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1956 Bentley S1 - Continental

Continental

Lot sold		Lenkung	Rechts
Baujahr	1956	Innenfarbe	Sonstige
Getriebe	Automatik	Zustand	Gebraucht
Antrieb	Zweirad	Standort	
		Kraftstoff	Benzin
		Außenfarbe	Sonstige
		Automobiltyp	Coupé
		Markenfarbe außen	Silver

Beschreibung

To many connoisseurs the Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars of the Fifties and early Sixties were the last cars displaying the traditional craftsmanship for which Rolls-Royce had become world-famous. Their separate chassis allowed an uncommon elegance of coachwork design, either by the Crewe factory itself or by independent coachbuilders such as H.J. Mulliner, Park Ward and James Young; the unitary construction of body and chassis of all subsequent models all but ended such a traditional association.

The Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud and Bentley S series, announced in April 1955, employed such a chassis. Power was provided by the 4,887cc straight six engine of the R-Type Continental producing an estimated 158bhp which, via the four speed automatic transmission, allowed a top speed of 100mph. The use of the term Continental to indicate a high performance version of an existing chassis was an inspiration of Sir Henry Royce, and was first applied to the short chassis version of the Phantom II in 193

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