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Starting in Leipzig: On the Road in the Cayenne

Porsche will again contend in the Transsyberia Rally. From July 11–25, the race travels the 6,200 kilometers (3,850 miles) from Moscow to the Mongolian capital of Ulan Bator. The highly successful Cayenne S Transsyberia has been further improved just for this race. The unusual off-road specialist made its first appearance at the Auto Mobil International (AMI) in Leipzig.



The new Cayenne S Transsyberia started with a home field advantage. Just around the corner from the Leipzig Porsche plant, the enhanced champion was unveiled in the exhibition halls of the Auto Mobil International (AMI): Lights, camera, action! Things will be a lot less tranquil in the future for this Cayenne, which is being produced in a small series. The participants in the Transsyberia Rally can expect not only paved roads, but also—and primarily—gravel tracks, trails, river crossings, and then special assignments in the desert. In 2007, the Cayenne S Transsyberia mastered the challenges with aplomb. Three of these very special Porsche off-roaders took the top places. The experience from this victorious journey has now been incorporated into the current version of the vehicle.

The modified components are offered to customer teams around the world as a conversion kit. In the modifications to the Cayenne S Transsyberia, priority was given to further improving the off-road capabilities and optimizing the suspension tuning. The 2008 version of the successful long-

distance racer features a stronger and newly designed undercarriage guard. Porsche Dynamic Chassis Control (PDCC), which features two active anti-roll bars to almost completely eliminate body sway in bends, has been adapted to withstand the special demands of a marathon rally.

All Cayenne S Transsyberia control units are located within the watertight interior. To keep water from entering, the body and doors have been sealed up to the height of the side windows. The maximum fording depth is approximately 78 centimeters (31 inches).

The air intake for the engine is located above the hood. It can be moved to roof height via a snorkel, which ensures that the front wave generated when crossing water cannot enter the intake manifold. The Cayenne S Transsyberia comes with four additional headlights, a winch, two fire extinguishers, two sandbags, two full-size spare wheels, and two transport boxes for tools as standard equipment. Also included are two two-man tents, two heat-insulated blankets, four lash-



Geneva Motor Show: Insights into Environmental Technologies

At its first auto show appearance this year, Porsche emphasized its environmental and fuel-optimized range of models. On display at the 830-square-meter (8,900-square-foot) stand at the 78th Geneva International Motor Show was everything from a prototype of a super-thrifty Cayenne Hybrid to the RS Spyder. The race car scores its wins in the American Le Mans Series with the environmentally friendly fuel E-10, which contains ten percent bioethanol by volume.

In the sports-car segment, Porsche highlighted its decades of experience in designing and building efficient, light, and hence fuel-saving vehicles like the Boxster RS 60 Spyder, the 911 Turbo Cabriolet, and the 911 GT2.

ing belts, a 9-meter (30-foot) towing belt complete with tackle, a folding spade, a folding saw, an axe, a manually operated and adjustable headlamp, and four tow rings.

Armin Schwarz (44) and Carles Celma (37) will again be at the wheels of the two contesting Porsche AG cars, as they were in 2007. Schwarz will receive navigation assistance from two-time Dakar winner Andy Schulz (53). Codriver for the Spaniard Celma will be Germany's Wolf-Hendrik Unger (59).