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“Bentleys are designed not simply for high performance,
but for high performance that can be sustained
over many years and many thousands of miles”.

With its blend of high performance, dominating presence, advanced technology and bespoke craftsmanship, a Bentley is acknowledged among aficionados as one of the world's most desirable sporting motor cars. And yet the quest for improvement, strongly influenced by close dialogue with Bentley owners throughout the world, continues. As a result the 1997 Bentley range is improved in a number of ways, encompassing technology, performance, comfort, security and safety.

The 1997 Bentleys are designed not simply for high performance, but for high performance that can be sustained over many years and many thousands of miles. For this reason, Bentley engineers would not sacrifice refinement to achieve a notional improvement in test-track lap times, because it is the Bentley's absence of distracting harshness that enables the driver to remain alert throughout the course of a long journey, and thus to use the exceptional power of the machine to its best effect.

At Bentley Motors, they have recognised that speed is worthless without stamina from the earliest days of the company, when the road-going fast tourers of the original Bentley Boys vanquished all comers, even the stripped-down racers, in a test of speed and endurance called the Le Mans 24 Hour race. Not once, but five times. From those days to this, every Bentley has possessed the same long-striding power; like the winged “B” on the radiator shell, it is a sign of a true thoroughbred.

Bentleys have always been made for the most discerning customers, from the Le Mans-winning Bentley Boys to today's aficionados. Now as then, the combination of speed with stamina and power with precision are the distinguishing features of the marque.

*Opposite page:
Bentley Brooklands.*







Continental R



“Bentley drivers, like Bentley engineers,
have always found the courage to be different...”

The use of natural materials like burr walnut, with a pattern of graining as individual as a fingerprint, makes each hand-built Bentley a unique creation. Even amidst such individuality, however, there are some special Bentleys created to suit a highly personal style. Both Bentley's own craftspeople and their colleagues at H.J. Mulliner offer an extraordinary palette of choice, from colour co-ordinated upholstery and trim through to an entire redesign using unusual veneers, carbon-check fascias or personalised colour schemes. Nor does the selection end with the interior; almost every aspect of a Bentley can be engineered to suit the individual preferences of its owner. From the first days of the company, Bentley drivers, like Bentley engineers, have always found the courage to be different, and the Bentley tradition of daring continues to this day.

It is not just the visible aspects of a Bentley that are distinctive. It shows in many aspects of the car's design; the performance brakes, for example, originally developed for the Continental T and now part of the 1997 specification for the Turbo R, Continental R and Azure. The latest version of Bentley's micro-alloy disc brake system now offers the multiple benefits of greater efficiency, improved heat conductivity, increased stopping power and longer pad life.

A Bentley's performance brakes, like its engine, transmission and chassis, contrive to give the driver a sense of enormous power harnessed under effortless control, reacting to human input in less than one-thousandth of a second with a constant stream of messages transmitted between sophisticated microprocessors. And thus to bring a turbocharged Bentley from walking pace to 150mph and back again, no strength is required, other than the strength of mind to choose a motor car whose very existence is a rejection of the commonplace.

Automatic headlamp actuation is just one of the detail refinements introduced across the Bentley range for 1997, enabling the driver to keep both hands on the wheel as the headlights switch on in low light conditions. It can also be programmed to come on if the wipers are used for 30 seconds or more. Touches like these make Bentley ownership as practical as it is exhilarating.

Opposite page: Continental R.





“...a Bentley’s chassis and drivetrain have been designed
to complement the driver’s skills, providing exhilaration
where conditions permit and trustworthy handling where caution is required.”

It’s there in the car’s lines. There’s a sense of balanced strength, of elegance and muscularity, that gives a Bentley an unmistakable presence on the road. And that same assurance communicates itself to the driver when the car is on the move; commit it to a corner, and the Bentley’s Automatic Ride Control reacts to the suspension’s messages in mere hundredths of a second, increasing roll resistance. For the driver, the sensation is extraordinary; near sports-car precision and control allied to luxury saloon comfort.

From the new electronic traction assistance system, specified for the 1997 Turbo R, Continental R, Continental T and Azure models, to the near-instant, linear response to the throttle of the Bentley’s turbocharged V8 engine, a Bentley’s chassis and drivetrain have been designed to complement the driver’s skills, providing exhilaration where conditions permit and trustworthy handling where caution is required.

