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TOP TECH WATCHES



By their very Nature, watches are "tech". Throughout their long history, there have been – and continue to be – many innovative developments. One of the few accessories that a man can wear, without having to suffer a multitude of unwelcome comments about his sexual orientation; watches are the other way (besides a tie) that a man can express himself. From the humble everyday watch to the high end Tourbillon that can cost as much as a car, watches are a world unto themselves. Over the next 20 pages, we'll take you through our picks in 5 main categories: Hand-wound, Automatic, Quartz, Electronic and Hybrid.

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AUTOMATIC

TAG HEUER MONACO V4

Tag Heuer has been a pioneer in watchmaking for over 150 years and is well-known for their luxury sports watches. The iconic Monaco design was first seen on Steve McQueen's wrist in the 1970 race-classic film, *Le Mans*. Today, the V4, named for the V-shaped platinum main plate on which the movement's four spring barrels are mounted, is a departure from "classic" watchmaking components with its belt-drive transmission, a high-yield relay of 5-notched micro drive belts whose tension is controlled by 2 turnbuckles. The 2-by-2 belt series on ball bearings are angled at +/- 13 degrees and look like the cylinders in a high-end motor racing engine. The techniques used in the design, prototyping and production of the V4 are the same as those used to develop complex aerospace systems, and the tools, techniques and expertise were drawn from an eclectic fusion of disciplines. Only 150 pieces are being manufactured worldwide.



Tag Heuer Monaco V4

\$138,800

www.tagheuer.com

Automatic Belt-drive transmission

40.5mm diameter



BALL NEW ENGINEER HYDROCARBON

Inspired by SpaceShipOne's historic flight to the edge of space, the Ball New Engineer Hydrocarbon was designed to be rugged enough to withstand the rigours of spaceflight, including shocks of 7,500 G's. The case is made from stainless steel, has a unidirectional rotating bezel and the strap features a buckle that is manufactured from a single block of stainless steel to one-hundredths of a millimeter precision. 80 micro gas tubes on the hour, minute and second hands make night reading a breeze and the watch is water resistant to 333 metres.

Ball Engineer Hydrocarbon Spacemaster Glow DM2036A-SCA-BK
53990

www.ballwatch.com

Automatic ETA 2836-2 COSC certified chronometer
41.5mm diameter, 16.9mm thick



Cvstos HM-5
523,968

www.cvstos.com

CVS 2650 Automatic,
exclusive to Cvstos
53.7mm x 41mm

CVSTOS CHALLENGE

A tonneau-shaped stainless-steel case and the beautifully exposed inner workings make this a coveted piece of tech. Featuring a bi-directional automatic winding system with a power reserve of 60 hours and a 3 x 20 seconds indicator at 9 o'clock, this is one mechanism that will always be interesting to watch. The calendar disc, which is transparent, travels around the movement and displays the date at 7-30, and the watch is water resistant to 100 metres. Also available in black steel for a bit more, or rose gold (for a lot more).



Concord C1 Code Chronograph
Spoa

www.concordwatches.com

COSC-certified self-winding Valjoux range
44mm diameter, 16.7mm thick

CONCORD C1 CODE CHRONOGRAPH

Concord has been making watches for over 100 years and their latest creation, the C1 Code Chronograph, enriched with mathematical formulae on the crystal, sports a black carbon fibre dial and a stainless steel case. There is an hour and minute chronograph at 6 and 12 o'clock and seconds disc at 9 o'clock. Power reserves 48 hours and water resistance is to 200 metres.

Urwerk
Spoa
www.thehourglass.com
Automatic with twin turbine regulation
45.7mm x 43.5mm x 15mm

URWERK 203

The "satellite complication" is the nerve center of the UR-203. It's made from ARCAP P40, which is a stable, non-ferrous and non-magnetic alloy, which is milled with micron precision to create the carousel. Together, the carousel, hour satellites, telescopic minute hands and dial weigh 65% less than the previous model, the UR-202. The satellite complications now weigh just 3.57 grams. Two interesting features of this watch are the change indicator, which informs the wearer when a service is due and an "Horological Odometer", which spans 150 years, keeping track of the total number of years of operation of the movement. We wouldn't mind wearing that one out.

Seiko Spring Drive Spacewalk
\$42,800
www.seikospringdrive.com/spacewalk/
Spring Drive
53mm x 48.7mm, 15.2mm thick

SEIKO SPACEWALK

The story behind the Spring Drive Spacewalk is that Seiko was trying to make the first watch that was specifically designed for use in outer space meaning that it could operate in not only during a space flight but also durable in a vacuum during a space walk. Since battery operated instruments are unsafe in this environment (without special treatment), the movement had to be either mechanical or spring-driven. They chose the latter for safety and accuracy (since a spring-drive will maintain accuracy in the temperature extremes of space). An air-tight case made of high-intensity titanium protects the inner workings and the dials 3x brighter than a normal luminous watch, since additional layers of Seiko's Lumibrite luminescent paint are used. It's also water resistant to 10 bar and a special commemorative edition has just recently been released for sale to the public.



Azimuth Mr. Roboto
\$6,000
www.azimuthwatch.com
Automatic
43mm x 50mm

AZIMUTH MR. ROBOTO

Inspired by the Lantern Robot from the 1950's, Mr. Roboto aims to "revive the passion of the tarbot generation", according to Azimuth. The lantern-shaped watch's "left eye" registers hours, the "right eye" indicates GMT, while the nose and mouth indicate seconds and retrograde minutes. The case is made from 316L stainless steel case and is assembled with tamper-resistant screws (Torx drive), while it is driven by a modified ETA 2836 automatic winding movement. Water resistant to 5 bar.

