposit. The balance is due within 7 days. Cashiers check, wire transfer, or coin of the realm are acceptable forms of payment



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On Feb-17-09 at 10:51:25 PST, seller added the following information:

Per the request of several folks I have added photos of the engine to the "more photos" link.

I have also added a photo of one of the flexible heater hoses. These hoses are made from a material that is orange in color, they have not been painted as some have suggested.