Bentley Arnage T

Much care goes into the naming of a new Bentley. Words are potent: the more so for a marque tracing over eighty years of uninterrupted bloodline.

Bentley: a marque associated indelibly with power beyond necessity. A Bentley is a car of stature, built to impeccable standards.

Arnage: a corner of the Le Mans circuit where the marque first made its reputation. History records five outright victories in seven years, from an era when Le Mans was a car-breaker and drivers were heroes.

Bentley Arnage is the name given to an exceptional four-door performance saloon. The new Series 2 Bentley Arnage represents a significant advance in dynamics, safety and performance, even above the high standards set by its predecessor.

Pre-eminent in the Series 2 range is the Bentley Arnage T. It carries the black winged ‘B’, a distinguishing mark of the most powerful and uncompromising Bentley cars.

Bentley Arnage T. For those who know, the name says everything.
External check

Familiar; the matrix grille and twin round headlamps. A Bentley signature.

Familiar also, the muscular lines. The bodyshell, with ample space for four and their luggage. The broad-tracked, low stance.

New; the sports alloy wheels. The deeper, sports front and rear bumpers with matrix air intake and flush-mounted fog lights. The integrated rear spoiler and twin oval tailpipes. All signs of a new Arnage.

The black winged B? Distinguishing mark of the Continental T coupé. Never before seen upon the radiator shell of Arnage, the four-door Bentley.

Check complete. Message received.
Cockpit drill

The door shuts like a vault.

Silence.

The scent of purest grade Connolly leather. Diamond quilted, hand-stitched leather. It takes up to 17 flawless hides to create this environment.

Switchgear surfaces are knurled like the stock of a London grade shotgun. Reassuringly secure to grip.

Dials, black faced, the Bentley wings beneath the still-lifeless needles.

Hard metallic gleam of chrome and aluminium. The sports steering wheel that yields – just enough – to the pressure of your grip. The chrome and hide racing gearshift that falls easily to hand.

A comfortable environment, but a purposeful one, too.

Ignition switch to position one. Dials flick into-life. Adjust mirrors, seat and steering wheel.

Ready.
Ignition

Press the black starter button.

Underneath the bonnet, the starter motor spins the 6.75 litre V8 engine.

Within fractions of a second, the precisely metered fuel-air mixture fires eight times as each piston in turn rises to top dead centre.

450 brake horsepower comes to life.

The most powerful production Bentley engine ever made announces its presence, not with a race engine’s howl, but with a deep, even beat. Like the pulse of some mythic beast.

Observe the rev counter closely. Red line is at 4,500 rpm. Maximum torque of 645 lb.ft is reached at 3,250 rpm. The slightest movement of the throttle will have a dramatic effect. Recalibrate your expectations.

Hold the car on its footbrake as you slide the shift to Drive.

Now clear your mind. And go.
Power

The engine has the power to alter geography. Straights become extensions of the last corner, or preludes to the next one. And yet your overriding impression is one of control.

Steering, braking, cornering, the Arnage T communicates its intent with clarity and immediacy. From the driver's seat, it is hard to credit that this is a large four-door saloon. Swinging through S-bends, the car's size and weight magically diminish as it responds to each change of direction.

With its stiffer bodyshell and computer controlled sports suspension, the Arnage T is the most sporting four-door saloon that Bentley has ever made. Its intercommunicating systems monitor traction and grip, but without anaesthetising the driving experience.

Inevitably, the power of the 450bhp engine dominates your senses. But thanks to the chassis, it never overwhelms them.
Debrief

The Bentley Arnage T is the most powerful production Bentley ever made, with a four-door, five seat saloon body and 6.75 litre twin turbocharged engine both hand-built in Crewe, England.

As a Bentley carrying the black winged ‘B’ badge, it is designed for performance without compromise; intended to deliver the ultimate in exhilaration and to provide the purest driving experience.

Bentley Arnage T - technical overview and specification

The 6.75 litre V8 Bentley engine has a maximum power of 450bhp (336kW) at 4,100 rpm and achieves maximum torque of 645 lb.ft. (875 Nm) at 3250 rpm. It features twin charge coolers, with pulse separated exhaust manifolds and electronic throttle actuation. The engine is mated to a four-speed automatic transmission with electronic gear actuation. Acceleration from 0-60mph takes 5.5 seconds and top speed is 168mph (where conditions permit)*.

