



# Bentley Continental GT

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The **Bentley Continental GT** is a grand tourer produced by the British automaker Bentley Motors since 2003. It was the first car released by Bentley under Volkswagen AG management after the company's acquisition in 1998 and the first ever Bentley to employ mass production manufacturing techniques.

## Origin

In 1994 Rolls-Royce Motors (who at that time owned the Bentley brand) previewed a convertible concept car at the Geneva Motor Show - the Concept Java. The car was designed to be a highly desirable Bentley, but smaller, more affordable, yet still exclusive in order to maintain the integrity of the brand. It was to appeal to a new range of potential buyers and generate increase sales volume for Rolls Royce (at the time the current Bentley Continental R was an ultra-exclusive £180,000 in the UK, within reach of a very select market, selling only 2-300 units a year). The Concept Java never made it into production in the form seen in 1994 (although 13 cars were made for the Sultan of Brunei). However the Bentley Continental GT realised the concept of the Java as a more affordable Bentley, manufactured in much larger volumes. Whilst external styling is different, the dashboard design was clearly influenced by the Java.

## First generation (2003–2011)

### Continental GT (2003-2011)

The vehicle was unveiled in 2003 Geneva Motor Show, followed by Le Mans,<sup>[4]</sup> 2003 Goodwood Festival of Speed,<sup>[5]</sup> 2003 annual Bentley Drivers Club meeting at Silverstone,<sup>[6]</sup> Very importantly, the car differed significantly from the previous Continental R & T models in terms of its concept: although

### Bentley Continental GT



#### Overview

<b>Manufacturer</b>	<u>Bentley</u>
<b>Production</b>	2003–present
<b>Assembly</b>	<u>Crewe, England, United Kingdom</u>

#### Body and chassis

<b>Class</b>	<u>Grand tourer (S)</u>
<b>Body style</b>	2-door <u>2+2 fastback</u> 2-door 2+2 <u>convertible</u>
<b>Layout</b>	<u>F4 layout</u> (2003–2017) <u>FR layout</u> (2018–present)

<b>Platform</b>	<u>Volkswagen Group D1</u>
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#### Chronology

<b>Predecessor</b>	<u>Bentley Continental R</u> <u>Bentley Continental T</u>
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### First Generation



Bentley Continental GT (France)



Interior

much of the car is hand assembled, it is a mass-produced car made in significantly larger numbers. It is not a coachbuilt car. As a result, the price at launch was significantly less than the Continental R (approximately half) and this immediately exposed the car to a much wider and new customer base as a more affordable car.

The Continental GT is equipped with a 6.0 litre twin-turbocharged W12 engine, which produces a

DIN-rated motive power output of 560 metric horsepower (412 kW; 552 bhp) at 6,100 rpm, and torque of 650 newton-metres (479 lbf·ft) at 1,600-6,100 rpm.<sup>[2]</sup> Torsen-based permanent four-wheel drive is standard.<sup>[2]</sup> It will accelerate from 0 to 100 kilometres per hour (0.0 to 62.1 mph) in 4.8 seconds, and go on to reach a top speed of 318 kilometres per hour (197.6 mph).<sup>[2]</sup>

Early models include a choice of 6 body colours (Diamond Black, Burnt Oak, Cypress, Neptune, Spruce, and Umbrian Red), 8 hide colours (Beluga, Burnt Oak, Laurel, Nautic, Portland, Saffron, Savannah, Saddle), 5 veneer types (Burr Oak, Burr Walnut, Dark Stained Walnut, Madrona, Piano Black), 4 carpet and seatbelt colours (Beluga, Burnt Oak, Laurel, Nautic).<sup>[7]</sup>

### 2005 model year update, Mulliner Driving Specification (2004-)

Changes to the Bentley Continental GT included voice activation for the in-car telephone in six languages, increased interior trim options with the addition of magnolia hide, as well as carpets and seat belts that can be matched to either the main or secondary hide colour.



Overview	
<b>Production</b>	2003–2011
<b>Assembly</b>	Crewe, England, United Kingdom
<b>Designer</b>	Raul Pires; Dirk van Braeckel (2000) <sup>[1]</sup>
Body and chassis	
<b>Body style</b>	2-door <u>2+2 fastback</u> 2-door 2+2 <u>convertible</u>
<b>Layout</b>	<u>Longitudinal front-engine</u> , <u>Torsen permanent four-wheel drive</u> <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Platform</b>	Volkswagen Group D1
<b>Related</b>	Bentley Continental Flying Spur Volkswagen Phaeton
Powertrain	
<b>Engine</b>	6.0 L W12 <u>twin-turbo</u> <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Transmission</b>	6-speed ZF 6HP26A <u>tiptronic automatic</u>
Dimensions	
<b>Wheelbase</b>	2,746 mm (108.1 in)
<b>Length</b>	4,808 mm (189.3 in): 2003-05 4,804 mm (189.1 in): <sup>[2]</sup> 2006-present
<b>Width</b>	1,918 mm (75.5 in): 2003-05 & GTC 1,946 mm (76.6 in): Supersports 75.4 in (1,915 mm): 2009-present Coupe 77.4 in (1,966 mm): 2009-present Convertible

Mulliner Driving Specification includes 20-inch 2-piece 7-spoke alloy sports wheels with bespoke Yokohama Advan Sport 275/35 R20 tyres, drilled alloy sports foot pedals and footrest, gear lever finished in knurled chrome and hide, two-tone leather and veneer combinations, diamond quilted hide to facings, doors and rear quarter panels; embroidered 'Bentley' marque emblem to seat facings, indented hide headlining, dark-stained burr walnut or piano black veneer.

<b>Height</b>	1,390 mm (54.7 in) <sup>[2]</sup>
	1,380 mm (54.3 in): Speed
	1,398 mm (55.0 in): <sup>[3]</sup> GTC
<b>Kerb weight</b>	2,350 kg (5,181 lb) <sup>[2]</sup>
	2,485 kg (5,478 lb): <sup>[3]</sup> GTC

The vehicles went on sale in October 2004.<sup>[8][9][10]</sup>

## Continental Flying Spur

The four-door *Continental Flying Spur* saloon was first displayed at the 2005 Geneva Motor Show. The Flying Spur utilizes most of the technical underpinnings of the Bentley Continental GT, and was introduced to European and North American markets in the summer of 2005. Together, the Bentley Continental GT and Flying Spur have boosted Bentley's annual production from around 1,000 units in 2003, to 9,200 units in 2006.

The Flying Spur has a 6-litre, 12-cylinder engine, configured in a W formation. Unlike a conventional 12-cylinder engine with two banks of six (V-12), the Continental's 6-litre engine is configured in two banks of VR six cylinders each (2x VR6). This shortens the W-12 engine's length considerably, compared to a two-bank configuration. The W-12 produces 552 bhp (412 kW; 560 PS), accelerates from 0 to 60 mph in 4.9 seconds, and propels the Flying Spur top speed of 194 mph (312 km/h).

One notable aspect of the Continental Flying Spur is its grille. Made to look like traditional chromed brass mesh, it is a metal-covered plastic-core. This was fitted as a safety feature; it is designed to break apart upon impact with a pedestrian.