Each control, from steering, throttle and brakes to the switches for wipers and lights, is weighted to react precisely to positive commands, thus reminding the driver that he or she is at the wheel of a high performance machine. Certainty, the ability to act decisively, yields its rewards when driving a Bentley. Not surprisingly, it is a characteristic of many a Bentley owner.

*The new Brooklands
light pressure turbo draws on
Bentley’s extensive turbocharging
skills to create a silken
300bhp engine that combines
refinement with excellent
reserves of power for overtaking.
And for even greater
performance, the turbocharged
and intercooled V8 of the
Turbo R, Continental R and
Azure produces an exceptional
385bhp, with acceleration
to match. For those in search
of the ultimate in Bentley
performance, there is, of course,
no match for the 400bhp
Continental T.*

Opposite page: Bentley Turbo R





Turbo R





“Interior, exterior and mechanical enhancements can be tailored to your specification, with the assurance that the work undertaken will be as carefully and skilfully accomplished as the marque deserves.”

A Bentley is made to the measure of its owner. Such individuality may simply be expressed in the choice of paint finish or upholstery colours. Or, perhaps, in the decision to specify one of the themed choices offered by H.J. Mulliner. A themed choice can also be the starting point for a special commission through H.J. Mulliner, such is their capability.

The Business theme includes a rear compartment telephone, additional stowage and working surfaces, fax and bureau, and is designed for the owner for whom a Bentley represents both driving exhilaration and a mobile office. The Entertainment theme, which includes LCD monitors and VHS video, cordless headsets and an audio equipment upgrade, makes the experience of being a passenger almost as enjoyable as that of being at the wheel. The Technology Support theme offers a camera-type reversing aid, electrically folding door mirrors with ultrasonic cleaning, automatic wiper operation and satellite navigation equipment as an option in certain countries, combining the art of the coachbuilder with state-of-the-art electronics.

Should more extensive modifications be sought, H.J.Mulliner can provide the final touch of individuality to what is already a rare machine, with the assurance that the work undertaken will be as carefully and skilfully accomplished as the marque deserves.

Your Bentley dealer can introduce you to the full range of choice, from the selection of Bentley accessories through to a completely restyled motor car. Whatever specification you request, the skills of Bentley Motors and H.J.Mulliner are at your disposal to create a bespoke Bentley, uniquely yours.



From imagination to reality, you might choose to add individuality to your Bentley in the subtlest of ways, perhaps by specifying sports seats or additional audio amplification. Or you could decide to commission extensive modifications to bodywork and interior as the ultimate expression of your motoring ideal. In such a case Bentley designers will produce renderings and sketches to your brief, before handing over to their colleagues the task of realising your vision.

Opposite page: details of some recent H.J.Mulliner special commissions for Bentley Motors.

Inset, this page: the 400 bhp Continental T, unmatched in performance, unmistakable in form.



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Drive a Bentley for the first time, and long after you have parked it, left the driver's seat, and given it one final appraising look to fix it in your mind's eye, certain details return to your memory. The sense of engineered precision in the action of the controls and switches; the gleam of the winged "B" motif on the centre console, surrounded by dials that provide a constant update on the status of the machinery at your command. These discoveries provide evidence that there are people in Crewe who care about such things, and who do not regard any detail, no matter how small, as insignificant.

Other sensations will also remain fixed in your mind. The massive torque of the 6.75 litre V8, matched to a four-speed automatic transmission whose gearchanges are so smoothly accomplished that full-throttle acceleration seems to be an uninterrupted surge of power. The surefootedness of the chassis, making the car seem to shrink around you; the unmistakable contours of the bonnet pointing towards the road ahead.

As you review the experience, you realise that there are many cars that can match a Bentley in some aspects; there may even be some cars that can match a Bentley in many aspects. But only a Bentley encompasses them all, glorious, individual and unmistakable. And on that conclusion, you resolve to drive one again. Soon.

Even in traffic, driving a Bentley is a rewarding experience. But when a challenging, empty road stretches out ahead of you, the feeling of being in command at the wheel is quite unmatched.

*This and opposite page:
Bentley Azure.*







Bentley Brooklands

The latest Brooklands features a new 300bhp light pressure turbocharged engine, delivering 0-60mph acceleration of under 8 seconds and a top speed of 140mph, with refined and effortless mid-range acceleration that underscores this motor car's credentials as both a business express and sporting companion. Additional design refinements for 1997 include fully automatic headlamp actuation, a new alarm and immobilisation system and redesigned seat cushions. Thus equipped, the 1997 Brooklands offers exceptional comfort and space for up to five people with all the hand-built individuality and performance of the Bentley marque.

