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## Bentley Grand Convertible to debut in Los Angeles

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It's been five years since the [Bentley Azure](#) was retired, bringing the reign of the roofless 'Big Bentley' to a close - and leaving the [Rolls-Royce Phantom Drophead Coupé](#) with a market segment to itself. But now, the Azure's spiritual successor will once again bring some Cannes-style glamour to the boulevards of Los Angeles, as the drop-top version of the flagship [Mulsanne](#) has finally been revealed. Simply named Grand Convertible, the opulent open-air cruiser will be powered by the same 6.75-litre V8 as its four-door counterpart.

### White winter wafting



With 530bhp and 811lb ft, wafting will be as effortless as you might expect - but it's the intricate little details that are perhaps more important to the 'average' Bentley buyer. Inside, no fewer than 14 leather hides are joined with progressive-diamond quilting, while the book-matched, mirror-finished and dark-stained Burr Walnut tonneau features the largest piece of wood veneer ever applied to a Bentley. The Grand Convertible will make its L.A. Motor Show debut this week (wearing Sequin Blue with a 'liquid metal' finish to the bonnet and windscreen frame), ahead of touchdown at Miami Beach Art Basel in early December.

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