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TRIBUTE TO AN ENGINEERING ICON: BENTLEY SPEED EDITION 12

- **Limited edition celebrates Bentley's iconic W12 engine**
- **'Speed Edition 12' available as Bentayga, Flying Spur, Continental GT and Continental GTC**
- **Only 120 each of the four Speed Edition 12 models to be produced**
- **Unique design features include Edition 12 badging, treadplates, seat embroidery, fascia inlays, and numbered engine plaque**
- **Blackline specification and black 22" Speed wheels with silver brake calipers accentuate a performance focus**
- **Optionally available with a sophisticated new paint finish, Opalite**
- **Owners receive a commemorative 15 per cent scale W12 engine block**
- **Production of W12 to end April 2024, after more than 100,000 units – the most successful 12-cylinder engine of the modern era**

(Crewe, 9 May 2023) To celebrate the remarkable W12 engine that has powered its performance flagships and indeed the brand since 2003, Bentley has created the limited-edition Speed Edition 12. Powered by the most successful 12-cylinder engine of the modern era, the Speed Edition 12 models are a fitting farewell to an extraordinary engineering achievement.

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Based on the Speed specification Bentayga, Flying Spur, Continental GT and Continental GT Convertible, the Edition 12 package features many unique design enhancements. These include Edition 12 badging, numbered engine plaque, Edition 12 embroidery, colour graduated seat contrast stitching, and a fascia in Grand Black veneer with the engine firing sequence etched alongside an inlaid Edition 12 badge.

[All vehicles in release: WLTP drive cycle: fuel consumption, mpg (l/100km) – Combined 18.8-20.6 (15-13.7). Combined CO₂ – 311-340g/km.]



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Only 120 of each of four models will be produced, ensuring that the Speed Edition 12 will become a rare and sought-after tribute to an engine that has powered the company's cars - and its fortunes - for two decades.

The Bentley W12

In 2003, Bentley's W12 engine heralded a new era for the company as the powertrain for the first all-new model under Volkswagen Group ownership, the Continental GT. The unique W-formation of the 6.0-litre twin-turbocharged W12 enabled it to be 24 per cent shorter than an equivalent V12 with no compromise in power, efficiency, or refinement. Ever since, continuous evolution has seen a 37 per cent increase in power and a 54 per cent increase in torque, along with a 25 per cent reduction in emissions. In the Speed Edition 12 models, the W12 now develops up to 659PS (650 bhp) @ 5000-6000 rpm, while the famed Bentley 'tidal wave' of torque sees a peak of 900Nm reached at just 1500rpm and continuing unabated through to 5000 rpm.

Exterior: understated distinction

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The external features of the Speed Edition 12 models are subtle yet carefully curated, making it instantly recognisable to those in the know. Among the distinctive details are silver brake callipers, which are not available for any other Bentley model. Continental GT and Convertible models feature Speed Edition 12 badging on the front fender while Bentayga and Flying Spur models carry Edition 12 badges on the rear quarter together with the existing Speed badge. Opening the bonnet reveals a numbered Edition 12 plaque in pride of place on the engine's cover.

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Other exterior features include Blackline specification exterior brightware, 22" black painted Speed alloy wheels, and self-levelling wheel badges. A new paint colour, Opalite, is available as an option: a light grey-green, it has a subtle copper effect that glows in bright sunshine.

Interior: craftsmanship masterclass

Edition 12 welcome lamps and illuminated treadplates greet driver and passengers to an interior of hand-crafted individuality. All Edition 12 models are available with Bentley's Speed colour splits; the main colour, Beluga black can either be chosen as the sole upholstery colour or complemented by Brunel blue, Cricketball red, Linen or Orange. Veneer in each case is high gloss Grand Black.

Unique features of this limited edition include seats with Mulliner Silver piping and embroidered Edition 12 namestyle. The upper seat areas are quilted, and contrast stitched in a graduated three-colour 'fade' from Anthracite through Porpoise to Stratos. Quilted door panels are contrast stitched.

The organ stop air vents are also unique, featuring the numeral '12' machined from solid on the face of the control. As another delightful detail, the Grand Black veneer fascia facing the front seat passenger features the firing sequence of the W12 engine etched alongside an inlaid Speed Edition 12 badge.

Commemorative 15% scale model W12 block

As a final touch, customers will receive a precise 15 per cent scale model of the Bentley W12 block as a commemorative artefact for display on desk, cabinet or shelf. The scale model W12 engines are cast using aluminium taken from a full-

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size W12 engine block and will serve as a permanent memento of one of Bentley's most significant and powerful engines.

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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, Mulliner 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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