STYLE

Wrap-around colour-matched bumpers, slim profile radiator shell and integral front airdam.

Four new mica paint finishes have been introduced: Black Sapphire, Black Emerald, Black Garnet and Ocean.

New bright-finished black wheel centre badges.

Aluminium alloy wheels.

TECHNOLOGY

Automatic ride control provides computer control of the suspension dampers to optimise ride comfort and handling.

Transmission shift energy management and adaptive shift control provide computer control of the gearbox to produce smooth gear changes under all conditions.

New alarm and immobilisation system with panic, lock and unlock functions controlled from key fob.

Automatic headlamp system actuates in low light conditions and switches off as light intensity rises. This system may also be programmed to actuate after wipers have been in use for 30 seconds or more.

Both alarm and headlamp operations are programmable to owner's individual preferences. CFC-free air conditioning system.

Full provision for telephone installation available (standard in UK and Europe).

Analogue telephone system fitted as standard (North America).

PERFORMANCE

6.75 litre light pressure turbocharged V8 engine delivering 300bhp for smooth and relaxed driving characteristics with excellent reserves of power for overtaking.

7Jx16 aluminium alloy wheels, together with 235/65VR16 tyres provide responsive steering and sure-footed roadholding.

Four speed electronically controlled automatic gearbox with torque converter lock-up.

Maximum speed 225 km/h (140 mph)

Acceleration 0-60 mph - 7.9 seconds. 0-100 km/h - 8.1 seconds.

Fuel consumption European Union drive cycle

Urban 25.1 l/100 km (11.3 mpg) 12.4 mpUSgall

Extra-urban (Highway) 12.9 l/100 km (21.9 mpg) 20.4 mpUSgall

Combined 17.4 l/100 km (16.2 mpg) 15.1 mpUSgall

DURABILITY

Underside of the bodyshell is zinc-coated and undergoes a ten-stage metal pre-treatment process prior to cathodic electro-priming. Multi-stage painting process with 'clear over base' paint technology.

Flexibilised polymer clearcoat lacquer applied to the front surfaces of the motor car provides increased stone chip protection, yet is almost invisible to the eye.

Elastomeric stone-chip protective coating is applied to the sill and wheel arch areas prior to painting.

SAFETY

Fully powered disc braking system with four channel electronic anti-lock system and anti-dive geometry.

Driver and front seat passenger airbags.

Anti-side intrusion beams to doors.

Extended head restraint travel on front seats.

Dual level air conditioning.

Careful attention to weight distribution under all loading cases, together with full-length lever arm front suspension and semi-trailing arm rear suspension provide a progressive handling characteristic at all times.

Seat-belt pre-tensioners to front seat belts.

APPOINTMENTS

Four door saloon with accommodation for up to five adults.

Redesigned front seat cushions giving improved comfort and support.

Power/tilt-adjustable steering column enables the ideal driving position to be reached, improves instrument visibility and has 'easy entry-exit' feature.

Memory facility allows the positions of the seat, exterior mirrors and steering wheel of four drivers to be recalled: front passenger seat fitted with four memories for seat position.

Air conditioning outlets for rear seat passengers permit control of the rear cabin environment.

4x30 Watt tuner-cassette audio system, with 6 CD autochanger mounted in centre console armrest for ease of access, playing through a ten speaker system.

Remote control of in-car entertainment system for rear seat passengers.

Full hide upholstery, Wilton carpet and lambswool rugs provide a unique interior ambience.

Burr walnut veneer with straight grained walnut cross-banding.

Two stage front seat heating with optional heated rear seats.

Bi-level lumbar support system to front seats.

Bentley Motors invites its customers to create their own personal specifications, by selecting further enhancements from the wide choice afforded by Bentley accessories and H.J. Mulliner.

