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Bentley celebrates Blue Train anniversary with limited-edition writing instruments

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Limited edition Barnato pens from Bentley and Graf von Faber-Castell. Image credit: Bentley Motors

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British automaker Bentley Motors is marking the anniversary of a unique race with a limited-edition pen series in collaboration with luxury writing utensil brand Graf von Faber-Castell.

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Limited to 1,930 pieces, the Bentley "Limited Edition Barnato" pen series honors the 90th anniversary of the "Blue Train Race" and one of the original Bentley Boys, Woolf Barnato. The marque, which celebrated its centennial in 2019, has previously partnered with other brands in the luxury space for special commemorative efforts.

Bentley and the Blue Train

In 1930, Mr. Barnato made a bet that he could outrace the Blue Train, a luxury express night train that ran between Calais and the Cannes, while driving his Bentley Six Speed. A three-time Le Mans winner, Mr. Barnato was successful in his bold attempt.

The Barnato pen series features his handwritten signature on the cap and the barrels are lacquered in the signature green of the Bentley Boys.

Now accepting pre-orders, the collection is available in fountain pens, rollerball pens and ball points. The pens retail for between 450 and 530 pounds, or between \$588 and \$692 at current exchange.

Bentley and Graf von Faber-Castell have partnered together since 2018 on high-quality pens emphasizing craftsmanship.

In 2019, Bentley Motors' bespoke division worked with Savile Row tailor Huntsman to spotlight a dual occasion.

Mulliner, Bentley's bespoke division, and Huntsman are both celebrated their 100 years in action by working together on two designs of Bentley's Bentayga vehicle.

The Businessman and The Sportsman are the names of the two Bentaygas commissioned for the celebration between both Huntsman and the automaker. On display at the largest and oldest Bentley dealership, Jack Barclay in London, the limited-edition vehicle interiors were fitted with iconic Huntsman tweed ([see story](#)).

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