



1957
Bentley S1 Radford
Countryman
Saloon

B288EG



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This Radford Bentley arrived in our showroom after decades of searching, and though the car will be tough to part with, we're ready to find a new owner willing to give it a little TLC.

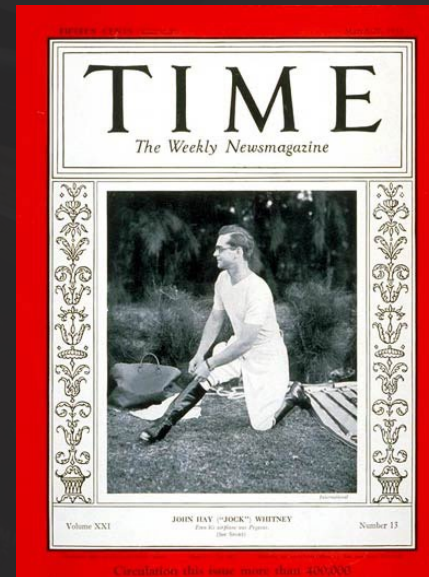
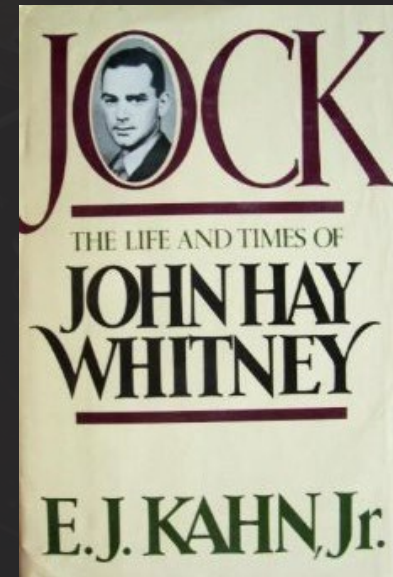
Released in 1957, the Bentley S1 Standard Steel Saloon comes complete with an arsenal of Harold Radford Coachbuilders Countryman modifications, as well as ties to the famous John Hay "Jock" Whitney. (More about him on the next page.) The exterior of the car features a stately two-tone paint scheme of mason's black and gray metallic, while the interior is done almost entirely in bright cherry red. A few fun extras, courtesy of the Countryman add-ons, make the inside of this Bentley even more enjoyable. Passengers in the back will delight in the existence of twin cocktail cabinets, and daytime travelers will relish the front seats' ability to transform into a queen-sized bed, making the car a suitable place for a countryside nap.

All that aside, this impressive find does, admittedly, need some work. The wood accents of the cabin, as well as the chrome and paint on the outside, are presentable as-is, though there is room for improvement. Perhaps the biggest challenge, however, is the presence of rust in many of the body panels. Still, it's an amazing car, and if a project piece is what you seek, we can't think of a better option than this historied Bentley.



Left: E.J. Kahn, Jr.'s 1981 biography of the famed business man, *Jock: The Life and Times of John Hay Whitney*.

Right: Whitney, posing in his equestrian gear, on the cover of the March 27, 1933, issue of *Time* magazine.



ABOUT THE FAMOUS OWNER OF THIS 1957 Bentley S1

The Bentley S1 Standard Steel Saloon, VIN No. B288EG, was acquired new by John Hay "Jock" Whitney, who special ordered the car with 8:1 compression, power steering, and a lowered rear seat. Because Whitney was serving as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom at the time of the Bentley's purchase, he had it delivered to the U.S. Embassy in London on February 24, 1957.

Whitney has many claims to fame, including his relation to the well-known Whitney family. In addition to his ambassadorship, he was also the publisher of the *New York Herald Tribune*, as well as president of the Museum of Modern Art. By 1930, Whitney was one of the most affluent men in the world; in 1946, he founded the oldest venture capital firm in the United States, J.H. Whitney.



