

## LONG TERMERS

### 1991 964 Carrera 4

August has been a mixed month for me and the Carrera 4. To begin with, the good news, I got the car back at the beginning of the month after it spent a week in the bodyshop getting its roof, rear arches and engine cover blown over, and I'm pleased to say it looks lovely.

I've had some protective guards fitted to the arches, which should prevent them from picking up the stone chips that plagued the paintwork in the past. I opted for black items, but the guards are available in either clear or black vinyl. And I must admit, they really do the job – you have to be looking for the guards before you actually notice them.

A few months ago I mentioned I was having intermittent problems with the fuel gauge. Well, since it didn't cure itself as I was hoping, I've had to go and do something about it. Based on advice issued, I ordered a new fuel sender unit from Berlyn Services for about £80, only to discover that the part they sent wouldn't fit straight on the 964. Apparently, Porsche redesigned the unit to fit all 911s, so where I need a four-pin item only a two-pin unit was available.

In order to get the sender unit working, I found out that a new electronic module would be needed. Which was going to cost £150!

What started out as a cheap and easy fix, was going to cost me around £230 to put right. So, to cut a long story short, I ended up paying £60 for a complete secondhand module and sender unit.

And if that wasn't enough of a headache, a stone flung up from a passing truck has left a



The semi-invisible guards are a truly wondrous creation, not least because they give Ian one less thing to whinge about this month.

starfish-shaped crack, which is currently creeping across my windshield.

Aside from all that it's been plain sailing. I haven't been using the Porsche for much other than commuting to work, although a trip to Peterborough is on the cards in the near future. I can only hope the Porsche survives another trek across the M25.

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### 911 CARRERA 4

**Total Mileage:** 116,457

**Mileage this month:** 970

**Cost this month:** £650

