

Continental
La Sarthe



GRANDIOSE PERFECTION

Capturing the coachbuilt past with Bentley Continental La Sarthe

“Hagerty”

La Sarthe

Bentley has been offering up multiple versions of its Continental and Arnage models lately, but here's one you won't find in their current catalogue, even though it's a 'production' Bentley.

But it's not a shape you've ever seen before.

The La Sarthe is – what's the right word?

An invocation, perhaps, of a car that Bentley thought of building in the early 1950s but didn't – a sporting Continental Fastback coupé on the R-type platform.

Rolls-Royce's code name for its new sporting Bentleys in the 1930s was 'Bensport', and that's the name of the firm behind the car you see here.

Bensport is offering bespoke '**Bentley Continental La Sarthe**', a sporting Bentley in the 'continental' tradition limited to just ten examples.

Lightweight Performance

The hand-built all-aluminium body sits on an original and fully restored 1950s Bentley chassis.

The lightened bodywork, some 300 lbs lighter than an original R-Type Continental Fastback, coupled with Bensport's engine and exhaust developments ensure that the motorcar goes as well as it looks.

Effortless high speed continental cruising is easily achieved.

Handling also benefits significantly from detailed chassis modification, the overall reduction in weight and the smooth power delivery of the Bentley 4 ½ litre engine.

Up-rated suspension, brakes and cooling systems also improve navigation in modern urban traffic. Bensport's extensive real world development programme has included fast continental touring with both summer and winter testing.

“La Sarthe is beautiful and the way that it handles is a revelation”.

Bensport La Sarthe Specification

The design brief and development programme have all focused on creating La Sarthe as a car for serious drivers who place a premium on handling and performance.

The car has therefore been named after the famous Le Mans circuit.

Bentley Continental La Sarthe 1953 - 1955 LIMITED EDITION OF 10



STANDARD SPECIFICATION

Body

- Handbuilt aluminum two door fastback body.
- Centre opening bonnet with inset louvre panels.
- Fuel fillers Le Mans style or under covers.
- Original wheels with original style wheel trims.
- Stainless steel front grille set into cowl.
- Polished stainless steel window frames.
- Paintwork colour to be specified by customer.

Mechanical

- Standard, original Bentley R-Type chassis fully restored to the highest standard in house.
- Higher than original 3.07:1 "Continental" axle ratio. This gives a cruise of 80mph at around 3000rpm.
- Manual or automatic gearbox.
- Original engine rebuilt.
- Manual gearbox rebuilt to final factory specification.
- Lightweight aluminum fuel tank.
- Aluminum high efficiency radiator.
- Fully operational original Bijur chassis lubrication system.

Electrical

- Alternator charging system.
- Original points ignition.
- Electric windows.
- Heated rear window.
- Electronic instruments including Speedo, Rev counter (red lined as per Continental spec at 4,300 RPM), oil pressure gauge,
- Water temperature gauge, fuel gauge, clock.
- Electric cooling fan.
- Two speed self park wipers.
- Twin Lucas windtone horns.

Trim and interior

- Specially designed seats with backrest adjustment.
- Customer specified leather upholstery to seats, door and rear quarter panels.
- Customer specified veneer (wood/aluminium) to dash face and door applique.
- Customer specified carpet and headlining.
- Lamb skin rugs in front footwells.

Base Price: GBP £595,000



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