The long-awaited Bentley Bentayga is the fastest SUV in history

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Ahead of the forthcoming Frankfurt Motor Show, Bentley has revealed the production version of its long-awaited SUV, the Bentayga. The 600bhp, W12-powered off-roader will carry its occupants up to 186mph in the serenity for which the marque is famous...

Familiar face

Using the 6.0-litre engine (and overall styling themes) inherited from its Continental cousins, the Bentayga will eclipse the performance and exclusivity offered by its rivals – until Rolls-Royce and Lamborghini join the high-rise party, at least. Twin-turbocharging the W12 will allow the Bentayga to reach speeds higher than any production-spec SUV before it, while also claiming to offer unparalleled levels of refinement, comfort and luxury. Event seating emerging from the tailgate is optional.

Mode overload?

The car will offer no fewer than eight driving modes ranging between dynamic and off-road; we'll have to wait patiently to see just how effective the latter is in comparison to the benchmark Range Rover, which costs half the price in its most basic form. Bentayga first-adopters will take delivery of their new 2.5-tonne leviathans next year.

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