

GT3 Ownership:

I purchased this car in October of 2024. The GT3 was, and has always been, a dream of mine to own. I generally stray away from purchasing vehicles with salvage titles; however, I purchased this vehicle from a close friend of mine who bought it post-accident, repaired it, and then owned it for about a year.

Some backstory on the vehicle: from my understanding, it was wrecked during a track event (I believe this was only the second track event the vehicle had done prior to the accident). Due to gravel in an area that generally did not contain gravel, the driver lost control and made contact with the barrier at the front of the vehicle. Because the car had track insurance, it was totaled and then sent to Copart, where it was purchased and brought to North Carolina. The front end of the vehicle was fully re-tubbed (no janky cutting or hammering of the frame to make things work). The remaining parts were all purchased either OEM through Porsche or from a second vehicle that was purchased as a parts car, which had rear-ended damage.

Other items to note: this car has a rough DME. I almost did not purchase it because I was a little concerned about the range 4, 5, and 6 over-revs. However, this turned out not to be an issue. I purchased the car at around 16k miles, and I have now put approximately 5k miles on it. I've taken multiple road trips, it has not skipped a beat once, and it hasn't consumed any oil.

I have done a few things during my ownership:

- An immediate alignment to confirm there were no chassis or suspension issues; everything was perfect and aligned correctly. The car drives exactly as it came from the factory.
- A new set of tires
- Regular service for peace of mind, including:
 - Oil and filter change using all OEM Porsche oil and filter
 - OEM Bosch spark plugs
 - Air filters
 - Cabin air filters
 - Brake fluid flush

I also did a few additional items:

- Refinished the wheels in silver rather than the factory black
- Changed the exhaust to a JCR titanium exhaust (sounds fantastic). I do have the factory exhaust with a Sharkwerks center muffler bypass if that is preferred.
- Replaced the driver's quarter window trim, as it was lifting slightly
- Had the car polished and ceramic coated
- Installed PPF on high-impact areas, including rock guards, A-pillars, full roof, rear bumper strips, and full front fenders

The few remaining items that I want to make anyone aware of are:

- TPMS light is on. All wheels have TPMS sensors installed; I suspect this is a module issue (generic VW part, approximately \$100).
- Parking brake error. The parking brake does work—this is a common 991 issue and is slightly out of spec, requiring adjustment and recalibration via Porsche software.
- Headlight lenses are beginning to delaminate.

This was intended to be my forever car—it is beyond perfect—but I purchased a 997.2 GT3 on a whim, and unfortunately one of them has to go.