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Bentley gives warm video sendoff to departing Mulsanne flagship

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The Bentley Mulsanne had a 10-year run, serving as a grand limousine to the affluent. Its successor is the new Flying Spur. Image courtesy of Bentley Motors

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British automaker Bentley Motors, in lockdown mode with its compatriots over COVID-19 curtailment measures, has released a new film marking key milestones in the life of its 10-year-old Mulsanne limousine.



The video, lasting one minute and 50 seconds, celebrates the hurrahs of a car that got its first public outing in 2009 at Pebble Beach in California.

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The film goes on to chronicle the launch of the Mulsanne Speed, extended wheelbase and W.O. Bentley centenary editions as well as bespoke work.



Bentley Mulsanne W.O. Edition. Image credit: Bentley Motors

A final homage is paid to one of the most exclusive and driver-focused of all Bentley Mulsannes, the 6.75 Edition by Mulliner (see story).

This last model was suppose to phase out this spring, but production delays over the COVID-19 lockdown means the

batch of only 30 cars will roll out by end of summer.

All Mulsanne cars are made by hand at Bentley's plant in Crewe, England.

After clearing its 600-item quality inspection, the Mulsanne will hand over its flagship status to the new Flying Spur.

Owned by Volkswagen, Bentley's lineup will now comprise the Flying Spur, Continental and the Bentayga SUV.

BENTLEY LAST YEAR posted a 5 percent growth to deliver 11,006 cars. It marked the company's seventh consecutive year with sales crossing 10,000 cars, although this year will prove challenging to automakers across the board as government-imposed COVID-19 lockdowns take their toll on business.

Celebrating The Grand Bentley, a decade of highlights - in what would have been the last week of production for the #Mulsanne. The reign as #Bentley's flagship model has now been extended due to factory shutdown. Read more here: https://t.co/PvpvdWYjVhpic.twitter.com/ivx6JJeChO

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