The Arnage T has a stiffer bodyshell for improved ride and handling. The chassis features the latest Bosch 5.7 Electronic Stability Programme (ESP) and four-channel ABS. Hydraulic dampers react in hundredths of a second to changes in the car’s attitude in cornering, stiffening the outer dampers to minimise roll.

Externally the Arnage T is distinguished by deeper front and rear bumpers, twin oval tailpipes and optional 19” split rims fitted with 255/45ZR19 uni-directional tyres. The Bentley badge features a black enamel centre.

Unique features of the Bentley Arnage T interior are the diamond quilted perforated hide with contrast stitching on sports seats and door panels, the optional engine-turned aluminium inset on the fascia and waistrails, white on black dials, sports steering wheel, gearshift and switches with a knurled finish. Waistrails are in dark stained burr walnut.

The Arnage T also features a full safety specification, including full-sized driver and passenger airbags, front and rear mounted ‘thorax’ airbags and side air curtains deploying from the cantrail and ‘A’ post**.
Specifications (cont.)

POWERTRAIN
6.75 litre turbocharged V8 engine
Maximum Power 450 bhp (336 kW) at 4100 rpm
Maximum Torque 645 lb-ft (875 Nm) at 3250 rpm

PERFORMANCE
Acceleration 0-60mph 5.5 sec. 0-100km/h 5.78 sec.
0-100mph 13.38 sec. 0-160km/h 13.43 sec.
Maximum Speed* 168mph 270km/h

TRANSMISSION
4 speed automatic gearbox – electronic gear actuation
Adaptive Shift Control tailors gearshifts to driving style
Centre console mounted selector
Transmission torque reduction control

BRAKING
Micro-alloy ventilated discs front and rear
Hydraulically boosted front & rear circuits with four-channel anti-lock control

ELECTRONIC STABILITY PROGRAMME
Engine management linked to traction control system
Anti Slip Regulation (ASR), via engine torque reduction control and braking intervention to rear wheels

Speed sensors to all four wheels – driver enabled to switch system off

SUSPENSION
Double wishbone independent front and rear suspension
Computer controlled adaptive electro-hydraulic dampers
Automatic ride height control with auto load compensation and headlamp levelling

Driver selectable sports mode

STEERING
Power assisted, speed sensitive, rack and pinion steering system
Sports steering wheel with electric rake adjust (memory linked) and automatic easy entry/exit facility
3.2 turns lock-to-lock
Rotary open centre-type hydraulic control valve

INTERIOR (cont.)
Knurled finish to chrome switches and door handles
Engine-turned aluminium insert to fascia and waisttrails (cost option)
Racing globe gear selector
Sports seats with diamond quilted perforated hide and contrast stitching
Embroidered Bentley marquee emblems to seat face

Dark stained burr walnut veneer
Drilled alloy brake and accelerator pedals (cost option)
Console mounted gearbox sports mode switch
Diamond quilted perforated hide door panels with contrast stitching to armrests
Chrome speaker surrounds

Full Connolly Grade “A” hide upholstery in 21 hide colours plus personal specification facility (cost option, please consult your dealer)

Veneered picnic tables with engine turned aluminium inserts (cost option)

Veneered door panels and companion mirrors (cost option)

Heating, ventilation and air conditioning system with side to side split level (face/feet) and front/rear individual settings. pollen and dust micro-filters, dehumidifier and residual heating

Audio system with 6CD autochanger
 Provision for Nokia voice-activated phone system (please consult your dealer)
Two-stage seat heating and bi-level lumbar support for front seats
Twin electric, independently adjustable rear seats with easy exit feature
Electrically adjustable tilt steering wheel with cruise control operation and automatic easy entry/exit feature

Memory facility (four positions) linking driver’s seat, exterior mirrors and steering wheel

Electrochromic self-dimming, interior rear-view mirror
Electrochromic door mirrors dip on selection of reverse gear
One touch open/close window operation
Twin drinks holders to front centre console and rear console
2 umbrellas fitted in luggage compartment (cost option)
Footrests and lambswool rugs (cost option)