## Continental GT Diamond Series (2007-)

It is a limited (400 units worldwide) version of 2007 model year Continental GT Mulliner Driving Specification, commemorating Crewe factory's 60th anniversary. It included carbon-silicon carbide brakes (420x40mm cross-drilled front and 356x28mm rear), exclusive 9Jx20-inch 14-spoke alloy wheels, choice of 3 additional exclusive body colours (Moroccan Blue (bright blue), Anthracite (grey black) and Meteor (steel blue grey)), unique insignia to exterior, unique treadplates with text 'Celebrating 60 years of manufacturing in Crewe', choice of upgraded veneers (Dark Stained Burr Walnut or Piano Black (additional veneers available at extra cost)), drilled alloy sport foot pedals, gear lever finished in knurled chrome and hide, diamond quilted hide to seat facings, door and rear quarter panels; embroidered Bentley emblem to seat facings, indented hide headlining, Mulliner alloy fuel filler cap.<sup>[11]</sup>

## GTC (2006-)

The convertible version of the Continental GT, the **Continental GTC**,<sup>[12]</sup> was first presented in September 2005, and was introduced to several world markets in the autumn of 2006. The roof is produced by Karmann in Osnabrück, Germany.



Bentley Continental GTC

The GTC uses identical powertrain detail as the GT, and can accelerate from 0 to 100 kilometres per hour (0.0 to 62.1 mph) in 5.1 seconds.<sup>[3]</sup> With the roof up, it will reach a top speed of 314 kilometres per hour (195.1 mph), and with the roof down 305 kilometres per hour (189.5 mph).<sup>[3]</sup>



Bentley Continental GTC

The vehicle was unveiled in 2006 New York International Automobile Show,<sup>[13]</sup> followed by C. de Salamanca in Seville.<sup>[14]</sup>

The vehicle went on sale in late 2006.<sup>[15]</sup>

## 2008 model year update, Continental GT Speed, Mulliner Driving Specification (2007-2011)



Bentley Continental GT Speed

Changes to Continental GT include 35 kg (77 lb) reduction in kerb weight due primarily to optimisation of suspension and cooling system components, increased use of aluminium parts in suspension, revised Servotronic



Bentley Continental GT Speed

power steering for improved feel and feedback, optional fade-resistant carbon ceramic brakes provide improved brake feel (only available on

20-inch wheels), new, more upright front grille and larger lower air intakes give improved airflow to aid engine cooling; chromed headlamp bezels, two new exterior paint colours (Cumbrian Green and Granite), two new leather hide colours (Newmarket Tan and Cumbrian Green), new low-friction dampers, new 'Sport Traction' mode for the Bosch 8.1 ESP system, Bentley 'B' brake pedal.

Mulliner Driving Specification includes drilled alloy sport foot-pedals, knurled chrome/hide gear lever, diamond quilted hide to seat facings, doors and rear quarter panels.

Continental GT Speed is a version of Continental GT with increased engine power to 610 PS (449 kW; 602 bhp) and 750 N·m (553 lb·ft), lowered ride height, uprated spring/damper settings and uprated anti-roll bars for improved agility and body control; unique 9.5Jx20-inch wheels with bespoke Pirelli P-Zero performance tyres, retuned speed-sensitive Servotronic system, solid-mounted front subframe and stiffer rear bushings; 'Dynamic' mode for the Bosch 8.1 ESP system, front grille and lower air intakes in dark-tinted chrome matrix, wider rifled sports exhaust tail pipes.

2008 model year vehicles also include price increase over previous models.<sup>[16]</sup>

The new Continental GT and GT Speed were available to order from August 2007.<sup>[17][18]</sup>



Continental GT Speed was unveiled in Laguna Village Polo 2007,<sup>[19]</sup> followed by 2007 Frankfurt Motor Show.<sup>[20]</sup>

## Bentley GTZ (2008)



Bentley GTZ

It is a version of Bentley Continental GT Speed with custom body produced in association with coachbuilder Zagato, with technical partners Coventry Prototype Panels, DELVIS GmbH, PPG. The project was conceived during a



Bentley GTZ

discussion between Bentley Motors Limited CEO Dr. Ing. Franz Josef Paefgen and Dr. Andrea Zagato, President of Zagato at the Pebble Beach Concours D'Elegance in 2006. According to Autoblog the GTZ was limited to just nine examples.

The vehicle was unveiled in the 2008 Geneva Motor Show.<sup>[21][22][23]</sup>

## 2009 Continental GTC update, GTC Speed, Mulliner Driving Specification (2009-2011)



2009 Bentley Continental GTC Speed

Changes to Continental GTC include new more upright front grille, larger lower air intake, chrome headlamp bezels, retuned Servotronic power steering for improved feedback and feel, new optional Follow-to-stop, radar-based Adaptive Cruise Control, optional carbon ceramic brakes with 420 mm front and 356 mm



2009 Bentley Continental GTC Speed

rear discs and eight-piston callipers (only available with 20 - inch wheels), two new exterior colours (Aquamarine, Blue Crystal), new interior colour (Aquamarine).

Mulliner Driving Specification includes choice of three standard veneers (Burr Walnut, Dark Stained Burr Walnut, Piano Black, drilled alloy sport foot-pedals, gear lever finished in knurled chrome and hide, diamond quilted hide to seat facings, doors and rear quarter panels; embroidered Bentley emblem to seat facings, 20 inch two-piece alloy sports wheels (GTC only) or 20 inch multi-spoke alloy wheels in Dark Tint painted finish (GTC Speed only)

Continental GTC Speed is based on Continental GTC with Mulliner Driving Specification, with engine from Continental GT Speed, radiator and lower air intake grilles with a dark tinted matrix, 9.5Jx20-inch multi-spoke alloy wheels, Bentley-bespoke Pirelli PZero tyres, lowered suspension by 10 mm at the front and 15 mm, wider twin-ripled exhaust tail pipes, a new boot-mounted lip spoiler.

The vehicle was unveiled in 2009 North American International Auto Show.<sup>[24][25]</sup>

## Series 51 (2009-)

The Series 51 models include additional vehicle customisation options for Continental GT and GTC, such as use of non-indented hide for diamond quilting, contrast piping for the seats and doors as well as bespoke Series 51 treadplates. Other options include Dark and Bright 'Engine Spin' aluminium dashboard and centre console options, Amboyna veneer, colour matched overmats and boot carpets, 20-inch 14-spoke polished Diamond wheel with a dark centre cap, a signature '51' badge on the front wings, optional two-tone paint (with one colour running over the bonnet, roof and flowing down to the boot).



Bentley Continental GT Series 51

The vehicles (including a Continental GTC with Imperial Blue as a main and secondary hide, Linen seat and door inserts and Newmarket Tan as the accent colour) were unveiled in 2009 Frankfurt Motor Show,<sup>[26]</sup> followed by Continental GTC model in 2010 North American International Auto Show.<sup>[27]</sup>

Ordering of Series 51 models began from 1 September 2009.<sup>[28]</sup>

## Supersports (2009-2011)



Bentley Continental Supersports coupe

In February 2009, Bentley announced limited production of the Bentley Continental Supersports. The car was unveiled at the 2009 Geneva Motor Show,<sup>[29]</sup> announced by Jay Leno, to be available in autumn 2009 worldwide, followed by FlexFuel-compatible models in North



Bentley Continental Supersports coupe

America by summer 2010.

