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UNIQUE EXTRAS DELIVERED WITH EACH CONTINENTAL GT LE MANS COLLECTION MODEL

- **First of 24 GT coupes destined for Europe hits the road in Germany**
- **Each car is delivered to its owner with unique extras: special wooden handover box with unique Speed 8 sculpture and booklet, Speed 8 book as well as special car cover**
- **GT Le Mans Collection marks 20th anniversary of Bentley's sixth victory at the 24 Hours of Le Mans – the world's most iconic endurance race**
- **Unique features include Bentley Rotating Display housing valve from engine of 2003 Le Mans winning Bentley #7 Speed 8**
- **GT Le Mans Collection handcrafted in England by Mulliner – Bentley's personal commissioning division**

(Munich, 7 September 2023) The first of 24 Bentley Continental GT Le Mans Collection models for Europe is hitting the continent's roads for the first time in Dusseldorf, Germany. The full collection of 48 limited edition Continental GT and GTC cars are being handcrafted in England by Mulliner, Bentley's personal commissioning division, with just 24 coupes destined for European customers.

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All GT Le Mans Collection owners will receive a unique car cover as well as a special wooden presentation box, crafted in Piano Black and Verdant – the same as the car itself. Inside, the box contains the car key, as well as an exclusive Speed 8 sculpture and booklet, detailing how the sculpture was made. A plaque inside the lid is signed by Adrian Hallmark, Chairman and CEO,



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Bentley Motors, and Ansar Ali, Mulliner and Motorsport Director, Bentley Motors.

The box is complemented by a Speed 8 book, written by automotive expert Andrew Cotton. Published by Sportfahrrer, the fascinating hardback reveals the full history of the Speed 8 race car project, from the first concept to Bentley's Le Mans success. With a whole chapter dedicated to Shaun Lynn's Speed 8 car restoration, the book features a green cover with a silver 2003 wreath, identifying it as unique to the Le Mans Collection.

The GT Le Mans Collection marks the 20th anniversary of Bentley's sixth victory at the world's most iconic road race, with the Bentley #7 Speed 8 taking the chequered flag in 2003. This year is also the centenary of the first 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1923, when Bentley recorded the fastest lap.

Like the coupe in Dusseldorf, each GT Le Mans Collection car is delivered with unique features. The Bentley Rotating Display on the dashboard houses a valve from the engine of the 2003 Le Mans winning #7 Speed 8, while evocative exterior styling includes Verdant green paintwork and a Moonbeam racing stripe. A No. 7 emblem on the grille also celebrates the 2003 victory.

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Other bespoke details range from the six-wreath emblem inlaid into the high-gloss carbon fibre fascia, marking each of the six outright victories recorded by Bentley at Le Mans from 1924 to 2003, to the Bentley matrix grille, originally designed to protect the radiator on the unpaved Le Mans racetrack of the 1920s. Inside, a luxurious Le Mans Collection cockpit is trimmed with Beluga hide, while the standard 12-hour analogue clock is replaced with a bespoke, 24-hour dial design.



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Race-inspired performance comes from Bentley's renowned 6.0-litre W12 TSI engine, delivering 659 PS (650 bhp) and an extraordinary 900 Nm (664 lb.ft) of torque. This results in a top speed of 208 mph (335 km/h) and 0-60 mph in 3.5 seconds (0-100 km/h in 3.6 seconds).

Balazs Rooz, Regional Director of Bentley Europe, added:

"Following the recent static European debut of the GT Le Mans Collection at the Le Mans Classic event, I am delighted to see this limited edition now being delivered to our happy few customers. The brand has played a key role in Europe's motoring history and in the W12 run out phase, it is a nice farewell and homage to the Speed 8 #7 win in 2003, the same year when the W12 was launched to the world. ."

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Notes to editors

Bentley Motors is the most sought-after luxury car brand in the world. The company's headquarters in Crewe is home to all of its operations including design, R&D, engineering and production of the company's five model lines, Continental GT, Continental GT Convertible, Flying Spur, Bentayga and Bentayga EWB. The combination of fine craftsmanship, using skills that have been handed down through generations, alongside engineering expertise and cutting-edge technology is unique to UK luxury car brands such as Bentley. It is also an example of high-value British manufacturing at its best. Bentley employs around 4,000 people at Crewe.

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