



Brooklands.

Many years ago, Bentleys
ruled the Outer Circuit. Cruising
high on the banking, they powered
arrogantly past lesser machines,
the deep Bentley engine note
washing over the spectating public
like a bow-wave.

The circuit is closed now;
weeds grow through cracks in the
steep concrete track.

No smell of hot racing oil lingers
in the air today; the rains of sixty
winters have washed away the tyre
marks.

And yet something still remains.



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Brooklands from Bentley. Heir to a great tradition.



IF LE MANS, with its famous 24-hour test of speed and endurance, was the racing circuit that put the seal on Bentley's sporting reputation, Brooklands was the marque's spiritual home.

Brooklands, with its famous slogan "the right crowd – and no crowding". Brooklands, home circuit to drivers like Barnato and Birkin, successful men who demanded high standards of themselves and of their machines. Brooklands, whose bumpy surface and high speed banking proved a daunting test of a motor car's power and durability.

At Brooklands, the cradle of British

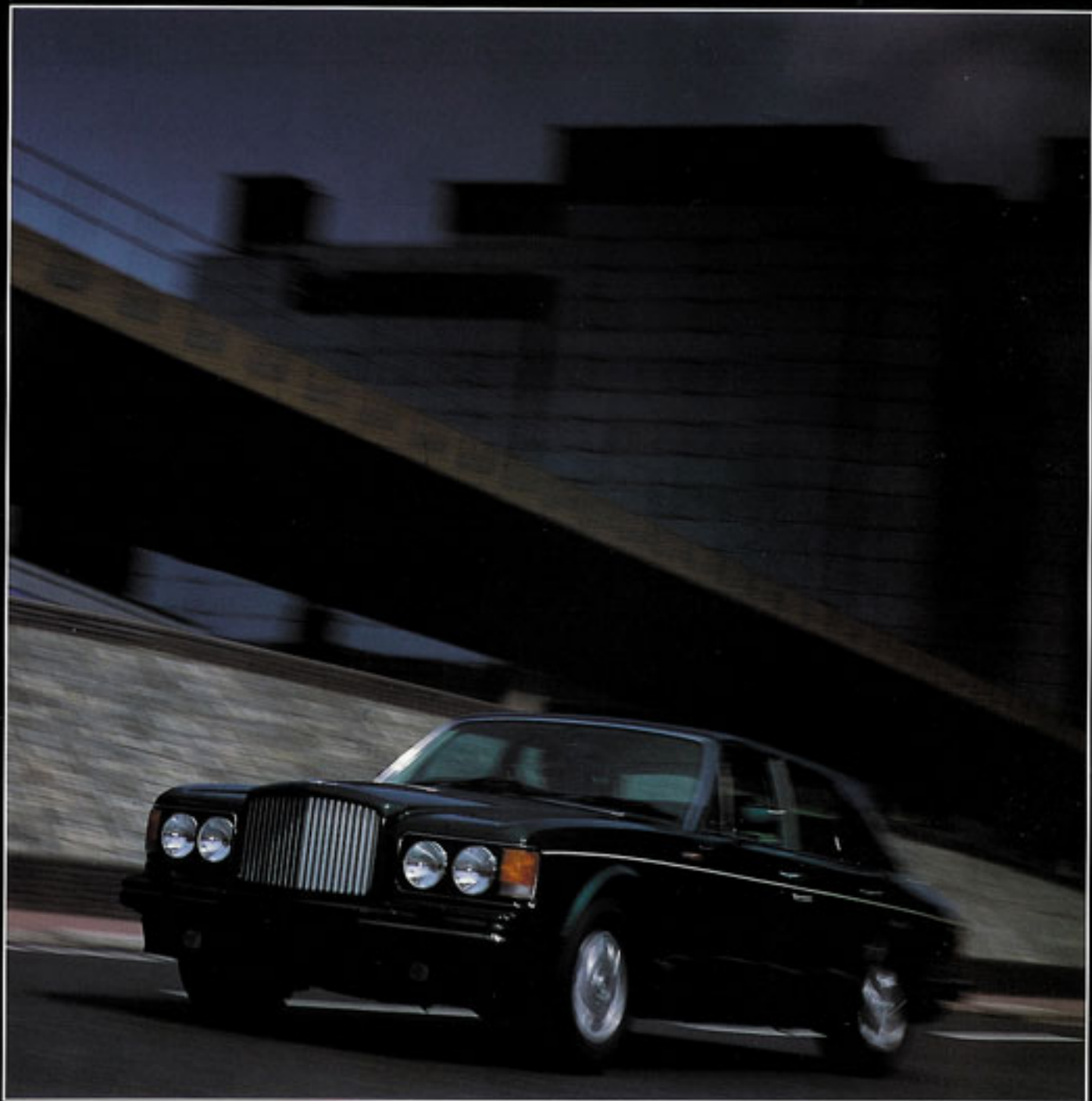
motor sport, Bentleys ruled for longer than any other marque, dominating distance events like the Double Twelve and the BDRC 500 Miles Race. Not without-and-out racers built for sprints, but with practical, powerful sporting cars that proved, time and again, that they had the speed and endurance to win. Bentley's motor cars have Brooklands in their blood: every production model until 1939 was tested and developed at the circuit.

