



MULSANNE

# Return of 'The Silent Sports Car'

The reputation of the Bentley motor car was forged in the heat and drama of 1920s long distance sports car racing. In the 1930s Rolls-Royce inherited the name and brought a new style of motoring to the sports car driver.

Rolls-Royce engineers designed a new car in the 1930s which offered more than sufficient performance whilst providing an equal measure of comfort and quietness. Thus was the phrase 'The Silent Sports Car' brought to life in the Bentley of the 1930s - a worthy successor to the Bentley five times victor at Le Mans.

Now, over fifty years later, the concept of the sports car has undergone many changes but the requirements of the sporting driver have changed far less.

The new Bentley Mulsanne is the latest statement of the Bentley philosophy. Speed, road manners, and infinite attention to detail, silence and comfort are brought together in this, the latest of a long and noble line.

Some things do not change. Like its forebears, the new Bentley is still built largely by hand. Only much more of the time, effort and craftsmanship which come together to form Mulsanne are devoted to the needs of its driver and passengers. Rare veneers, leather of the finest quality, deep pile carpeting woven to a traditional

specification, are worked by skilled coachbuilders into an interior of unsurpassed comfort, convenience and elegance.

And yet, the senses may be deceived, for the Mulsanne has a light alloy V-8 engine which provides a top speed in the region of two miles a minute with acceleration to satisfy the sporting instinct. Power steering removes the effort but retains the 'road feel' and a new suspension system provides superb handling characteristics and gives superb stability at all speeds.

Outwardly, the new Bentley is considerably changed. Whilst retaining the traditional Bentley radiator cowl, the new body shape is designed to give better penetration through the air. A greater feeling of lightness within the motor car and excellent all-round visibility is offered by the increased window area, with almost a third more glass than on the previous Bentley model. Driver and passengers will also take comfort from the unique two-level automatic air-conditioning system which provides a constant, controlled environment within the motor car.

The Mulsanne brings together decades of dedication to fine engineering and maintains the reputation of the Bentley as the symbol of a grand touring car in the classic European tradition.





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