The first Bentley capable of running on both petrol (gasoline) and biofuel (E85 ethanol), its 6.0 litre W12 engine was rated 630 PS (463 kW; 621 bhp) at 6,000 rpm and 800 N·m (590 lbf·ft) at 1,700-5,600 rpm - using either fuel. The car has 0 to 100 kilometres per hour (0.0 to 62.1 mph) acceleration of 3.7 seconds, 0 to 160 kilometres per hour (0.0 to 99.4 mph) acceleration of 8.9 seconds, top speed of 329 kilometres per hour (204.4 mph), making it the fastest and the most powerful production Bentley ever. The Supersports is already known as the best handling Bentley. Bentley says the supersports can deliver 1.29 g forces on a 300-foot (91 m) skid pad, as compared to its sibling the Continental GT speed which can perform up to .98 g forces on a 300-foot (91 m) skidpad.<sup>[30]</sup>

It includes a revised ZF 6HP26A tiptronic automatic with "Quickshift" system that reduces shift times by 50%, and enables double downshifts. The car uses a Torsen T-3 centre differential for the 40:60 rear-biased torque split for the four-wheel drive system. Other changes include revised Continuous Damping Control (CDC), 20-inch lightweight alloy wheels (with increased 25 mm (1.0 in) offset on rear wheels) with 275/35 ZR20 Pirelli Ultra High Performance tires, advanced Bosch Electronic Stability Programme (ESP) with switchable Dynamic

Mode, Carbon fibre-reinforced Silicon Carbide (C/SiC) ceramic disc brakes (the largest and most powerful brakes ever fitted to a production car), 110 kilograms (243 lb) weight saving over Continental GT Speed, automatic retractable spoiler (deploys at 80 km/h (50 mph)).

US model has MSRP of approximately \$270,000, with early vehicles not having E85 capability, which would be available in summer of 2010 for US market.<sup>[31]</sup>

### **Supersports Convertible (2010-)**

It is a convertible version of Continental Supersports coupe with a revised version of the ZF 6HP26 transmission with "Quickshift," cutting shift times by 50% and enabling double downshifts. The convertible also gets new, lightweight 20-inch alloy wheels that are 22 lb (10.0 kg) lighter than the standard wheel.



Bentley Continental Supersport convertible

The vehicle was unveiled in 2010 Geneva Motor Show.

US model went on sale in Summer of 2010 for \$280,400.<sup>[32]</sup>

### **Continental GTC, GTC Speed 80-11 Editions (2010-)**

The 80-11 models are limited (80 units per model) versions of Continental GTC and GTC Speed for North American market, with 20-inch 14-spoke alloy diamond wheels polished with unique black center caps featuring Bentley 'B' emblem (GTC) or 20-inch wheels from Supersports finished in dark tint with red brake calipers (GTC Speed), Union Jack brightware badges on front fenders, exclusive Midnight body colour option, Dark Grey Metallic soft top and the Mulliner fuel-filler cap as standard, Beluga main leather hide with white (GTC) or Pillar Box Red (GTC Speed) contrast stitching and piping and Bentley emblems, Piano Black veneers, engine-turned aluminum with bright (GTC) or dark (GTC Speed) finish, drilled alloy sport foot pedals, treadplates and a badge on the console with the '80-11 Edition' signature.

The vehicle was unveiled in 2010 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, and arrived at Bentley dealers in the Autumn of 2010 as 2011 model year vehicles.<sup>[33][34]</sup>

### **Continental GT Design Series China (2010-)**

It is a version of Continental GT in China market, with three-tone interior that blends a main leather hide colour with accent and insert colours, choice of Orange and Magenta accent colours, choice of Orange Flame and Magenta Metallic body colours, Piano Black and dark-stained Burr Walnut veneer (optional Amboyna), exterior wing badge, treadplate and name badge positioned on the centre console with 'Design Series China' signature.

The vehicle was unveiled in 2010 Auto China Motor Show in Beijing.<sup>[35]</sup>

### **Supersports Convertible ISR (2011-)**

Bentley Continental Supersports Convertible ISR (Ice Speed Record) is a limited (100 units) version of Bentley Continental Supersports convertible, commemorating Bentley's world ice speed record set by Finland's four-time world rally champion Juha Kankkunen. It includes a W12 engine rated at 640 PS (471 kW; 631 bhp),



2012 Supersports ISR

Quickshift six-speed automatic transmission, 420 mm front and 356 mm rear diameter carbon ceramic brake discs with eight-piston front calipers, three body colours (Beluga, Quartzite, Arctica White) with Dark Grey Metallic soft top in three-ply composite construction, 20-inch



2012 Supersports ISR

10-spoke Supersports wheels in dark tint. The interior has leather upholstery, diamond-quilted Alcantara to doors and quarter panels and seat facings, 'soft-grip' leather on the steering wheel and gear lever, high-gloss carbon fibre on the dashboard and console and roof panel with unique red weave, Pillar Box red piping to seats and doors, Pillar Box Red contrast stitching to seats, door casings, steering wheel and gearshift paddles; front seats and floor mats with embroidered 'Supersports' legends, and a Breitling dashboard clock with red accent.<sup>[36]</sup>

The vehicle was unveiled in 2011 Geneva Motor Show.<sup>[37]</sup>

## Engines

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Model	Years	Type/code	Power@rpm, Torque@rpm
Continental GT	2003 – 2010	5,998 cc (366.0 cu in) W12 twin turbo	560 PS (412 kW; 552 hp)@6000, 650 N·m (479 lb·ft)@1700
Continental GTC	2006 – 2010	5,998 cc (366.0 cu in) W12 twin turbo	560 PS (412 kW; 552 hp)@6000, 650 N·m (479 lb·ft)@1700
Continental GT Speed	2007 – 2010	5,998 cc (366.0 cu in) W12 twin turbo	610 PS (449 kW; 602 hp)@6000, 750 N·m (553 lb·ft)@1750
Continental GTC Speed	2009 – 2010	5,998 cc (366.0 cu in) W12 twin turbo	610 PS (449 kW; 602 hp)@6000, 750 N·m (553 lb·ft)@1750
Continental Supersports	2009 – 2010	5,998 cc (366.0 cu in) W12 twin turbo	630 PS (463 kW; 621 hp)@6000, 800 N·m (590 lb·ft)@1700
Continental Supersports Convertible	2010	5,998 cc (366.0 cu in) W12 twin turbo	630 PS (463 kW; 621 hp)@6000, 800 N·m (590 lb·ft)@1700

## Motorsport

In early 2007, a Bentley Continental GT Speed equipped with Nokian Hakkapeliitta Sport Utility 5 studded winter tyres and driven by four-time World Rally Champion Juha Kankkunen, broke the World Speed Record on Ice - on the frozen Baltic Sea near Oulu, Finland. It averaged 321.6 kilometres per hour (199.83 mph) in both directions on the "flying kilometre", reaching a maximum speed of 331 km/h (205.67 mph). The previous record was 296 km/h (183.9 mph), achieved with a Bugatti EB110 Supersport. The record-breaking Bentley was largely standard except for a roll-cage, aerodynamic improvements, low-temperature fuel and calibration.<sup>[38]</sup>

In February 2011, Bentley succeeded in breaking their own land-ice speed record previously set by the Continental GT. They managed to bring a slightly modified Supersports Convertible to 205.48 MPH in Finland, verified by Guinness World Records.<sup>[39]</sup>



