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The Bentley Bentayga is now the world's fastest diesel SUV

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If you can no longer saddle the guilt of driving around in a Bentley powered by the thirsty W12 engine, the company's first ever oil-burning machine, the diesel Bentayga, might well put your mind at rest...

Guilt free?





Don't think for one minute that the dynamic capabilities of the petrol-powered Bentayga have been compromised, however. The new 4.0-litre V8 is triple-charged, with two turbochargers providing boost to the engine, and an additional supercharger serving to eliminate lag from the former. It develops 429HP and a hefty 664 lb-ft of torque – enough to shift the portly car from 0-60mph in 4.6sec and onto a top speed of 168mph. That might be a touch slower than the W12 (0-60mph in 4sec and 187mph) but it's still claimed to be the world's fastest diesel SUV. It will allegedly also travel an impressive 1,000km on one tank of fuel. There's no word on pricing yet, but expect it to be not dissimilar to the regular model, which starts at around 185,000 euros.

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