

scale 1/43

#05024

release

12/2018

limited edition 333 Stk.



Racing Reminiscence

In the British car scene during the early 1950s, Bentley, under the ownership of Rolls Royce, sought a successor to the outdated Mark VI. The new sedan that was introduced in 1952 was announced as the “R-Type”. To live up to the sporting image of the 1930s, the engineers at the Bentley plant developed a sportive version based on the R-Type designated with name affix “Continental”.

Parallel to the standard sedan this version was built from 1952 through 1955. The standard 4.6-liter, six-cylinder inline engine was modified to produce 130 horsepower. In the short period of production, 208 examples of the special Continental version were produced. Among them was chassis B77ZX, which left the Bentley production halls in 1954. Typically, this would be of no value to mention as it was identical to all 207 of its “mates”. For many years, it was simply one of the small number of special Bentley produced under the Type R Continental designation, but that all changed in 1966.

In that year, racing fanatic Robert (Bob) Gooda acquired the car in original condition and wanted to prepare it as a racing car. He turned to one of the UK’s most renowned coachbuilders, Peel Coachworks located in Kingston-upon-Thames to “work their magic”! Fitted with a shorter body with fastback and with significantly lower weight, Bob Gooda gave the racer its only public outing at the Bentley Driver’s Club race that was held at the Silverstone circuit in August of 1967. In the hands of co-owner Brian Dumps, the car started with race number 21 and did its laps on the wet racetrack.

Today the restored car can be seen on numerous exhibitions, motor sport events and noted Concours d’Elegance events.

AutoCult GmbH

Äußere Further Straße 3
90530 Wendelstein
Germany

Tel. +49 / 9129 / 296 4280
Fax +49 / 9129 / 296 4281
info@autocult.de

www.autocult-models.de