DIMENSIONS

Wheelbase 3061 mm (120.5 in)

Overall length 5294 mm (17ft 3.5 in)

Overall width (across mirrors) 2110 mm (6ft 11.1 in)

Overall height 1485 mm (4ft 10.5 in)

Turning circle (kerb to kerb) 12.16 m (39ft 10.7 in)

Boot/trunk volume 0.348 m³ (12.281 ft³)



Bentley Continental R

The grand tourer par excellence, with a sporting, cockpit-like interior that nonetheless accommodates four in great comfort. The turbocharged and intercooled engine, providing 385bhp and 553lbft of torque, gives this long-striding coupé true continent-covering ability. The 1997 specification now includes automatic headlamp actuation in low light conditions, performance brakes, electronic traction assistance system (ETAS) and a highly sophisticated new alarm and immobilisation system.

STYLE

Distinctively styled two-door fixed-head coupé with accommodation for four adults.

Wrap-around and colour-matched bumpers.

Four new mica paint finishes have been introduced: Black Sapphire, Black Emerald, Black Garnet and Ocean.

New bright-finished red wheel centre badges.

TECHNOLOGY

Automatic ride control provides computer control of the suspension dampers to optimise ride comfort and handling.

Transmission shift energy management and adaptive shift control provide computer control of the gearbox to produce smooth gear changes under all conditions.

Dynamic shift pattern (DSP) modifies the gear change points in 'normal' mode according to driving style.

Electronic traction assistance system fitted as standard.

Zytek EMS3 engine management system provides high density 32x32 site bit-maps for fuelling and ignition, enabling more accurate engine mapping, so providing greater efficiency, power and throttle response.

New alarm and immobilisation system with panic, lock and unlock functions controlled from key fob.

Automatic headlamp system actuates in low light conditions and switches off as light intensity rises. This system may also be programmed to actuate after wipers have been in use for 30 seconds or more.

Both alarm and headlamp operations are programmable to owner's individual preferences.

CFC-free air conditioning system.

GSM digital telephone system (UK). Analogue telephone system (North America).

PERFORMANCE

6.75 litre V8 engine with exhaust driven turbocharger and liquid-cooled charge air cooler.

Digital boost control system.

7.5Jx17 aluminium alloy wheels fitted with directional 255/55WR17 tyres provide responsive steering and sure-footed roadholding especially in wet conditions.

Electronic traction assistance system with viscous control differential provides optimum sharing of the engine's power output between the driven wheels for optimum traction and control.

Centre console-mounted gearshift with sport/standard gear change pattern selector.

Four speed electronically controlled automatic gearbox with torque converter lock-up.

Maximum power 286.1 kW (385 bhp) at 4000 min⁻¹

Maximum torque 750 Nm (553lbft) between 2000 and 3450 min⁻¹

Maximum speed 249 km/h (155 mph)

Acceleration 0-60 mph - 6.0 seconds, 0-100 km/h - 6.3 sec.

Fuel consumption - European Union drive cycle

Urban 25.7 l/100 km (11.0 mpg) 11 mpUSgall

Extra urban (Highway) 13.0 l/100 km (21.7 mpg) 16 mpUSgall

Combined 17.7 l/100 km (16.0 mpg) 13 mpUSgall

DURABILITY

Underside of the bodyshell is zinc-coated and undergoes a ten-stage metal pre-treatment process prior to cathodic electro-priming. Multi-stage painting process with the latest 'clear over base' paint technology.

Flexibilised polymer clearcoat lacquer applied to the front surfaces of the motor car provides increased stone chip protection, yet is almost invisible to the eye.

Elastomeric stone-chip protective coating is applied to the sill and wheel arch areas prior to painting.

SAFETY

Fully powered disc braking system with four channel electronic anti-lock system and anti-dive geometry, now featuring performance brakes.

Driver and front seat passenger airbags.

Anti-side intrusion beams to doors.

Dual level air conditioning.

Careful attention to weight distribution under all loading cases, together with full-length lever arm front suspension and semi-trailing arm rear suspension with Panhard rod provide a progressive handling characteristic at all times.

Seat belt pre-tensioners to front seat belts.

APPOINTMENTS

Power/tilt-adjustable steering column enables the ideal driving position to be reached, improves instrument visibility and has 'easy entry-exit' feature.

Memory facility allows the positions of the seat, exterior mirrors and steering wheel of four drivers to be recalled.

Front passenger seat fitted with four memories for seat position.

Air conditioning outlets for rear seat passengers permit individual control of the rear cabin environment.

Distinctive and attractive sports style seat for exceptional comfort and support.

4x30 Watt tuner-cassette audio system, with 6 CD autochanger mounted in centre console armrest for ease of access, playing through an eight speaker system.