On 15 February 2011 Kankkunen broke the record again, reaching an average speed of 331 km/h (205.67 mph) in a convertible Bentley Continental Supersports. Bentley announced that a limited edition of the car would be released to celebrate the achievement.<sup>[40]</sup> It seems that Bentley provoked the former tyre supplier by attempting a new record with a different brand (using Pirelli Sotto Zero IIs) because, on 6 March 2011, Nokian Tyres test driver, piloting an Audi RS6 with Nokian Hakkapeliitta 7 studded tyres, took the ice speed record in Finland, clocking a top speed of 206.05 mph (331.61 km/h) in freezing conditions.<sup>[41][42]</sup>

## Production

Continental GT was designed, engineered and built in Crewe.<sup>[43]</sup>

As of 24 March 2003 (6 months before delivery), Bentley Motors had already accrued over 3200 deposits for its new Continental GT.<sup>[44]</sup>

The first Bentley Continental GT for the North American market was sold at the 12th Annual Elton John AIDS Foundation Fundraiser for \$400,000 to Alabama native Joe Blount.<sup>[45][46]</sup>

Production of the Continental GTC began at the Crewe, Cheshire plant in September 2006, before the ending production of Bentley vehicles in Volkswagen Group manufacturing facility in Dresden, Germany at December 2006.<sup>[47][48]</sup>

As of 14 May 2009, Continental models were certified to have 85% recyclability (or 95% recoverability) of materials.<sup>[49]</sup>

## Marketing

Continental GT was marketed to new customers with an average age of just under 50 years old, with 75% upper luxury coupé buyer not from existing customer base.<sup>[50]</sup>

Breitling SA produced a limited (1000 units per colour) Breitling for Bentley Supersports chronograph wrist watches (based on Breitling Calibre 26B) inspired by the Bentley Continental Supersports car.<sup>[51][52]</sup>

Breitling SA produced a series of 1000-unit Bentley Supersports Light Body wrist watches (based on Breitling Calibre 27B) to commemorate Bentley Continental Supersports Convertible's ice speed record.<sup>[53][54]</sup> The watch was unveiled in Baselworld 2011 watch show.<sup>[55]</sup>

## Second generation (2011–2018)

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### Initial release

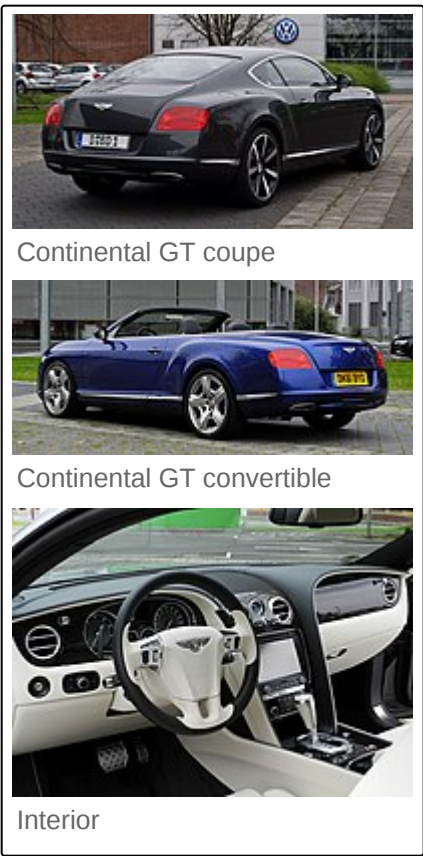
#### Continental GT W12 (2011-)

The vehicle was unveiled in 2010 Paris Motor Show.



Ordering of Continental GT began in October 2010, with deliveries of 2011 Continental GT began in the first quarter of 2011.<sup>[57][58]</sup>

Continental GT V8 (2013–)



The GT V8 version of the Continental GT has a twin-turbo 4-litre V8 engine (developed jointly with Audi). The 3993cc V8 produces 500 hp (373 kW) and 487 lb·ft (660 N·m). The car is capable of reaching a speed of up to 192 mph or 309 km/h. Cylinder deactivation technology effectively turns the V8 into a V4 to improve fuel economy by 8%. Other changes, including on-demand steering assistance, weight reduction, better engine heat management, overrun alternator charging and eco-tyres, improve overall fuel consumption by 40% from the W12's 17.1 mpg to the V8's 26.1 mpg.<sup>[59]</sup>

<b>Production</b>	2011–2018
<b>Assembly</b>	<u>Crewe</u> , <u>England</u> , <u>United Kingdom</u>
<b>Designer</b>	<u>Dirk van Braeckel</u>
<b>Body and chassis</b>	
<b>Body style</b>	2-door 2+2 fastback 2-door 2+2 convertible
<b>Layout</b>	Longitudinal front-engine, <u>Torsen</u> permanent four-wheel drive <sup>[56]</sup>
<b>Platform</b>	<u>Volkswagen Group D1</u>
<b>Powertrain</b>	
<b>Engine</b>	6.0 L W12 twin-turbo <sup>[56]</sup> 4.0 L V8 twin-turbo
<b>Transmission</b>	8-speed tiptronic automatic
<b>Dimensions</b>	
<b>Wheelbase</b>	2,746 mm (108.1 in) <sup>[56]</sup>
<b>Length</b>	4,806 mm (189.2 in)
<b>Width</b>	1,944 mm (76.5 in)
<b>Height</b>	1,404 mm (55.3 in)
<b>Kerb weight</b>	2,320 kg (5,115 lb)

The vehicle was unveiled in 2012 North American International Auto Show,<sup>[60]</sup> followed by SkyLounge in Munich,<sup>[61][62]</sup> 2012 Beijing International Automotive Exhibition,<sup>[63]</sup> 2012 Goodwood Festival of Speed.<sup>[64]</sup>

Continental GTC W12 (2011–)

The vehicle was unveiled in 2011 Frankfurt Motor Show, followed by 2012 Qatar International Motor Show.<sup>[65]</sup>

Deliveries of the Bentley Continental GTC began in late 2011.<sup>[66]</sup>

Continental GT Speed coupe (2012–)

It is a version of Continental GT W12 with increased engine power to 616 horsepower and 590 lb-ft of torque. The ride height is lowered and chassis and suspension uprated.<sup>[67]</sup> It has the top speed of 330 kilometres per hour (205 mph).<sup>[68]</sup> and does 0-60 in 4.00 seconds.

The vehicle was unveiled in Goodwood Festival of Speed 2012,<sup>[64][69][70]</sup> followed by 2012 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance,<sup>[71]</sup> followed by 2012 Moscow International Auto Salon,<sup>[72][73]</sup> 2012 Paris Motor Show,<sup>[74]</sup> 2012 AUTO ZÜRICH,<sup>[75]</sup> 2012 LA Auto Show.<sup>[76]</sup>



2013 Continental GT Speed

### **Continental GTC V8 (2012-)**

The vehicle was unveiled in 2012 North American International Auto Show,<sup>[77]</sup> followed by 2012 Geneva Motor Show,<sup>[78]</sup> 2012 New York International Auto Show,<sup>[79]</sup> 2012 Paris International Auto Salon,<sup>[74]</sup> 2013 Los Angeles Auto Show.<sup>[80]</sup>

### **Continental GT3 Concept Racer (2012)**

The vehicle was unveiled in 2012 Paris International Auto Salon,<sup>[74]</sup> followed by 2012 LA Auto Show.<sup>[76]</sup>

### **Bentley Continental GTZ (2012)**

The second Continental GTZ by Zagato, the version was built off the 2nd generation Continental with body panels covering the top of rear wheels.

