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## 1997 Bentley Turbo RT LWB

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Lot sold	<b>USD 21 924 - 27 405</b> GBP 16 000 - 20 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1997	Condition	Used
Gearbox	Automatic	Location	
Chassis number	SCBZP23C6WCH661	Fuel type	Petrol
Number of seats	2	Exterior colour	Other
Drivetrain	2wd	Car type	Other
Lot number	411	Engine number	88786L410M/T1T/S
		Exterior brand colour	Black
		Interior brand colour	Black Leather

### Description

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Guide price: ??16000 - ??20000.

- The final incarnation of the Turbo R. Powerful, fast, expensive and rare
  - Classic looks in Mason Black over red-piped black leather and black carpets edged in red
  - Original UK RHD car, Jack Barclay supplied new. PDI and first two services by Jack Barclay.
- Complete with sill plate

- Original handbooks and stamped service book. MOT until March 2020

The Bentley Turbo R was a high-performance model produced by Bentley Motors Limited from 1985 to 1997 and the 'R' stood for "road holding", to set it apart from its predecessor, the square headlight Mulsanne Turbo. It initially inherited the turbocharged engine from the Mulsanne Turbo and also sported retuned suspension and wider tyres on alloy wheels, a first for a Bentley. From 1987, however, the Turbo R's V8 engine was fitted with fuel injection for added torque. Motor Trend called the Turbo R "The first Bentley in decades deserving of the famous name" in their review of the car on its introduction to the United States in 1989, with car enthusiast Jay Leno first in the queue. The Turbo RT was the last, rarest, most powerful and most expensive of the Turbo R line and was fitted with the 400 bhp (298 kW; 406 PS) twin-turbo 6.75 litre V8 engine from the two-door Continental T.

Performance was 'more than adequate' with a top speed limited to 150 mph. It is visually differentiated from other Bentley Turbo R models by its sports wheels, radiator mesh grille, and colour-coded bumpers with bright mesh inserts. The ultra-luxurious Turbo RT was built between 1997 and 1998, with just 252 cars produced prior to the introduction of the Arnage. This elegant, long-wheelbase RT was delivered new in the UK, supplied by Jack Barclay Ltd and first registered on the 1st August 1997. It was tastefully finished in Mason Black over red-piped black leather and black carpets edged in red, a stylish colour scheme it still wears today. This imposing machine continues to present well, the midnight black coachwork retains a shine so deep you feel you could almost dive into it, the black leather seating appears unmarked, the gleaming burr walnut veneers have stood the test of time well, the instruments and switchgear sparkle, the engine bay is particularly tidy, and the alloy wheels seem in good shape. Burr walnut and black leather are, like peaches and cream, made for each other and with the extra comfort afforded by the longer cabin, it could be argued that there is no better way to travel. The odometer indicates a paltry 79,285 miles and the car is offered with its original handbooks, stamped service book, sundry service invoices and an MOT Certificate valid until March 2020. When new, this car would have cost considerably over £100,000 and at today's guide seems like incredible value for money. These late production, special-edition Bentleys were sold in very low numbers and are consequently becoming increasingly sought after, so this imposing RT must surely be worthy of serious consideration.

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