Remote control of in-car entertainment system for rear seat passengers.

Full hide upholstery, Wilton carpet and lambswool rugs provide a unique interior ambience.

Burr walnut veneer with straight grained walnut cross-banding.

Two stage front seat heating.

Bi-level lumbar support system to front seats.

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DIMENSIONS

Wheelbase 3061 mm (120.5 in)

Overall length 5342 mm (17ft 6.3 in)

Overall width (across mirrors) 2058 mm (6ft 9.0 in)

Overall height 1462 mm (4ft 9.6 in)

Turning circle (kerb to kerb) 12.16 m (39ft 10.7 in)

Boot/trunk volume 0.347 m³ (12.262 ft³)



Opposite: Continental T interior.





Bentley Turbo R

The ultimate sporting high performance saloon, with luxurious accommodation for up to five adults and luggage. A 0-60mph acceleration time of six seconds (0-100 km/h: 6.3) and maximum speed of 150mph is achieved with astonishing refinement and comfort. The 1997 specification now includes automatic headlamp actuation in low light conditions, electronic traction assistance system (ETAS), performance brakes, a highly sophisticated new alarm and immobilisation system and new sports alloy wheels. Rear-seat passengers will also appreciate the extra space and comfort afforded them now that the long wheelbase chassis is standard specification.

STYLE

Wrap-around colour-matched bumpers, slim profile radiator shell and integral front air dam.

Four new mica paint finishes have been introduced: Black Sapphire, Black Emerald, Black Garnet and Ocean.

New bright-finished red wheel centre badges.

New sports-style aluminium alloy wheels.

TECHNOLOGY

Automatic ride control provides computer control of the suspension dampers to optimise ride comfort and handling.

Transmission shift energy management and adaptive shift control provide computer control of the gearbox to produce smooth gear changes under all conditions.

Dynamic shift pattern (DSP) modifies the gear change points in 'normal' mode according to driving style.

Electronic traction assistance system fitted as standard.

Zytek EMS3 engine management system provides high density 32x32 bit-maps for fuelling and ignition, enabling more accurate engine mapping, so providing greater efficiency, power and throttle response.

New alarm and immobilisation system with panic, lock and unlock functions controlled from key fob.

Automatic headlamp system actuates in low light conditions and switches off as light intensity rises. This system may also be programmed to actuate after wipers have been in use for 30 seconds or more.

Both alarm and headlamp operations are programmable to owner's individual preferences. CFC-free air conditioning system.

GSM digital telephone system (UK). Analogue telephone system (North America).

PERFORMANCE

6.75 litre V8 engine with exhaust driven turbocharger and liquid-cooled charge air cooler. Digital boost control system.

7.5Jx17 aluminium alloy wheels fitted with directional 255/55WR17 tyres provide responsive steering and sure-footed roadholding in both dry and wet conditions.

Centre console-mounted gearshift with sport/standard gear change pattern selector.

Four speed electronically controlled automatic gearbox with torque converter lock-up.

Maximum power 286.1 kW (385 bhp) at 4000 min⁻¹

Maximum torque 750 Nm (553lbft) between 2000 and 3450 min⁻¹

Maximum speed 241 km/h (150 mph)

Acceleration 0-60mph - 6.0 seconds. 0-100 km/h - 6.3 seconds

Fuel consumption European Union drive cycle

Urban 25.7 l/100 km (11.0 mpg) 11 mpUSgall

Extra urban (Highway) 13.3 l/100 km (21.2 mpg) 16 mpUSgall

Combined 17.8 l/100 km (15.9 mpg) 13 mpUSgall

DURABILITY

Underside of the bodyshell is zinc-coated and undergoes a ten-stage metal pre-treatment process prior to cathodic electro-priming. Multi-stage painting process with the latest 'clear over base' paint technology.

Flexibilised polymer clearcoat lacquer applied to the front surfaces of the motor car provides increased stone chip protection, yet is almost invisible to the eye.

Elastomeric stone-chip protective coating is applied to the sill and wheel arch areas prior to painting.

SAFETY

Fully powered disc braking system with four channel electronic anti-lock system and anti-dive geometry, now featuring performance brakes.

Driver and front seat passenger airbags.

Anti-side intrusion beams to doors.

Extended head restraint travel on front seats.

Dual level air conditioning.