The vehicle was unveiled in 2012 Concorso D'Eleganza.<sup>[81]</sup>

### **Continental GT Speed Convertible (2013–)**

The convertible version Continental GT Speed includes ME17 engine management system, self-levelling system set 10 mm lower than the 575PS Continental GT convertible, Electronic Stability Control with Dynamic Mode, matrix radiator grille and bumper air intakes in dark-tint chrome finish, 21" Speed alloy wheels in silver or an optional dark tint, diamond-quilted hide upholstery, Dark Tint Aluminium 'engine spin' finish (optional fine wood veneers, satin-finish Carbon Fibre option for fascia and centre console), top speed of 325 km/h (202 mph).



2014 Bentley Continental GT Speed convertible

The vehicle was unveiled in 2013 North American International Auto Show.<sup>[82][83][84]</sup>

### **Continental GT Le Mans Edition (2013-)**

A limited (48 units per model) versions of Continental GT V8 coupe and convertible, GT W12 coupé and convertible, and GT Speed coupé for North American market, commemorating Bentley's six victories at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Each car includes a unique Le Mans Edition numbered badge, Le Mans Edition clock face, embroidered Le Mans badge to each headrest, tread plates with the limited edition name, unique Le Mans Edition wheels and specific interior veneers and exterior colours. The vehicles were made in 6 models, named after the winning drivers:

<a href="#">[hide]</a> Model	Exterior	Interior	Stitching	Veneer
John Duff	Moonbeam	Two-tone Linen and Beluga	Contrast	Piano Black and Bright Aluminium
Dudley Benjafield	Verdant	Two-tone Linen and Cumbrian Green	Contrast	Dark Stain Burr Walnut and Bright Aluminium
Woolf Barnato	Granite	Hotspur	Beluga	Carbon Fibre
Tim Birkin	Glacier White	Beluga	White	Piano Black and Bright Aluminium
Glen Kidston	Dark Sapphire, with Blue hued exterior roof on GT Convertible models	Two-tone Newmarket Tan and Imperial Blue	Contrast	Dark Stain Burr Walnut and Dark Aluminium
Guy Smith	Beluga	Beluga	Hotspur	Piano Black and Dark Aluminium

The vehicles went on sale in second quarter of 2013.<sup>[85][86]</sup>

### Continental GT V8 S (2014-2018)

Available in coupe and convertible bodies, they are versions of Bentley Continental GT V8 with increased engine power to 528 PS (388 kW; 521 hp)@6000rpm and 680 N·m (502 lb·ft)@1700rpm, increased agility and body control to match the engine's higher output, lowered suspension through an aerodynamic front splitter, discrete side sills and rear diffuser in Beluga gloss black; new exclusive 20-inch wheels with open-spoke design, red-painted brake calipers, optional new sports exhaust, optional duo-tone interiors, choice of interior trim in seventeen hide colours, unique contrast centre stripe for the hide-trimmed roof lining matching the colour of the main hide, knurled chrome detailing to the gearshift lever and ventilation controls, Piano Black veneers, 'V8 S' on each sill tread plate.



Bentley Continental GT V8 S

The vehicle was unveiled in 2013 Frankfurt Motor Show,<sup>[87]</sup> followed by 2014 North American International Auto Show,<sup>[88]</sup> 2014 Beijing International Automotive Show,<sup>[89]</sup> 2014 Goodwood Festival of Speed.<sup>[90]</sup>

The vehicles were set to arrive in Bentley dealerships from early 2014.<sup>[91][92]</sup>

### Body styles

Petrol engines [\[hide\]](#)

Model	Coupe	Convertible
GT V8	2013–	2012–
GT V8 S	2014–	2014–
GT W12 (575PS)	2011–	2011–
GT Speed (625PS)	2012–2014	2013–



## Engines

Petrol engines [\[hide\]](#)

Model	Years	Type/code	Power@rpm, Torque@rpm
GT V8	2013–	3,993 cc (243.7 cu in) V8 twin turbo	507 PS (373 kW; 500 hp)@6000, 660 N·m (487 lb·ft)@1700
GT V8 S	2014–	3,993 cc (243.7 cu in) V8 twin turbo	528 PS (388 kW; 521 hp)@6000, 680 N·m (502 lb·ft)@1700
GT W12	2011–	5,998 cc (366.0 cu in) W12 twin turbo	575 PS (423 kW; 567 hp)@6000, 700 N·m (516 lb·ft)@1700
GT Speed	2012–2014	5,998 cc (366.0 cu in) W12 twin turbo	625 PS (460 kW; 616 hp)@6000, 800 N·m (590 lb·ft)@1700

Beginning with the 2011 model year, all Bentley Continental range vehicles support the use of petrol and E85 bioethanol fuel types in all markets, including North America.<sup>[93][94]</sup>

## Transmissions

Petrol engines [\[hide\]](#)

Model	Years	Types
GT V8	2013–	8-speed ZF transmission with Quickshift and steering column mounted gearshift paddles
GT V8 S	2014–	8-speed ZF automatic transmission
GT W12	2011–	6-speed ZF transmission with steering column mounted gearshift paddles
GT Speed	2012–	8-speed ZF transmission with steering column mounted gearshift paddles

## Production

Continental GT3's steering wheel, door pulls and seat were built in Crewe plant.

The first Continental GT3 car was built by the Bentley motorsport team in conjunction with M-Sport.

## Marketing

As part of the Continental GT Convertible launch, Ettinger of London produced leather goods under the Bentley Collection label to complement the new colour Breeze created for Continental GT Convertible, which included iPhone case and the Blackberry case, leather loop keyring and key case. Model Assemblies produced 50 1:43 Continental GT Convertible model cars in Breeze. A series of 2012 Bentley Collection items were also produced, including 'The Flying B' range a desk paperweight, letter opener and wine bottle stopper; 'Inspired by Our Heritage' four-piece Espresso coffee cup set featuring original racing scenes from the Brooklands and Le Mans racetracks; jackets, polo shirts and soft shell fleeces, Anthony Holt Silversmiths made-to-order Valet boxes, silver 1:12 replica of the Bentley Blower, Bentley Eyewear Collection sunglasses (in fine wood, Asian water buffalo horn, 18ct white, yellow and rose gold).<sup>[95][96][97]</sup> The sunglasses were produced by Estede, with lenses produced by Zeiss.<sup>[98][99]</sup>

As part of Continental GT V8 launch, Breitling SA created a 250-piece limited edition of its Bentley GMT chronograph (based on the Breitling Calibre 47B) featuring a second time-zone display.<sup>[100][101][102]</sup>

To demonstrate Bentley Continental GT's cold climate capabilities, Bentley Power on Ice programme returned in February 2013, allowing existing owners, enthusiasts and aspiring drivers the chance to explore the extreme limits of the Continental GT on the frozen lakes of northern Finland.<sup>[103]</sup>

## 2014 Continental GT update, Continental GT Speed (2014-)

Changes to 2014 Continental GT includes the debut of seven distinctive equipment packages. Premier Specification includes additional technology and comfort whilst the Interior Style Specification uses the very best of Bentley hand-craftsmanship for the ultimate tailored cabin.