DOCUMENTATION & Features



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PS/WH/Mr. Clarke BSK. 634
 PS/WH/Mr. Perry.
 PS/WH/Mr. Parker.
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 PS/WH/Mr. Aitchison/Mr. Heaps.
 EIT
 Brog/Fl. W/O 1290
 PS/Crl/Body Line.
 PS/Crl/Mr. Sheiff. charged
 PS/Crl/Mr. Gresty
 PS/Crl/Mr. Williams (Sawmill)
 PS/Crl. L.H. Rear Spring UR. 813 R.H. Rear Spring UR. 1392
 PS/BJW/Mr. Beardmore.
 SP/Iden.
 Dg. (3)
 PNC/LD.
 JS/WH
 WJ
 PS/BJW.
 JPB.
 SE/KH.

CHASSIS SPECIFICATION

Engine No. BB. 144 Chassis No. B. 288. EG.
 Rota No. 1772
 Series E Body No. S. 2240
 Body Style 'S' type Saloon C/Builder Bentley Motors.
 UR. 813 R.H. Rear Spring UR. 1392

Steering Position Power Assisted Steering.

Lock No. 343 Radio No. Model. 200 X. J. 20/8966

PAINING DETAILS & LINES. Fine liner in Red - the colour & width to be exactly as pattern attached to Crl's copy of the spec.

WHITNEY GREEN. ARSE GREEN.

TRIMMING DETAILS

Red Hide. VM. 3195 with Red piping. VM. 3195
 Fawn Headcloth. A. 5050. Maroon Carpet. 105

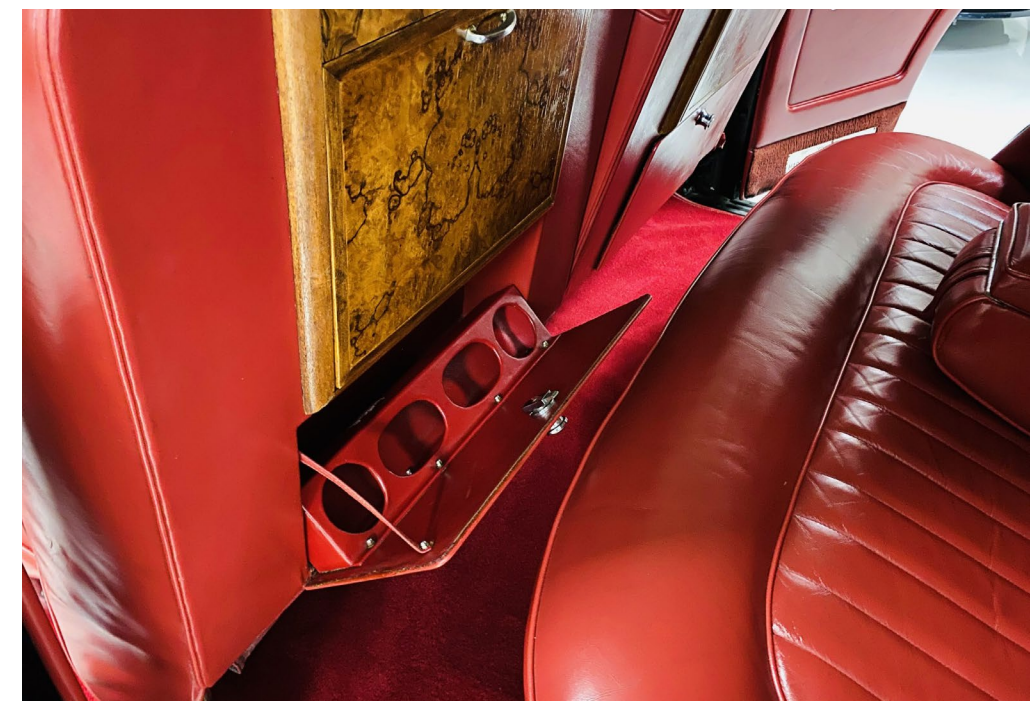
SPECIAL FEATURE

The height of the rear seat cushion to be reduced by 1"

This car is required in London on 24th. Feb.
 Red label attached to Crl's spec.

The engine to be modified to 8 to 1 compression.

CUSTOMER Mr. J. H. Whitney **SF.** 13.2.57.
 U.S. Ambassador in London.



ENJOY THESE COUNTRYMAN MODIFICATIONS / two full cocktail cabinets attached to the back of the front seats + additional storage cabinets in the doors + secretary compartment for note pads, pens, and other items + front seats that fold completely flat to create a nearly queen-sized bed



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