Careful attention to weight distribution under all loading cases, together with full-length lever arm front suspension and semi-trailing arm rear suspension with Panhard rod provide a progressive handling characteristic at all times.

Seat belt pre-tensioners to front seat belts.

APPOINTMENTS

Four door saloon with accommodation for up to five adults.

Redesigned front seat cushions giving improved support and comfort.

Power/tilt-adjustable steering wheel enables the ideal driving position to be reached, improves instrument visibility and has 'easy entry-exit' feature.

Memory facility allows the positions of the seat, exterior mirrors and steering wheel of four drivers to be recalled; front passenger seat fitted with four memories for seat position.

Air conditioning outlets for rear seat passengers permit control of the rear cabin environment.

Optional independently adjustable rear seats, with opening centre box armrest.

4x30 Watt tuner-cassette audio system, with 6 CD autochanger mounted in centre console armrest for ease of access, playing through a ten speaker system.

Remote control of in-car entertainment system for rear seat passengers.

Full hide upholstery, Wilton carpet and lambswool rugs provide a unique interior ambience.

Burr walnut veneer with straight grained walnut cross-banding.

Two stage front seat heating with optional heated rear seats.

Bi-level lumbar support system to front seats.

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DIMENSIONS

Wheelbase 3162 mm (124.5 in)

Overall length 5395 mm (17ft 8.4 in)

Overall width (across mirrors) 2110 mm (6ft 11.1 in)

Overall height 1485 mm (4ft 10.5 in)

Turning circle 12.62 m (41ft 4.9 in)

Boot/trunk volume 0.348 m³ (12.281 ft³)



Opposite: Turbo R Sport interior.

Bentley Azure

Beneath the stunning lines of the Bentley Azure is the sophisticated technology of a 150mph sporting supercar. Traditional Bentley interior keynotes of walnut veneer and sumptuous leather envelop up to four adult occupants, while the turbocharged and intercooled 6.75 litre V8 engine combines scorching performance with creamy refinement. The roof stows itself away beneath the rear deck in seconds at the touch of a button, leaving the Azure's sweeping lines uninterrupted from grille to tail. The 1997 specification includes automatic headlamp actuation in low light conditions, performance brakes, electronic traction assistance system (ETAS) and a highly sophisticated new alarm and immobilisation system.

STYLE

- Two door open tourer, with accommodation for four adults.
- Fully powered convertible hood with single button operation.
- Wrap-around and colour-matched bumpers.
- Four new mica paint finishes have been introduced: Black Sapphire, Black Emerald, Black Garnet and Ocean.
- New bright-finished blue wheel centre badges.

TECHNOLOGY

- State of the art computer simulation methods used to design a rigid and refined body structure.
- Automatic ride control provides computer control of the suspension dampers to optimise ride comfort and handling.
- Transmission shift energy management and adaptive shift control provide computer control of the gearbox to produce smooth gear changes under all conditions.
- Dynamic shift pattern (DSP) modifies the gear change points in 'normal' mode according to driving style.
- Zytek EMS3 engine management system provides high density 32x32 site bit-maps for fuelling and ignition, enabling more accurate engine mapping, so providing greater efficiency, power and throttle response.
- New alarm and immobilisation system with panic, lock and unlock functions controlled from key fob.
- Automatic headlamp system actuates in low light conditions and switches off as light intensity rises. This system may also be programmed to actuate after wipers have been in use for 30 seconds or more.
- Both alarm and headlamp operations are programmable to owner's individual preferences.
- CFC-free air conditioning system.
- GSM digital telephone system (UK). Analogue telephone system (North America).

PERFORMANCE

- 6.75 litre V8 engine with exhaust driven turbocharger and liquid-cooled charge air cooler.
 - Digital boost control system.
 - 7.5Jx17 aluminium alloy wheels fitted with directional 255/55WR17 tyres provide responsive steering and sure-footed roadholding in both wet and dry conditions.
 - Electronic traction assistance system with viscous control differential provides optimum sharing of the engine's power output between the driven wheels for maximum traction and control.
 - Centre console-mounted gearshift with sport/standard gear change pattern selector.
 - Four speed electronically controlled automatic gearbox with torque converter lock-up.
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| Maximum power | 286.1 kW (385 bhp) at 4000 min ⁻¹ | |
| Maximum torque | 750 Nm (553lbft) between 2000 and 3450 min ⁻¹ | |
| Maximum speed | 241 km/h (150 mph) | |
| Acceleration 0-60 mph | 6.3 seconds. | 0-100 km/h - 6.7 seconds. |
| Fuel consumption | European Union drive cycle | |
| Urban | 25.8 l/100 km (10.9 mpg) | 11 mpUSgall |
| Extra urban (Highway) | 13.1 l/100 km (21.6 mpg) | 16 mpUSgall |
| Combined | 17.8 l/100 km (15.9 mpg) | 13 mpUSgall |

