



BENTLEY

LE MANS EDITION



BE PART OF RACING LEGEND

2013 marks the 90th anniversary of the Le Mans 24 Hours race, France's epic test of endurance. Bentley won the race five times between 1924 and 1930, securing its place in Le Mans legend. 10 years ago, Bentley once again claimed a historic first place at the race.

Produced in a special limited series of 48 per model, the Le Mans Edition celebrates Bentley's enduring legacy of spirit, speed, and style. Each of the six distinctive specifications is named for one of Bentley's winning drivers – the world-renowned Bentley Boys.

Discover the Le Mans Edition.



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An impressive Le Mans 24 Hours debut

The first 24 Hours Le Mans race was run on May 26 and 27 1923. W.O. Bentley originally thought the race "madness," but was talked into entering by a young, determined driver, John Duff. The Bentley car took 4th place – and W.O. became hooked on Le Mans 24 Hours, the race that would make his cars famous.



1923

Claiming the first victory

In 1924, John Duff and Frank Clement drove as a team for the second year in a row, this time winning 1st place for Bentley in a 3 Litre. Defeating many of the leading sports cars of the day, they set the precedent for the impressive Bentley wins still to come.



1924

Davis and Benjafield win against the odds

In 1927, the infamous White House crash put two of the three Bentley teams out of commission. Dudley Benjafield and Sammy Davis, the third Bentley team, stopped to help out both teammates and rivals before going on to win the race. Their sporting spirit impressed the public and the Bentley Boys became national heroes.



Another dramatic victory

In one of the closest-fought Le Mans 24 Hours races ever, the Bentley team very nearly lost out to the American Black Hawk Stutz in 1928. The team of Woolf Barnato – now chairman of Bentley Motors – and Bernard Rubin reached the finish line with a cracked chassis and detached radiator hose.

1928

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place

Year after year, Bentley had worked tirelessly to improve their engines, pit procedures, and team discipline. In 1929, their efforts paid off: the team took home the top four prizes, and the Bentley Boys' legend at Le Mans was secured.



1929

The golden era draws to a close

In 1930, the two 6.5-liter cars of Barnato/Kidston and Clement/Watney prevailed on the track, taking 1st and 2nd place. Just months later, the worsening world economic climate brought a close to this great period in Bentley's history.

1930



Taking 1st place, 73 years later

After two strong years in 2001 and 2002, Bentley claimed in 2003 its most spectacular win since 1930. Two Bentley Speed 8s took both 1st and 2nd place at Le Mans 24 Hours, almost exactly 73 years to the day since the two Speed 6s had achieved the same. It was a day those who witnessed it will never forget.

2003

Dawn of a new legend

Bentley celebrates its racing legend with the Le Mans Edition, produced in a limited series of just 48 vehicles, for each of the following models:

Mulsanne, Continental GT W12 Speed, Continental GT W12, Continental GT V8, Continental GT W12 Convertible, Continental GT V8 Convertible.



2013

CONTINENTAL

Both the Continental and Mulsanne boast handcrafted, state-of-the-art features inside and out, showcasing the ultimate in luxury and impeccable workmanship that is Bentley's hallmark. Le Mans embroidery on all four headrests, a Le Mans clockface, and limited-edition tread plates are just some of the special touches that round out the exclusive character of this outstanding edition.

A wide array of signature touches.



Le Mans embroidery on all four headrests

Le Mans Edition tread plates

Numbered badge on veneered storage case

21", seven-spoke limited-edition elegant alloy wheels – black finish



Le Mans Edition exterior wing badge

MULSANNE



Contrast stitching on diamond-quilted areas

Le Mans embroidery on all four headrests

Numbered badge on veneered cup-holder door

'Quad' Effect Tailpipe Finishers



Illuminated tread plates with "Le Mans Edition"

21", two-piece, five-spoke wheels – dark tint

SPECIFICATIONS

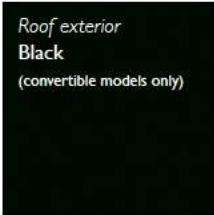
The Le Mans Edition's six recommended specifications have been specially developed by our in-house Color & Trim team to demonstrate the design possibilities of each variation and to convey the remarkable personalities of Bentley's winning drivers.

Let yourself be inspired.



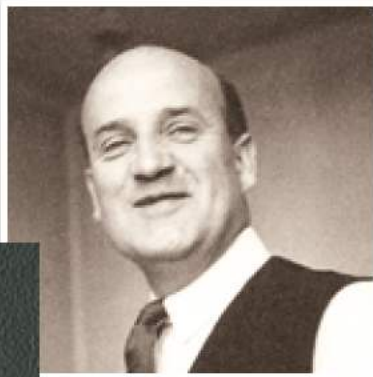
Guy Smith

Guy secured his place in racing legend at the 2003 Le Mans 24 Hours, piloting the Speed 8 across the finish line.



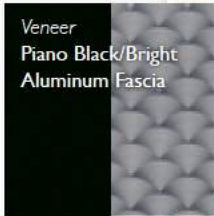
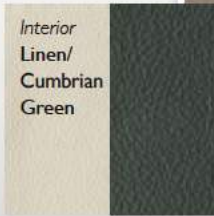
John Duff

The original Bentley Boy, Duff gave Bentley its first win at the race in 1924.



Dudley Benjafield

Competing for the sheer pleasure of driving and the thrill of the race, "Benjy" took 1st place in 1927.



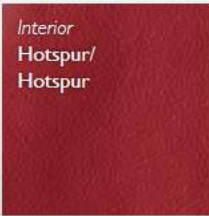
Tim Birkin

A formidable personality, Birkin was renowned for his willingness to be utterly ruthless with his car to achieve a result.



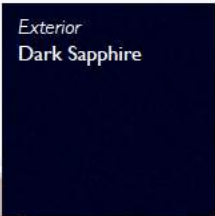
Woolf Barnato

Called "the best driver we ever had" by W.O. Bentley, Barnato remains the only driver to have won on each occasion of entering the race.



Glen Kidston

"A born adventurer: rough, tough, sharp, and fearless," Kidston claimed 1st place at Le Mans in 1930.





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