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## HYT H2 TITANIUM & WHITE GOLD BLUE

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HYT has released a host of great-looking new versions of its H1 and H2 collections at BaselWorld 2014, in many different materials and designs. One of the timepieces that really caught our eye was the H2 Titanium & White Gold Blue, which reveals a brand-new striking-blue liquid.

The H2 is the second in the series from the Hydro-Mechanical Horologists, as HYT call themselves, who were the very first to merge fluids and mechanical watches. Instead of a traditional hour hand, the hours are read off a colored fluid column that travels around the dial indicating the passage of time, much like a thermometer.

The use of a new color (the first color was an electric green) is not just a question of adding a drop of another ink color, as each dye has its own molecular structure that will react completely differently to changes in temperature, sunlight, the inside of the glass capillary tube and the rest of the liquid. It takes months of research to perfect each new color, so this new blue timepiece is anything but a simple change in hue!

The rest of the movement remains largely unchanged apart from some material differences. To recap, the manual-winding mechanical movement with its 192-hour power

reserve was developed by Audemars Piguet Renaud & Papi, and the liquid system is the brainchild of Preciflex, a Bienne-based liquid-engineering company that works hand in hand with HYT on each and every model.

In the H2 Titanium & White Gold Blue, the hands and screws have been blue, giving this highly contemporary timepiece a more classical look that heightens the juxtaposition between mechanics and liquid technology. Limited to 20 pieces, the H2 Titanium White Gold Blue comes in a 48.8mm titanium and white-gold case, and is water-resistant to 50m. ★



**MOVEMENT** Exclusive HYT manual-winding movement; hours in liquid display; minutes; 8-day power reserve

**CASE** 48.8mm; titanium and white gold; water-resistant to 50m

**STRAP** Rubber gummy alligator leather