

building a spec car from a turbo tub?

Posted by xsboost90 - 06 Mar 2011 08:43

i have a turbo that i am parting and i would like to use the body to build a 944spec car. I would be stripping out everything turbo related obviously and using n/a bodywork and motor etc. I am familiar w/ these cars and i race currently w/ an n/a in chumpcar racing - see Dragon Somethin'- but i would like to build a serious spec car also. Someone mentioned i may not be able to use a turbo tub- any validity to this? It is the same besides the serial number from my experience....

Re: building a spec car from a turbo tub?

Posted by RacerX - 06 Mar 2011 11:22

The rules are here.....

www.nasapracing.com/rules/944_spec_rules.pdf

4 Eligible Models

1983-1988 Porsche 944, Normally Aspirated, 2479 cc, eight valve engine

1987-1988 Porsche 924S, 2479 cc, eight valve engine

4.1 Chassis Swaps

A 944 spec may utilize any year chassis in the above eligible models as well as the 1987-1988 944S and 1989 944. No other 944 or 924 type chassis may be used to build up a 944 spec. In all cases body work, engine, transmission, engine electrical and suspension components must conform to the list of eligible models and to the modifications expressly listed in these rules.

There must be some difference besides the motor. Bigger clutch, stronger transaxle, different gear ratios.....

Re: building a spec car from a turbo tub?

Posted by xsboost90 - 06 Mar 2011 16:32

i agree however- i will be swapping brakes, trans, motor, deleting the rear valance, lower body plastic stuff, front fenders and nose, master cylinder, etc...i would have no advantage whatsoever from any other car w/ an identical chassis besides the vin tag. Is there some higher up that could verify this. This car has been with me for some time and it seems silly i cant use it because at one time it was a turbo.

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Re: building a spec car from a turbo tub?

Posted by Sterling Doc - 06 Mar 2011 19:27

XS Boost, where are you from? The Dragon car looks great!

Our rules Guru, Joe Paluch, can chime in here with more with more explanation as to why, but a turbo tub is unfortunately not legal. You need a lot of NA parts, as you listed, to make it happen - yet seems you be best off with a donor N/A car in any case to make that cost affordable with the drivetrain, etc.

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Re: building a spec car from a turbo tub?

Posted by xsboost90 - 06 Mar 2011 20:16

yeah on rennlist they said the same thing. This sucks. I believe you were talking to one of the Dragon car's drivers Sam about a spec car on here. Wish there was another i could buy and change to my tastes.

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Re: building a spec car from a turbo tub?

Posted by Sterling Doc - 06 Mar 2011 20:39

Yes, it looks like Sam & I are going to hammer out a deal this week. There are a few options for a turn-key car.

1) Bennington Motorsports has one for sale (a 924S, I believe)

2) Great Lakes Regional Director Brad Raum has a second car the Bennington Motorsports refreshed for him, that he may be willing to part with.

3. There are several car for sale in the Rocky Mountain Region, and elsewhere now, but would need to be shipped.

Great time to get on board with the debut of the Great Lakes region in 944 Spec!

Shoot me an email at:

This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it

, and I'll get you hooked up with Brad Raum