In tribute to the marque's great traditions, Bentley unveils its latest sporting motor car. A motor car called the Brooklands.



Right: Sir Henry Birkin's "Blower" Bentley airborne on its way to the Brooklands Outer Circuit lap record – 137.96 mph – in 1932.









The sporting car defined anew.



THE BROOKLANDS is a four-door luxury saloon car, capable of transporting its occupants and their luggage across entire continents in a haven of calm and comfort.

The twin-level air-conditioning unit, a standard feature of the Brooklands, is able to maintain a set temperature without further adjustment from the Sahara to the Arctic. The Connolly hide that clothes the deep-cushioned upholstery is of the finest grade available from that celebrated company. Deep-chromed switches and bezels – the jewellery of the interior – are set in hand-finished burr walnut veneer of peerless workmanship.

But the luxury does not outweigh the pleasure that the Brooklands affords its driver. The torque of the Bentley's hand-assembled V8 engine is allied to an equally remarkable chassis.

The Brooklands suspension is equipped with automatic ride control which senses and reacts to driving inputs in hundredths of a second, reducing roll in cornering and giving the Bentley an agility that belies its size.

Fully powered disc brakes, equipped with anti-lock sensors all-round and ventilated at the front, give the Brooklands the same reserves of ability in braking as it possesses in its power and handling. From city traffic to the open road, and from business journey to Grand Tour, the Brooklands has been designed to bring a marque tradition of speed and endurance to its most demanding audience yet.

Luxury and agility; effortless and excitement. Over half a century since the banking at Brooklands echoed to the sounds of a Bentley, the luxury sporting car has been defined anew.



A car worthy of its name.



DRIVING A BENTLEY motor car will always be a very special experience. From the moment you step inside the cockpit, with its visual and tactile pleasures of leather, pure wool and wood, you'll sense that this is a motor car that has been created by individuals for individuals.

Along with its siblings in the Bentley range, the Brooklands' individuality of design shows in many areas. Brakes are fully powered, giving the driver a more satisfying and precise method of control than the power assistance of other marques. The four-speed automatic transmission has change points and shift characteristics specially designed for the sporting character of the marque. Even the mineral oil that runs through a Bentley's hydraulic systems is an improvement on conventional hydraulic fluid.



Like the Continental R coupé, the classic Continental open tourer and the Turbo R saloon, the Brooklands has a distinctive personality of its own. Spacious and luxurious, sporting and responsive, the Brooklands makes owning a hand-built motor car a practical – and rewarding – alternative to choosing a mass-produced luxury saloon.

Unlike such machines, the Brooklands, with its advanced engineering and sporting heritage, its ability to relax and entertain its driver at one and the same time, is a motor car that conveys a certain magic even to the most discerning and experienced of drivers. It is a motor car that can fairly be called unique: a vehicle whose only peers also bear the distinctive winged "B" of the Bentley marque.



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