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Bentley reviving first T-Series in restoration project

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Bentley is restoring its first T-Series, which dates to 1965. Image credit: Bentley Motors

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British automaker Bentley Motors is restoring one of its historic vehicles, demonstrating the marque's appreciation for its heritage.

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The restoration of the first Bentley T-Series is expected to take at least 18 months. The pushrod V8 was recently found in storage and had not been started for at least 15 years.

T-Series comeback

Designed by John Blatchley, who also styled the R-Type Continental, the oldest T-Series was completed in September 1965. It was finished in Shell Grey exterior paint with a blue leather interior and was used by Bentley Motors for a series of trials.

The T-Series was first displayed at the Paris Motor Show that October. It was the first Bentley that used a unitary construction with a monocoque, rather than a separate chassis and body.

The world's oldest **#Bentley** T-Series, after decades of being off the road and in storage, is being brought back to life after the start of a complete wheels-up restoration.

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Bentley will be adding the T-Series to its Heritage Collection

Notably, the four-door sedan also had a maximum speed of 115 mph. It was powered by a 225 bhp, 6-litre V8 engine; the engine design was originally introduced in 1959's Bentley S2 and was not retired until 2019.

Bentley produced 1,868 T-Series vehicles. In 1977, the automaker introduced a second-generation version, the T2,

which stayed in production until 1980.

Apprentices and specialists at Crewe have already restored the engine of the T-Series and are currently focusing on the coachwork. The project will be completed in 2023, and the restored T-Series will join Bentley's Heritage Collection.

Bentley has placed renewed attention on its Heritage Collection, which includes notable, road-going cars from its first 100 years.

Last fall, the automaker showcased a 1952 R-Type Continental from its Heritage Collection in a campaign set at an abandoned air base. The model was once the world's fastest four-seat car and inspired the design for the Continental GT ([see story](#)).

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