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Bentley introduces driver-centric GT convertible

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The third-generation Continental GT Speed Convertible. Image credit: Bentley Motors

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British automaker Bentley Motors has revealed a new flagship of its Grand Tourer with the performance-focused Continental GT Speed convertible.

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The third-generation Continental GT Speed convertible has all-wheel steering for superior vehicle agility, goes from 0 to 60 mph in 3.6 seconds and reaches a top speed of 208 mph. It joins the Continental GT Speed coupe, which was unveiled in March ([see story](#)), at the top of the Continental family.

"The new Speed is the most driver-focused Continental GT convertible available and unique in its ability to offer extremely refined, all-season open-top Grand Touring with the added edge of astonishing performance and dynamism," said Chris Craft, board member for sales and marketing at [Bentley](#), in a statement. "Combined with exquisite, handcrafted interior details, the Continental GT Speed Convertible exemplifies all Bentley knows about creating the world's most stylish and elegant cars for roof-down motoring."

Hitting the road

The convertible was designed, handcrafted and engineered at Bentley's carbon neutral factory in Crewe.

To play up its performance pedigree, the Continental GT Speed convertible has unique exterior and interior detailing, including speed sport sills, dark tint grilles and speed badging. A new combination of root insulating materials, operating mechanics and other improvements have led to a convertible as quiet inside as the previous generation coupe.



The interior of the new convertible. Image credit: Bentley

Comfort is another priority, and the interior includes a neck warmer, heated and vented seats as well as a heated steering wheel and heated armrests.

For cabin customizations, clients can choose from 15 primary and 11 secondary hide choices as well as several veneer options. Drivers can also choose from seven exterior roof colors, eight interior roof liners and three finishes for the vehicle's 22" wheels.

Last month, Bentley rolled off its 200,000th luxury car from its production line, in another landmark moment for the marque ([see story](#)).

While Bentley was founded more than a century ago, the automaker has manufactured more than 155,000 luxury vehicles in the last 18 years alone. In January, Bentley reached another manufacturing milestone with its 80,000th Continental GT ([see story](#)).

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