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Year: 1953

Chassis no: B18UM

Registration:

OOF936

Price: £470,000

VEHICLE DETAILS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / SERVICE HISTORY

1953 Bentley Blue Train by Racing Green.

We also have a green one available at the same price.

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Very Sought after & rarely available.. This Bentley Blue Train by Racing Green is like brand new & has covered a scant 800 miles since build.

Little more need be said as perfection needs but few words.

It will not be discounted so please do not call unless willing to meet the full asking price.

It is in our showroom now, running beautifully & ready for shipping.

The unique 'one-off' Bentley Speed Six two-door coupe built by Gurney Nutting is also called the Bentley 'Blue Train' because it is inextricably linked to a beautiful

legend through a painting by Terence Cuneo. The painting shows a duel between a Bentley Speed Six two-door coupe and the famous 'Blue Train'. 'Le Train Bleu' or 'Blue Train' was the Calais-Mediterranée Express, a French luxury night express train with dark blue sleeping cars which operated from 1886 to 2003. Bentley chairman and 'Le Mans Bentley Boy' Woolf Barnato made a bet during a dinner in Cannes that he could drive his Bentley Speed Six from Cannes to Calais faster than the luxury passenger train. The next day he put his money where his mouth was and started this perilous undertaking with golfer Dale Bourne. During the 570 miles of badly paved and unpaved roads the men were marred by rain, fog, and a flat tire. The distance was completed at an average speed of 43.43 mph. Barnato arrived in Calais so much earlier than the train that he decided to continue to London. He crossed the Channel by steamboat and raced on to London. At 3.20pm he parked the Speed Six at his club in St. James' Street. Then it took four more minutes for the 'Blue Train' to arrive at Calais station!

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