Changes to Continental GT Speed includes increased engine power to 635 PS (467 kW; 626 hp) and 820 N·m (605 lb·ft), red-painted brake calipers, a chrome 'Speed' badge at front fenders, a new exclusive colour split. Mulliner Styling Specification for GT Speed includes front splitter, side skirts, rear diffuser in body colour; 21-inch Speed wheel design, headlamps, tail lamps in dark tint.

Continental GT Speed was unveiled in 2014 Geneva Motor Show (coupe),<sup>[104][105]</sup> followed by 2014 New York International Auto Show (coupe),<sup>[106]</sup> 2014 Beijing International Automotive Show.<sup>[89]</sup>

Delivery was set to begin in summer 2014.<sup>[107]</sup>

## Continental GT3-R (2014-)

It is a limited (300 units, including 99 in US, 4 in Canada) version of Continental GT V8 S coupe inspired by the Continental GT3 race car, with 100 kg (220 lb) weight reduction, increased engine power to 580 PS (427 kW; 572 hp)@6000rpm and 700 N·m (516 lb·ft)@1700rpm, torque vectoring for each of the rear wheels, shorter gearing, recalibrated control software, all-new titanium exhaust with 7 kg weight saving and retuned acoustics, forged 21-inch alloy wheels in gloss black, Pirelli tyres, sport-focused Electronic Stability Control programme, Carbon Silicon Carbide (CSiC) braking system (420 mm front and 356 mm rear brake discs, 8-piston front calipers in green), two-seat cabin with carbon fibre, Alcantara and leather interior upholstery; bespoke sporting seats with additional side support through deeper bolsters upholstered in Beluga black leather and diamond-quilted Alcantara, upholstered steering wheel and gear shifter, centre console and fascia panels in carbon fibre, carbon fibre door casings with diamond-quilted Alcantara inner panels, rear cabin with a carbon fibre surround and upholstered in leather and Alcantara, green hide colour on the seats, instrument panel, door panels, contrast stitching throughout the seats and diamond-quilted areas; GT3-R badging at centre console, passenger-side fascia panel, sill treadplates; GT3-R stitching at seat headrests in with contrast-green stitching, carbon fibre fixed rear wing and boot lid, bonnet with two vents, Glacier White body colour with gloss carbon fibre contrasts, two-tone green graphics tracing two power lines to the side profile of the car (one leading backwards from the front wheel, the other tracing the shape of the Continental GT's rear haunch), headlamp bezels, matrix grille, window surrounds and bumper strips in gloss black. US models also included sequentially numbered GT3-R sill treadplates.



A Bentley Continental GT3-R at Gold Coast Auto Gallery in Chicago, Illinois

The vehicle was unveiled in 2014 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

Delivery was set to begin late in 2014. Purchase of the car also included free standard servicing for four years (at the 10,000, 20,000 and 30,000 mile marks).<sup>[108]</sup><sup>[109]</sup> In 2015, journalists made a GT3-R go 0-60 mph in 3.3 seconds.<sup>[110]</sup>

US model went on sale for \$337,000 USD, with deliveries to the Americas Region starting at the first quarter of 2015.<sup>[111]</sup>

Body styles

Petrol engines [\[hide\]](#)

Model	Coupe	Convertible
GT V8	2014–	2014–
GT V8 S	2014–	2014–
GT3-R	2015-	N/A
GT W12 (575PS)	2014-	2014-
GT Speed (635PS)	2014-	2014-

Engines

Petrol engines [\[hide\]](#)

Model	Years	Type/code	Power@rpm, Torque@rpm
GT V8	2014-	3,993 cc (243.7 cu in) V8 twin turbo	507 PS (373 kW; 500 hp)@6000, 660 N·m (487 lb·ft)@1700
GT V8 S	2014-	3,993 cc (243.7 cu in) V8 twin turbo	528 PS (388 kW; 521 hp)@6000, 680 N·m (502 lb·ft)@1700
GT3-R	2014-	3,993 cc (243.7 cu in) V8 twin turbo	580 PS (427 kW; 572 hp)@6000, 700 N·m (516 lb·ft)@1700
GT W12	2014-	5,998 cc (366.0 cu in) W12 twin turbo	575 PS (423 kW; 567 hp)@6000, 700 N·m (516 lb·ft)@1700
GT Speed	2014-	5,998 cc (366.0 cu in) W12 twin turbo	635 PS (467 kW; 626 hp)@6000, 820 N·m (605 lb·ft)@1700?

Transmissions

Petrol engines [\[hide\]](#)

Model	Years	Types
GT V8	2014-	8-speed ZF transmission with Quickshift and steering column mounted gearshift paddles
GT V8 S	2014-	8-speed ZF automatic transmission
GT3-R	2014-	ZF 8-speed automatic with Quickshift, Block Shifting and separate Drive, Sport and Tiptronic modes. Steering-column-mounted paddle shift.
GT W12	2014-	6-speed ZF transmission with steering column mounted gearshift paddles
GT Speed (635PS)	2014-	8-speed automatic (ZF 8HP90 AL951) with block shifting

## Production

Continental GT3-R was built in Crewe plant and finished in Bentley's Motorsport division.

The production of the Volkswagen Group W12 engines used in Continental GT W12 engine models were relocated to Crewe plant from the end of 2014 onwards.<sup>[112]</sup>

Some of the panels of the GT Speed are made with superplastic forming.<sup>[113]</sup>

## 2015 update

Changes to Continental GT included a new front bumper with a smaller radiator shell, redesigned fenders with a new vent with a metallic 'B' adornment, new bright chrome fender badges for the V8 S and W12 models, redesigned boot lid, reshaped and widened rear bumper with full-width brightware, a new rear diffuser design for V8 S and GT Speed, new 20 and 21-inch wheels (new 20-inch 6 tri-spoke wheel for GT V8 and GT W12 with painted finish for V8 and bright machined for W12, 21-inch seven-twin-spoke wheel in Graphite grey with bright machined spokes for Mulliner Driving Specification models, addition of 21-inch five-spoke directional sports wheel for V8 S and GT Speed), three new body colours choices (Marlin (a rich metallic blue), Camel (a soft golden tone) and Jetstream (a light, bright metallic blue)), new straight-fluting pattern for 4 seats with Mulliner Driving Specification (standard on GT Speed) includes a tightened 'small-diamond' pattern on seat upholstery, redesigned driver controls, optional sports-orientated steering wheel, larger gear-shift paddles incorporating tactile knurled metal embellishers, new dials and graphics at driver's instrument panel, interior illuminated by LEDs, centre console with a new black gear lever surround, a new hidden storage compartment between rear seats capable of accommodating and charging electronic devices including iPads, optional semi-aniline hide for the seat cushions and backrests in GT W12 and GT Speed, 2 new leather colours choices (Shortbread, Camel), new Alcantara headlining option (colour matched to all 17 of the available interior hide colours) for GT V8 S, GT W12 and Speed coupe; optional on-board WiFi, increased engine power to 590 PS (434 kW; 582 hp) and 720 N·m (531 lb·ft) for GT W12, 6-cylinder deactivation for GT W12.

