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## GTC in NY '06

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**It's official: Bentley Motors will officially launch the Continental GTC, the new 2+2 convertible, at the New York International Automobile Show in April 2006. When the convertible goes on sale later this year it will complete the Bentley Continental model range, following the introduction of the highly successful Continental GT in 2003 and four-door Continental Flying Spur in 2005.**

With its top speed of 195mph (312km/h), all-wheel drive, turbocharged 12-cylinder engine, air suspension and ultra-stiff body structure, the Continental GTC is designed to 'display all the poise, exhilarating performance and dynamic handling of the Continental GT'. In common with other open Bentleys past and present, the interior of the new Continental GTC should provide an unrivalled standard of craftsmanship to bystanders when the driver lowers the electro-hydraulically operated soft-top roof.

"The Continental GTC is the most distinctive new Bentley yet," explains Bentley Motors' Chairman and Chief Executive, Dr Franz-Josef Paefgen. "It is very elegant and at the same time effortlessly modern. It will appeal to many different customers: people who are tired of driving sports cars that require too much effort; people who want to move up from more standard convertibles; and people who want to make a statement about what they drive, yet still own a car that they can use every day of the year."



The Continental GTC becomes the second convertible to grace the current Bentley range. It follows the recently announced return of the Azure name for Bentley's Arnage-derived flagship four-seater convertible.

While the Azure will offer the ultimate glamour, sophistication and accommodation for adults in supreme comfort, the 2+2 Continental GTC is designed for customers looking to enjoy the phenomenal performance, style and excitement of the Continental GT with the additional benefits of classic open-top Bentley motoring.

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