
1934 Bentley 3 1/2 Litre - Two Door Coupe by Thrupp & Maberly

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Lot sold	USD 53 373 - 64 047 GBP 40 000 - 48 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1934	Interior colour	Other
Gearbox	Manual	Condition	Used
Drivetrain	2wd	Location	
		Fuel type	Petrol
		Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Coupé
		Exterior brand colour	Black over Dove Grey

Description

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The first product of the 1931 Rolls-Royce take-over of Bentley, the 3½ Litre was introduced in 1933 and was in essence a sporting version of the Rolls-Royce 20/25. As such, it used the shorter chassis of the stillborn 'smaller' Rolls-Royce, code-named Peregrine, allied to a more powerful version of the 20/25's six cylinder engine with new crossflow cylinder head and camshaft, twin SU carburettors, twin fuel pumps and single coil ignition. Mated to a four-speed transmission with synchromesh and a hypoid bevel rear axle, the latter a first on a Rolls-Royce produced car, the 105bhp 3,699cc engine endowed the 3½ Litre with 90mph plus performance. Notably, this first of the Derby Bentleys was

also the first to be marketed as 'The Silent Sports Car', such was its considerable refinement. The 3½ Litre soon gained a reputation for p

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