The vehicle was unveiled in 2015 Geneva Motor Show,<sup>[114][115]</sup> followed by 2015 Frankfurt Motor Show (Continental GT Speed Convertible, GT3).<sup>[116]</sup>

Delivery began in 2015 summer.<sup>[117]</sup>

## "Monster by Mulliner" Continental GT V8 S (2016)

It is a version of Continental GT V8 S coupe built by Mulliner bespoke coach-building division, with 16 3400-watt Monster speakers tuned by Head Monster Noel Lee, red and black interior colour scheme, Hotspur Continental GT V8 S Beluga hide, 3D laser-etched fascia panel in Piano Black, "Always Lead, Never Follow™" and "Monster by Mulliner" headrest embroidery, Onyx body colour, Hotspur accents including a unique body kit and radiator shell bezel, red brake calipers, a gloss black polished wheel, black bonnet vents, GT Design Seat by Mulliner, 24K gold wireless headphone at a special compartment.

The vehicle was unveiled in CES 2016.<sup>[118]</sup>

## GT Speed, GT Speed Convertible, the GT Speed Black Edition, GT Speed Convertible Black Edition (2016-)



Changes to Continental GT Speed include increased top speed to 331 km/h (206 mph), increased engine power to 642 PS (472 kW; 633 hp) and 840 N·m (620 lb·ft)@2000-5000rpm, carbon fibre at fascia, centre and roof consoles.



2017 Bentley Continental GT Speed Black Edition (Sequin Blue paint and St. James Red bodykit)

GT Speed Black Edition also includes a high gloss black finish to the exterior brightware (including window openings and lamp bezels), all-black 21-inch five-spoke directional wheels, brake calipers in red or black, contrast colours to the front splitter, side skirts and rear diffuser in four different shades (Hallmark, Beluga, St James' Red, Cyber Yellow), optional door mirrors colour-matching, seats and centre console bordered by contrasting leather in Porpoise, Beluga, Pillar Box Red or Cyber Yellow; contrast stitching at seats and centre console matching diamond quilting of the doors and Mulliner GT Design seats,

The vehicles were unveiled in New York City, followed by Goodwood Festival of Speed 2016 (GT Speed),<sup>[119]</sup> 2016 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance (GT Speed Black Edition).<sup>[120]</sup>

Delivery began in summer 2016.<sup>[121]</sup>

US models went on sale as 2017 model year vehicles, with deliveries began at summer 2016.<sup>[122]</sup>

### **Pop art Bentley Continental GT V8 S Convertible (2016)**

It is a version of Continental GT V8 S Convertible designed by Sir Peter Blake and Mulliner, with St Luke's Blue body colour at rear haunches, doors and boot lid; British Racing Green lower body, Fuchsia pink-coloured radiator shell, black exterior brightware and a black hood, each seat trimmed in a different hide colour (Cumbrian Green, Imperial Blue, Newmarket Tan and Hotspur), steering wheel with a Hotspur outer rim, Newmarket Tan inner rim and Cumbrian Green centre, Imperial Blue stitching; pink leather gear lever, centre console, dashboard and interior door panels veneered in Piano Black; Sir Peter's signature at fascia panel and embroidered on all four seat headrests, unique storage cases with Piano Black veneer outer lining and Continental Yellow and St James Red internal linings, treadplate with text 'No. 1 of 1'.

The vehicle was sold in a 2016 Goodwood Festival of Speed auction by Bonhams on 2016-06-24, with funds raised to be donated to Care2Save Charitable Trust.<sup>[123]</sup>

### **Continental Supersports, X Specification (2017-)**

Available in coupé and convertible bodies, it is a version of Continental GT W12 with increased engine power to 710 PS (522 kW; 700 hp)@6000rpm and 1,017 N·m (750 lb·ft)@2050-4500rpm, ZF 8-speed automatic with Quickshift, Block Shifting and wheel-mounted paddleshift, carbon ceramic brakes with enhanced cooling, 420 mm (17 in) front and 356 mm (14 in) rear carbon silicon carbide brake discs, 21-inch forged alloy wheels, optional titanium exhaust system, updated version of the torque vectoring system from Continental GT3-R, dynamic system brakes, lowered and stiffened dynamic suspension set-up, front and rear bumper designs incorporating a carbon-fibre splitter and diffuser respectively, new side sill extensions and bonnet vents in carbon-fibre, gloss-black front wing vents, rifled exhaust tailpipe in gloss-black, dark-tint headlamps and tail-lamps, black-finished brightware at front grilles, lights, rear bumper, door handles and window surrounds; optional aerodynamically balanced rear spoiler and front splitter combination for coupe, new Supersports

badging, 21-inch forged alloy wheels in black and bright-machined finish, optional side decals optional carbon-fibre engine cover in gloss-finish with Supersports branding, multi-layer hood for convertible, neck warmer for convertible, tri-tone interior option, new diamond-quilted design at seats and door side panels with Alcantara upholstery, a choice of 11 veneers and technical finishes (including chequered Supersports carbon-fibre fascia panels), new Supersports emblem stitching, bespoke Supersports steering wheel and unique gearlever with Alcantara accents. 710 Supersports in total will be built.<sup>[124][125]</sup>

X Specification includes eight unique duo-tone paint treatments and carbon-fibre door mirrors and heel plates, titanium exhaust, carbon-fibre finish to the interior side panels and carbon-fibre engine cover, a gloss black finish to the 21-inch forged wheels.<sup>[126]</sup>

## Motorsports

Continental GTC W12, Continental GT V8 were used in Nürburgring 24 Hour Race as official parade cars.<sup>[127]</sup>

Continental GT V8 enter 2012 Goodwood Festival of Speed hill climb.<sup>[128]</sup>

Continental GTC W12, Continental Supersports, Continental GT V8 became the official parade cars for 2012 Nürburgring 24 Hour Race.<sup>[127]</sup>

A 2016 Bentley Continental GT Speed driven by John Bowe reached top speed of 331 km/h (206 mph) at Stuart Highway, Australia.<sup>[129]</sup>

### Continental GT3 race car (2013-)

The Continental GT3 is a rear-wheel-drive race car version of Continental GT V8 coupe, based on the Continental GT3 Concept Racer. It included 4.0-litre twin-turbo V8 engine rated 608 PS (447 kW; 600 hp), Xtrac six-speed sequential gearbox with a limited-slip differential in transaxle, racing clutch, steering wheel mounted paddle operated pneumatic gear shift, Drivetrain Carbon fibre propshaft, double wishbone suspension front and rear, four-way adjustable racing dampers; hydraulic power-assisted steering, ventilated iron disc brakes front and rear, Brembo 6/4-piston front/rear calipers, driver-adjustable brake bias, FIA-specification steel roll cage, Sparco six-point FIA safety harness, onboard fire extinguisher, onboard pneumatic jack system, FIA-specification racing fuel cell, race-specification ABS and traction control, lightweight race battery, OZ Racing 18x13-inch rims with 310/710R18 tyres, removal of the leather and wood interior trim.



Bentley Continental GT3

The design was completed by a specialist team of engineers from Bentley Motors supported by the Continental GT3 Technical Partner, M-Sport Ltd.

