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MID-ENGINEED PORSCHE 914 IN TWO VERSIONS FOR 1975

Porsche's 914--the most popular mid-engined sports car of all time--is available with 1.8- and 2.0-liter engines for 1975.

Both versions share many of the features that have made the 914 the most popular Porsche ever made. Both have engines mounted in front of the rear axle for excellent handling, luggage compartments both fore and aft, and a Targa-like removable hardtop that stows in the rear trunk. This year the roll bar is covered with leather-like vinyl. Also new are rugged, self-restoring energy absorbing black bumpers with built-in fog lamps.

The removable hardtop roadster can be purchased with a 1971 cc (120.3 cu. in.) engine that develops 84 brake horsepower (SAE net) at 4900 rpm or a 1795 cc (109.5 cu. in.) engine that develops 72 bhp (SAE net) at 4800 rpm.

Built in the tradition of the Porsche 917 series--the mid-engined racers that captured World Manufacturers and Can-Am championships--the 914's have such performance features as fuel-injection, 5-speed gear box and crisp rack and pinion steering.

An optional performance package can add a front spoiler, light mag wheels to decrease unsprung weight and front and rear sway bars.

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In spite of excellent acceleration and top speeds of 113 (2.0 liter) and 107 (1.8 liter) miles per hour, both 914's offer excellent fuel economy. The 1.8-liter delivers 33 mpg (EPA highway cycle) and 21 mpg (EPA urban cycle). For the 2.0-liter version, the miles per gallon figures are 20 and 30 mpg.

Power is transmitted from the four cylinder air cooled engine through a double-jointed rear axle with independent coil-spring suspension. The front suspension is also independent and uses torsion bars. The turning circle--important in parking as well as autocross driving--is a mere 36 feet. Radial tires are standard.

A wide range of options enables the 914 owner to "design" his own car. Optional or special paints supplement the wide range of standard colors and a tartan-cloth interior is available to add a touch of elegance. An appearance group can be ordered--including center console with armrest and storage space, leatherette boot for the shifter, clock, oil temperature gauge, voltmeter and leatherette covered steering wheel. The package even includes a dual-tone horn.

In addition to being designed for high performance, the 914 also offers driver and passenger comfort and versatility. An example is the detachable fiberglass roof. With roof in place, the 914 is a snug two-passenger coupe. With top removed (a simple operation) and stowed in the rear trunk, the car is a delight for fresh air and sunlight fans.

The 914, in all of its guises, is available--along with the familiar Porsche 911 line and Audi sedans--through a network of more than 300 Porsche Audi dealers in the United States. The cars are imported by the Porsche Audi Division of Volkswagen of America.