



*"SWEEPING BEAUTY"*

*GORDON CRUICKSHANK - MOTORSPORT*





## La Sarthe

### The Best of Traditional British Coach Building

Until the 1950s Bentley would supply a rolling chassis and the coach builder of your choice would build your car to your specification. Bensport is once again offering this same bespoke service to customers with the 'project **La Sarthe**', a sporting Bentley in the 'continental' tradition limited to just ten examples.

### Lightweight Performance

The hand-built all-aluminium body sits on an original and fully restored 1950s Bentley chassis. The lightened bodywork, some 300 lbs lighter than an original R-Type Continental Fastback, coupled with Bensport's engine and exhaust developments ensure that the motorcar goes as well as it looks. Effortless high speed continental cruising is easily achieved. Handling also benefits significantly from detailed chassis modification, the overall reduction in weight and the smooth power delivery of the Bentley 4 ½ litre engine. Up-rated suspension, brakes and cooling systems also improve navigation in modern urban traffic. Bensport's extensive real world development programme has included fast continental touring with both summer and winter testing.



*"La Sarthe is beautiful and the way that it handles is a revelation".*

The design brief and development programme have all focused on creating La Sarthe as a car for serious drivers who place a premium on handling and performance. The car has therefore been named after the famous Le Mans circuit.



### Bensport La Sarthe Specification

Chassis	Crewe built Bentley R-Type
Engine	Bentley 4.5ltr Straight 6
Gearbox	4 speed manual or Automatic
Body	All aluminium
Axle	3.07:1 High ratio (optional)
Cooling	Aluminium radiator with 17" Kenlow electric fan
Electrics	Alternator, new wiring loom.
Interior	Air conditioning (optional), electric windows, heated seats.

For full specification, please see our website.



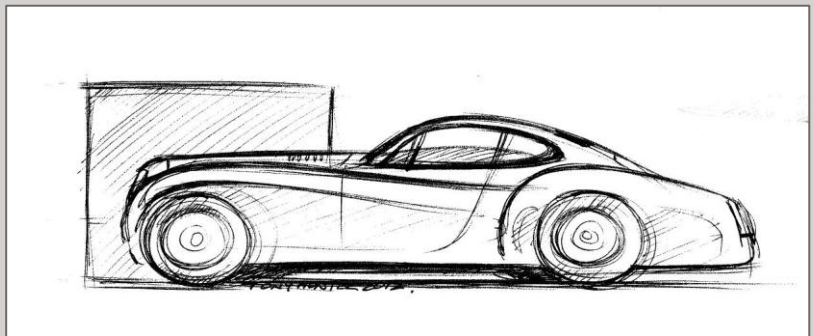
### Bespoke Design Facility

Bensport customers are encouraged to involve themselves not just in the mechanical specification of La Sarthe, but also in many more of the design features. By example the front grille may be specified or actually designed to personal preference.

The finest hand crafted materials are a given of course, but the interior of the car is an entirely clean sheet of paper for the customer and in-house design team. Naturally the latest technology and connectivity requirements can also be discretely accommodated.



Enhancements not available to 1950s Bentley customers can also be developed and integrated such as braking improvements, larger carburettors or indeed fuel injection. Bensport's in-house capabilities ensure that a very wide range of customer preferences or requests can be engineered or developed for La Sarthe.



Orders are now being taken for the limited number of build slots commencing April 2015.

### Owning La Sarthe

- **Price dependent on specification**
- **£350,000 as exhibited at London Classic Car Show**
- **£10,000 deposit secures donor chassis and build date**
- **£90,000 due at commencement followed by staged payments triggered by the build schedule**
- **12 month build commencing April 2015**





## Specialist Restorers of Rolls-Royce, Bentley & Other Prestige Marques

The same high levels of workmanship and quality materials used to create *La Sarthe* are also available to customers seeking restoration of their existing Derby or Crewe-built Bentley or Rolls Royce. Cumulatively boasting over 90 years of Bentley ownership and restoration experience, Bensport is well placed to offer restoration of these and other prestige marques at competitive rates.



Bensport have specialist experience of Derby and Crewe-built Bentleys from the 1930s to the 1960s and all models of classic post-war Alfa Romeo and Jaguar.



**Bensport restoration and development services include:**

- **Total vehicle restoration**
- **Mechanical overhaul and engine rebuilds**
- **Show standard paint**
- **Braking, handling/suspension and performance enhancement**
- **Electrical rewiring**
- **Crash repair**
- **Bespoke coachwork**

Bensport's friendly restoration team are always happy to discuss customer requirements whether that be full restoration, improvement and modification, or attention to specific bodywork or mechanical elements.



*Rolls Royce 25/30 engine*



*"I was happy to entrust the complete restoration of my 1952 Jaguar XK120 to the Bensport team. At heart they are car enthusiasts and this shows in both their customer service and the quality of their work. I wholeheartedly recommend them".*

**L. Wells, Wiltshire.**





***1966 Alfa Romeo Duetto***

## **Restoration Gallery**

Recent work has included the total re-build of three Bentley chassis to La Sarthe specification.

A total ground up restoration of a Jaguar XK 120 to fast road specification.

Alfa Romeo Duetto ground up restoration with fast road modifications to suspension and engine.

S1 Mulliner bodied Bentley, engine rebuild, body restoration and repaint.



***1956 Bentley S1 HJ Mulliner 6002***



***Repair of Jaguar induction manifold.***



***Prototype La Sarthe painted in our bodyshop***



***Bentley 4 1/2 litre restoration.***



***Attention to detail...***



***Alfa Romeo Duetto***





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