

British (?) Car Brands

1) Jaguar/Landrover

“Jaguar Land Rover” is a British luxury vehicle brand with its headquarters in England. In 1990 Ford acquired Jaguar Cars, and in 2000, it also acquired Land Rover. In 2008, Ford sold both companies to Tata Motors (an Indian multinational company with headquarters in Mumbai, India). In 2013, Tata created a single company called “Jaguar Land Rover” which now designs, manufactures and sells Jaguar and Land Rover cars.



2) Rolls Royce

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Limited is a British luxury automobile maker, and the brand has been in use since 1906. In 1998, the brand was sold to the **German** group BMW.



3) Bentley

Bentley Motors Limited was a British manufacturer of luxury cars and SUVs. The company was founded in 1919, and became famous for winning the “24 Hours of Le Mans” race five times in the 1920s. In 1998, it became a subsidiary of the **German** Volkswagen Group. Today most Bentleys are assembled in Crewe, England, but some are assembled in Dresden, Germany.



4) McLaren

McLaren Automotive is a British automotive manufacturer based at the McLaren Technology Centre in Woking, England. The main products of the company are racing cars, but also make sports cars for street use. The original company, McLaren Cars, was founded in 1985, and produced the famous F1 model in 1992. Between 1994 and 2010, McLaren Cars was registered as a 'dormant company', until “McLaren Automotive” was founded in 2010. In July 2017, McLaren Automotive became a subsidiary of the McLaren Group, a **British** conglomerate.



5) TVR

TVR is an independent British manufacturer of high-end sports cars. The company manufactures lightweight sports cars with powerful engines and was, at one time, the third-largest sports car manufacturer in the world, offering a diverse range of coupés and convertibles. The abbreviation TVR comes from the name of the company's original owner Trevor Wilkinson. He founded the company in 1946, but today it belongs to a syndicate of **British** businessmen.



6) Aston Martin

Aston Martin is a **British** independent manufacturer of luxury sports cars. It was founded in 1913 by Lionel Martin and Robert Bamford. James Bond made the brand internationally famous by his use of a DB5 model in the 1964 film “Goldfinger”. Aston Martin sports cars are considered a British cultural icon. The company has over 150 car dealerships in over 50 countries on six continents, making them a truly global automobile brand. The main production site is in Gaydon, England. Aston Martin has recently announced plans to turn itself into a global luxury brand, and intends to produce speed boats, bicycles, clothing, submarines and aircraft, as well as develop real estate projects.



7) The “Mini”

The Mini was originally made by the British Motor Corporation (BMC) under the brands of Austin and Morris. The BMC was taken over by "Rover Group plc" (formerly British Leyland) which was a state-owned company between 1968 and 1975. It had previously absorbed the Rover and MG companies, as well as the Land Rover Group, Freight Rover vans and Leyland Trucks. The Rover Group also owned the dormant trademarks from the many companies that had merged into BL such as Triumph, Morris, Wolseley, Riley and Alvis. The Rover Group was owned by British Aerospace (BAe) from 1988 to 1994, when BAe sold the business to the **German** company BMW.

