

# Executive measures

## 操控快感

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Back-seat comfort and the driving thrills get a boost with Porsche's Panamera Executive

保時捷全新設計的Panamera Executive 不但有舒適的後座，更可讓你體驗駕駛的快感

**THE PANAMERA** has a certain affinity with Shanghai. This is where it was officially unveiled in 2009 – making a dramatic entrance on the 94th floor of the Shanghai World Financial Center. With China now the largest market for the Panamera it is no surprise that Porsche chose the Auto Shanghai 2013 show to launch the redesigned and stretched Executive version.

The Executive brings an extra 15cm to the table – or to the wheelbase, to be precise – which largely translates as extra legroom for the rear passengers. The Panamera has been upgraded to improve comfort. Seats are more cushioned and double glazing reduces roadside noise.

With 420 brake horsepower on tap from the twin-turbo 3.0-litre V6 engine, you would expect the car to be difficult to handle in snarled-up traffic. However the Panamera minds its manners, happily idling away in second gear. But push down

on the accelerator and the Panamera pulls away quickly, leaving most cars for dust.

Upon its initial launch, Porsche purists were dismayed by the Panamera and its looks are still divisive. Nonetheless, the Executive is a head-turner. Driving along Pudong's Century Avenue, it gets more than enough attention. It is here, though, that its large size, particularly its width, is less than ideal, making it difficult to squeeze through traffic. Unlike a traditional Porsche, the Executive is front-engined and the bonnet takes up a large proportion of the car's 5.17 metre-length. Inside, even with the stretch, it's not as spacious as you would expect for a car of this size. This is, after all, still a sports car at heart.

In the rear, it is a pure two-seater with the deep driveshaft tunnel running the length of the car. Many criticised the original model for its cramped rear seats and even this stretch version feels less



The extended wheelbase results in more leg room in the rear

車身軸距加長，為後座乘客帶來更多空間



spacious than cars such as the Bentley Flying Spur.

With the low seating arrangement and wheel-mounted gearshift paddles, it has the feel of a sports car. The finish is suave, with various high-quality trim and hide options. Our car had a largely dark interior contrasted by red seat belts. Dominating the dash is the seven-inch multi-function display system. You will need to rely on this when parking as the rear window is small, making it difficult to judge tight spaces.

Despite the car's low stance, the rear seats are comfortable enough for adults on a long journey. As with the front, there are dual-zone climate controls and electronically adjustable heated and cooled seats. Controls are mounted on a unit between the two seats, which also allow rear occupants to move the front passenger seat.

An optional Sport Chrono Package includes a SPORT PLUS button alongside the standard Sport button and a stopwatch mounted on top of the dashboard.



Head-turner: Porsche's Panamera Executive

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Both the Sport and SPORT PLUS buttons lower and stiffen the air suspension, and alter the change times of the seven-speed dual-clutch transmission. SPORT PLUS also has Launch Control, designed to give optimum acceleration from a standing start – cutting 0-100km/h times to 4.5 seconds.

The Panamera Executive has the feel, performance and handling of a true sports car yet it is still a viable family car. It might not offer as much space as some of the luxury competition but the beauty of this model is not the back-seat environment – it's all about the joy of driving it.

**保時捷**Panamera跟上海淵源極深。2009年，它在上海首次公開亮相，登上上海環球金融中心94樓的舞台。今天，中國內地貴為Panamera的最大市場，保時捷順理成章選擇在2013年上海車展上推出全新設計、車身加長的Panamera Executive。Executive比上一代增長15厘米，準確一點來說是，軸距加長了15厘米，為後座乘客帶來更大的活動空間。改良後的Panamera變得更舒適，座位更

柔軟，雙層玻璃車窗更有效阻隔路面噪音。

Executive配備3.0公升雙渦輪增壓V6引擎，最大馬力達420匹。如此強勁的動力，不禁令人擔心在水洩不通的道路上行駛時，會否難以操控。放心吧，八面玲瓏的Executive可以輕鬆地以二檔低速行走，待路面暢通後，只要踏下油門，便能絕塵而去。

上一代Panamera推出之初，不少保守的保時捷車迷都搖頭輕嘆，對其外型更是意見分歧，但是，新版的Executive則惹來艷羨的目光。駕著它沿浦東世紀大道行走，會一路吸引別人的目光。話雖如此，Executive車身又大又闊，不容易在繁忙的路面穿插行走。Executive跟傳統的保時捷不同，採用前置引擎，車長5.17米，當中引擎佔了不少位置。雖說是加長版本，但車廂內的空間沒有想像中寬敞。說到底，這始終是一部跑車。

後座車廂只設兩個座位，驅動軸貫通全車。Panamera Executive車身雖然已加長，但後座車廂的活動空間沒有想像中充裕。不少人批評上一代設計的后座空間不夠，但加長版亦改善不多，跟其他車款如賓利的Flying Spur比較，其後座空間仍然較小。

車內座位偏低，軀盤上又裝有換檔撥片，

感覺有如跑車。車廂設計優雅討好，有多種優質飾邊及皮革可供選擇；測試用的車以深色車廂配紅色安全帶，對比鮮明。儀錶板上的多功能七吋顯示屏極為搶眼，由於尾窗細小，在狹窄的空間泊車時，這個顯示屏便大派用場。

Executive車身雖矮，但就算是長途旅程，成人坐在後座也算舒適。前、後座有獨立氣溫控制，還有電子座位溫度調節。控制器均設於兩個座位之間的控制台上，後座乘客還可以透過控制器調整前座座位的位置。

車廠亦額外提供Sport Chrono Package，內容包括在標準的Sport按鈕外增設SPORT PLUS按鈕，以及在儀錶板上安裝計時器。Sport和SPORT PLUS按鈕均可令氣壓懸掛變得更低更硬，七速雙離合器波箱的反應也會更快。SPORT PLUS還設有Launch Control模式，進一步提升加速能力，由靜止至時速100公里只需4.5秒。

Panamera Executive在感覺、表現和操控各方面都是一部名副其實的跑車，但它同時也適合家庭使用。雖然不及部分奢華級汽車寬敞，但其重點不在於後座設計，而在於駕駛時之快感。 🇩🇪