The vehicle was unveiled at the 2013 Goodwood Festival of Speed,<sup>[130][131][132]</sup> followed by 2013 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion,<sup>[133]</sup> 2014 Goodwood Festival of Speed.<sup>[90]</sup>

Continental GT3 entered its first development races before starting full competition in the Blancpain GT Series in 2014, after completing FIA homologation. The first race began at Gulf 12 Hours, held at the Yas Marina circuit in Abu Dhabi.<sup>[134]</sup> The Team M-Sport Wald International car completed the Gulf 12 Hours race in fourth

place.<sup>[135]</sup> In May 2014, the factory team won the Silverstone round of the Blancpain Endurance Series.<sup>[136]</sup>

The Bentley Continental GT3 won the 2015 Blancpain Sprint Series championship with drivers Vincent Abril and Maximilian Buhk. In the 2015 Endurance Series the Continental GT3 came just 3 points shy of winning the championship, earning second place.<sup>[137][138]</sup>

At the 2016 Bathurst 12 Hour, two Bentley Team M-Sport GT3s completed the race in third and seventh place.<sup>[139]</sup>

In 2016, Bentley Motorsport planned to enter 90 top-level GT races around the world in 2016, including Blancpain GT Series, SRO Intercontinental GT Challenge, Blancpain Endurance Series, Pirelli World Challenge, GT Asia, ADAC GT Masters, British GT Championship, Nürburgring 24 Hours. The Blancpain GT Series began in Misano on 2016-04-08.<sup>[140]</sup>

Continental GT3 race car entered 2016 Goodwood hill climb, driven by David Brabham.<sup>[119]</sup>

Body styles

Petrol engines [\[hide\]](#)

Model	Coupe	Convertible
GT V8	2015-	2015-
GT V8 S	2015-	2015-
GT W12 (590PS)	2015-	2015-
GT Speed (635PS)	2015-2016	2015-
GT Speed (642PS)	2016-	2016-
Supersports	2017-	2017-

Engines

Petrol engines [\[hide\]](#)

Model	Years	Type/code	Power@rpm, Torque@rpm
GT V8	2015-	3,993 cc (243.7 cu in) V8 twin turbo	507 PS (373 kW; 500 hp)@6000, 660 N·m (487 lb·ft)@1700
GT V8 S	2015-	3,993 cc (243.7 cu in) V8 twin turbo	528 PS (388 kW; 521 hp)@6000, 680 N·m (502 lb·ft)@1700
GT W12	2015-	5,998 cc (366.0 cu in) W12 twin turbo	590 PS (434 kW; 582 hp)@6000, 720 N·m (531 lb·ft)@1700
GT Speed (635PS)	2015-2016	5,998 cc (366.0 cu in) W12 twin turbo	635 PS (467 kW; 626 hp)@6000, 820 N·m (605 lb·ft)@1700?
GT Speed (642PS)	2016-	5,998 cc (366.0 cu in) W12 twin turbo	642 PS (472 kW; 633 hp)@6000, 840 N·m (620 lb·ft)@1700
Supersports	2017-	5,998 cc (366.0 cu in) W12 twin turbo	710 PS (522 kW; 700 hp)@5900, 1,017 N·m (750 lb·ft)@2050-4500

Transmissions

Petrol engines [\[hide\]](#)

Model	Years	Types
GT V8	2015-	8-speed ZF transmission with Quickshift and steering column mounted gearshift paddles
GT V8 S	2015-	8-speed ZF automatic transmission
GT W12	2015-	8-speed ZF automatic transmission
GT Speed (635PS)	2015-	8-speed ZF 8HP90 AL951 eight-speed automatic with block shifting
GT Speed (642PS)	2016-	8-speed ZF automatic transmission
Supersports	2017-	ZF 8-speed automatic with Quickshift, Block Shifting and wheel-mounted paddleshift

Production

The interiors of Continental GT Speed was built in Bentley's Leather and Trim workshop.

Marketing

Continental GT3's Motorsport Collection, including race clothing (technical polo shirts, T-shirts, race-wear, Bentley motorsport hoodie, baseball cap, racing overall), race duffle bag, ear plugs, GT3 Lanyard, GT3 Espresso, beach towel, were unveiled in 2016 Geneva Motor Show.<sup>[141]</sup>

To commemorate the Continental Supersports launch, Breitling SA produced a limited (500 units) Breitling for Bentley Supersports B55 chronograph.<sup>[142]</sup>

Third generation (2018–present)


Continental GT W12 (2018-)

The press release announcing the all-new third-generation Continental GT was made on the 29th August 2017. The model made its physical debut when it was unveiled at the IAA 2017 Frankfurt motor show<sup>[146]</sup> where it drew "huge crowds".<sup>[147]</sup> Production is expected to begin in 2018 with a base price of £156,700.<sup>[148]</sup>

The model shares the Volkswagen-developed MSB platform with the second-generation Porsche Panamera.

Compared to previous models the car features a lighter body (>80 kg), an extended wheelbase (135mm), a 48-volt roll-control system and a new 6.0-litre W12 TSI engine, as well as significant interior design changes including an industry first rotating display. The Continental GT is the first production car

Third generation



Overview

Production	2018–present
Assembly	<u>Crewe</u> , England, United Kingdom



ever to have an entire body side made from the Super Formed process; a precision technique with aluminium which allows more complex, sharply defined body lines.<sup>[145]</sup> The W12 engine - designed, developed, and handbuilt in Crewe - is a further enhanced version of the TSI engine launched in the Bentayga in 2016. Featuring high- and low- pressure direct fuel injection, a variable displacement system, stop-start technology and launch mode, the powertrain produces 635 PS (626 hp) and 900 N·m (664 lb·ft) of torque. Manufacturer's figures indicate 0-60 mph takes 3.6 seconds (0–100 km/h takes 3.7), reaching a top speed of 207 mph (333 km/h).

## Engines

Petrol engines <sup>[hide]</sup>

Model	Years	Type/code	Power@rpm, Torque@rpm
GT W12	2018–	5,950 cc (363 cu in) W12 twin turbo	635 PS (467 kW; 626 hp)@6000, 900 N·m (664 lb·ft)@1350-4500

## Transmissions

Petrol engines <sup>[hide]</sup>

Model	Years	Types
GT W12	2018–	8-speed ZF transmission

## Technically related

- Bentley Continental Flying Spur (2005)
- Volkswagen Phaeton
- Porsche Panamera

## See also

- Rolls-Royce Phantom Drophead Coupé
- Rolls-Royce Wraith (2013)
- Mercedes-Benz CL-Class/Mercedes-Benz S-Class Coupé

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<b>Designer</b>	John Paul Gregory (Exterior) <sup>[143]</sup> <p>Darren Day (Interior)<sup>[144]</sup></p>
<b>Body and chassis</b>	
<b>Body style</b>	2-door <u>2+2 coupé</u>
<b>Layout</b>	FR layout
<b>Platform</b>	Volkswagen Group MSB
<b>Related</b>	Porsche Panamera (971)
<b>Powertrain</b>	
<b>Engine</b>	6.0 L W12 <u>twin-turbo</u>
<b>Transmission</b>	8-speed dual-clutch
<b>Dimensions</b>	
<b>Wheelbase</b>	2,851 mm (112.2 in) <sup>[145]</sup>
<b>Length</b>	4,850 mm (190.9 in)
<b>Width</b>	1,954 mm (76.9 in)
<b>Height</b>	1,405 mm (55.3 in)
<b>Kerb weight</b>	2,244 kg (4,947 lb)

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