DURABILITY

- Underside of the bodyshell is zinc-coated and undergoes a ten-stage metal pre-treatment process prior to cathodic electro-priming. Multi-stage painting process with the latest 'clear over base' paint technology.
- Flexibilised polymer clearcoat lacquer applied to the front surfaces of the motor car provides increased stone chip protection, yet is almost invisible to the eye.
- Elastomeric stone-chip protective coating is applied to the sill and wheel arch areas prior to painting.

SAFETY

- Fully powered disc braking system with four channel electronic anti-lock system and anti-dive geometry, now featuring new performance brakes.
- Driver and front seat passenger airbags.
- Anti-side intrusion beams to doors.
- Dual level air conditioning.
- Careful attention to weight distribution under all loading cases, together with full-length lever arm front suspension and semi-trailing arm rear suspension with Panhard rod provide a progressive handling characteristic at all times.
- Seat belt pre-tensioners to front seat belts.

APPOINTMENTS

- Power/tilt-adjustable steering column enables the ideal driving position to be reached, improves instrument visibility and has 'easy entry-exit' feature.
- Memory facility allows the positions of the seat, exterior mirrors and steering wheel of four drivers to be recalled.
- Front passenger seat fitted with four memories for seat position.
- Motorised front seats with integral safety belts permit easy entry and exit for rear seat passengers.
- 4x30 Watt tuner-cassette audio system, with 6 CD autochanger mounted in centre console armrest for ease of access, playing through an eight speaker system.
- Remote control of in-car entertainment system for rear seat passengers.
- Full hide upholstery, Wilton carpet and lambswool rugs provide a unique interior ambience.
- Burr walnut veneer with straight grained walnut cross-banding.
- Lumbar adjustment and two stage heating to front seats.
- Bentley Motors invites its customers to create their own personal specifications, by selecting further enhancements from the wide choice afforded by Bentley accessories and H.J. Mulliner.

DIMENSIONS

Wheelbase	3061 mm (120.5 in)
Overall length	5342 mm (17ft 6.3 in)
Overall width (across mirrors)	2058 mm (6ft 9.0 in)
Overall height	1475 mm (4ft 10.1 in)
Maximum height attained during hood operation	2210 mm (7ft 3.0 in)
Turning circle (kerb to kerb)	12.16 m (39ft 10.7 in)
Boot/trunk volume	0.193 m ³ (6.799 ft ³)







“...a mission to create a motor car that will excite,
not simply satisfy its driver; an uncompromised car
that will speak to its owner in the way that no volume-made vehicle can”.

There are people at Crewe who have been making motor cars for over a quarter of a century and who have rarely seen two identical Bentleys. As each car is built it passes from one skilled craftsman to the next, each painstakingly turning the inanimate components into a living machine. Watch the man who takes the perfectly matched sections of walnut veneer for the fascia or the waistrails and applies the deep, highly polished lacquer finish to them; you'll see an expression in his eyes of total absorption, of creation rather than mere assembly. The same expression can be found among the people hand-stitching the hide upholstery, or the technician making the final checks before the engine first fires into life. Theirs is a mission to create a motor car that will excite, not simply satisfy its owner; an uncompromised car that will speak to its owner in the way that no volume-made vehicle can.

A Bentley can be relied upon for faithful, everyday transport, but it was created for more than just the journey from A to B. As the people of Crewe will tell you, a Bentley is also a magnificent example of all that is possible in the art of motor car manufacture when a passion for excellence is encouraged to flourish.

The long wheelbase of the Turbo R saloon, now standard on 1997 models, makes long distance travel as comfortable for rear-seat passengers as it is rewarding for the driver. Individual air conditioning outlets and remote control of the in-car entertainment are standard features, while Bentley accessories and H.J. Mulliner themed choices can make the interior of each Bentley as personal as the décor of a room.





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