

BENTLEY CREATES LIMITED EDITION DRIVING GLOVE WITH DESIGN STUDIO FORESTALGIA TO MARK 20 YEARS OF THE CONTINENTAL GT

- **An ultra-limited edition driving glove to mark 20 years of the Continental GT, the car that has defined the modern era of Bentley Motors**
- **Only a handful of gloves will be made in a limited run – an exclusive project between Bentley Motors and Forestalgia, a London based design studio founded by Emmanuel Lawal, which takes inspiration from the ‘past and the future’**
- **Design inspired by the Continental GT - each glove is ‘a handmade work of art’ reimagined in the UK using surplus leathers and recycled materials from the iconic Bentley Motors Factory in Crewe**

(Crewe, 24th October 2023) To celebrate 20 years of the Continental GT, Bentley Motors has collaborated with London design studio Forestalgia to create an ultra-limited edition driving glove inspired by the craftsmanship and design of the ultimate grand touring car using its own surplus leathers.

Designed by Emmanuel Lawal, a global creative and founder of studio Forestalgia the gloves merge archival design with contemporary fashion. Lawal worked alongside the product engineering studio Areté to bring the GT’s rich history to life.

The craftsmanship on Forestalgia’s glove design mirrors the essence of the Bentley GT and features a two colour palette of Black Crystal and Racing

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Green, which references Bentley GT's optional interior. Each glove features the Bentley and Forestalgia logos, double stitched reinforced protective panelling, hand rolled leather edges and varying ergonomic perforations. All materialised with an exquisite finishing, crucial to the Bentley Continental GT – just as it always has been.

The leather that encases the Bentley GT steering wheel, cannot be adequately stitched into place by machine. Bentley's craftspeople in Crewe mark the leather with an ordinary kitchen fork before proceeding to stitch, resulting in perfectly placed markers. This technique was also adopted for each Forestalgia driving glove, which took over 4 weeks to make by hand.

The gloves will now be on display at the home of Bentley Motors and gifted as a collector's item.

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About Bentley Motors

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.

About Forestalgia

Forestalgia is a London-based design studio committed to creating unique products while curating activations with the objective to communicate and connect common values between global communities. Founded on the idea of conscious collaboration; Forestalgia takes from yesterday, creates today and imagines tomorrow using recycled and all round sustainably sourced material throughout all product offerings.