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BENTLEY CONTINENTAL GT BREAKS OUTRIGHT PRODUCTION CAR RECORD AT PIKES PEAK HILL CLIMB

- **Continental GT fastest production car ever on world renowned course**
- **Ultimate Grand Tourer beats International Hill Climb record by 8 seconds**
- **Continental GT W12, driven by Rhys Millen, completed course in 10:18.488**
- **Car raced under #100 to recognise Bentley's centenary year**
- **Follows record-setting run by Bentley Bentayga in 2018**

(Crewe, 1 July 2019) The Bentley Continental GT has reinforced its status as the finest Grand Tourer ever produced by claiming the outright record for a production car at the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb on Sunday, 30th of June, 2019 in Colorado, USA.



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Driven by three-time champion, former "King of the Mountain" Rhys Millen (NZ), the Continental GT conquered the 12.42-mile course in just 10:18.488 taking 8.4 seconds off the previous record and averaging an astonishing 70 mph.

Climbing almost 5,000ft through 156 bends, Millen combined his driving skills with the world's most advanced 12-cylinder engine to claim the coveted record. With the start line at 9,300 ft and climbing to 14,100 ft, the air is 1/3 less dense than at sea level.

Bentley's Director of Motorsport, Brian Gush, says: "This new record once again proves that the spirit of endeavour and desire to push the boundaries



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of automotive performance remain at the beating heart of Bentley. It clearly demonstrates the Continental GT's astonishing breadth of ability."

Millen said after his record run: ""This is an amazing finish to a wet, snowy 2019 run at Pikes Peak! We came here with one goal in mind, and that was to be the fastest production car up the mountain and set a new record. It was an incredible week. Today was a challenge with what Mother Nature threw at us, but the Continental GT held strong all the way to the top, and we are now Number One."

Just 12 months ago, the Bentley Bentayga demonstrated its outstanding performance credentials by claiming the outright record for a production SUV on the Pikes Peak course. Again piloted by Millen, the world's most luxurious SUV completed the course in just 10:49.9, taking nearly two minutes off the previous record.



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100 Years Of Extraordinary

The record run, on one of the world's most challenging motorsport courses, is the latest highlight of Bentley's centenary year. From motorsport records, through to the incredibly powerful road cars of the modern era, all of Bentley's extraordinary cars have innovation hand-built into them. 10th July 2019 marks Bentley's 100th year - an incredible milestone achieved by only a few companies.

A year-long series of special activities continues during 2019, with celebrations at other events around the world. They will showcase Bentley's motoring evolution over the last 100 years, highlighting its global success today and the exciting future of innovation ahead.

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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 four model lines, Continental, Flying Spur, Bentayga and Mulsanne. 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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