Magazine stowage to front seat backs

EXTERIOR COACHWORK
Black winged ‘B’ badge
Sports bumpers
Park Distance Control system
Integral front fog lamps
Integrated rear spoiler
Oval tailpipe finishers
Bentley matrix grille in stainless steel
All-steel monocoque bodyshell of high torsional rigidity

White on black analogue instruments with driver information panel, trip computer and top-roll mounted DVD satellite navigation system (in applicable markets)

Sports steering wheel, single colour hide
EXTERIOR COACHWORK (CONT.)
Double-sided zinc coated skin panels
Ten-stage metal treatment prior to cathodic electro-priming
Elastomeric protective coating to underbody
Flexibilised polymer clearcoat
Lift assisted rear-hinged bonnet
Glass with ferrous compound to control solar loading
Paint range of 22 colours, plus personal specification facility
(cost option, please consult your dealer)
Chrome plated one-touch power folding door mirrors with electrochromic glass
18" sports 5-spoke aluminium wheels with 255/50 R18 Pirelli P-Zero
low-profile tyres (standard)
19" 5-spoke split rim titanium bolted alloy wheels fitted with 255/45 ZR19
Pirelli P-Zero tyres (cost option in select markets, please consult your dealer)

SAFETY
Bosch 5.7 Electronic Stability Programme (ESP). Detects critical driving situations
and reacts automatically using both brake and engine interventions to maintain
vehicle stability. Features:
* Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)
  Prevents the road wheels locking when over braked and maintains steering control
* Electronic Brake Pressure Distribution (EBD)
  Prevents over braking of the rear wheels, if ABS is unavailable due to specific fault states.
* Automatic Slip Regulation - traction control system (ASR)
  Prevents the driven wheels from spinning by intervening using both the braking and
  the engine management systems
* Engine drag torque control (MSR)
  Prevents the driven wheels from locking due to the engine braking effects when the
  accelerator is released suddenly or when the vehicle gear is down shifted
* Hydraulic Brake Assist (HBA)
  Reduces stopping distances in emergency braking situations based on the speed of the
  driver's reaction at the brake pedal
* Aquaplane detection
Four-channel electronic anti-lock braking system
All-steel monocoque with impact absorbing body sections to front, rear and sides
Anti-intrusion beams on all doors
Full-sized driver and front passenger airbags** with side impact air curtain and
thorax airbag systems for front and rear occupants
Anti-submarine seat design
Front seat belt pre-tensioners
Inertia sensor fuel shut-off, door auto-unlock and steering column decouple
occupant safety systems
Energy absorbing bumper system

SAFETY (CONT.)
Anti-trap electric window closing mechanism
High mounted rear stop lamp
Headlights engage automatically on continuous windscreen wipe

SECURITY
Integrated key with retractable blade and integral transponder
Multi-function programmable alarm and immobilisation system
Perimetric exterior and volumetric interior volume sensing for alarm system
Central locking and deadlock system
Driver's door only unlock function on key fob (programmable option)
Master and limited access (valet parking) fob key
Air conditioning system and interior lights activate on disarming
(programmable option)
Glass break sensor
Inclination sensor

FUEL CONSUMPTION
CO2 - 495 g/km

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DIMENSIONS AND CAPACITIES
Wheelbase: 3116 mm (122.77 in.)
Front Track: 1602 mm (63.12 in.)
Rear Track: 1602 mm (63.12 in.)
Overall length: 5400 mm (212.75 in.)
Width (across mirrors): 2125 mm (83.70 in.)
Width (across body): 1932 mm (76.10 in.)
Overall height: 1515 mm (59.60 in.)
Kerb weight: 2585 kg (5699 lb)
Fuel tank capacity: 100 litres (26.4 US gallons)
Luggage compartment volume: 0.374 m³ (13.2 cu.ft.)

OWNERSHIP
3 year unlimited mileage limited warranty - See dealer for details
Service intervals: 10,000 miles
* Top speed attained on closed course by professional test driver. Always observe
  posted speed limits.
** Airbags are supplementary restraints only. Always use safety belts and only seat
  children in the rear, using restraint systems appropriate for their age
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