



Once Upon a Time

Given the breadth of watchmaking evolution, it seems there is only little left unimagined in terms of how a timepiece should look and be. That being said HYT has once again broken conventional norms and now offers another groundbreaking piece that is truly one of a kind: the H3. With an extra-large 62x41mm case, the H3 has a liquid indicator to denote the hour—the hour marker row will rotate every six hours—and a retrograde red hand to indicate tens of lapsed minutes. The sculptural dial is anything but subtle; the intricate dial design and elements form a distinct visual orchestra. On the back is a power reserve indicator of 170 hours, equivalent to seven days. Limited to 25 pieces, the H3 is indeed an extravagant masterpiece that commands attention anywhere, anytime.

Veni, Vidi, Vici

These made us may be a phrase everybody is familiar with. But for Louis Vuitton, time is only spent for "look, report, repeat" (the old, travel) a motto that reflects the French brand's true spirit of traveling. The topic is how time appears in the brand's new Tambour Vici watches. From the five versions launched, the 48mm stainless steel or rose gold chronograph looks veritably handsome on the wrist. Get ready for a big surprise, though, as the watch minute hand and chronograph seconds hand are like no other—their zero positions are at 6 o'clock, aligned with the triple 12. An equally interesting piece is the GMT watch. While the local hour is noted by the watch hands, the second time zone is indicated by the yellow bottom of the triple 12. From the looks of it, Louis Vuitton has scored an A+ for innovation. Available at the Louis Vuitton store at Plaza Indonesia.



Blackbirds in the Heat of Night

Not to be mistaken for a Blackbird 106, the Avenger Blackbird chronograph from Breitling does look like something a superhero would wear on the wrist. The black-on-black hues are spiced up, highlighted by touches of red and bright Super-LumiNova coating on the dial. This year's latest edition took form by surprise owing to its smaller case size of 48mm, compared to last year's 49mm. But don't be fooled by the size as this "Red" pilot's watch punches way above its weight with a black carbon-coated titanium body. Light and powerful, it also doesn't hurt that the automatic watch can also go underwater to a depth of 200m. Its pilot's watch status notwithstanding, this ticking beast is ready for your next dive.

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The Aviator

THE UNSTOPPABLE AVANT-GARDE SWISS WATCHMAKER HYT PUSHES THE ENVELOPE WITH A ONE-OF-A-KIND PILOT WATCH: THE H2 AVIATOR

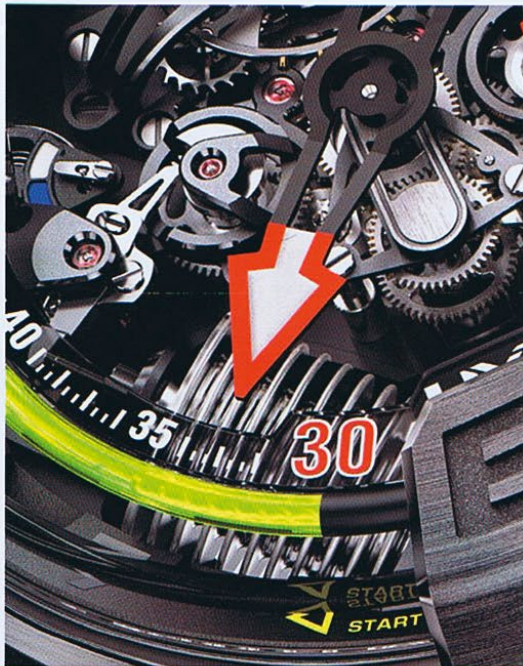
Wristwatches have been around for more than a century, but if you think you've seen it all, think again. HYT is a young, pioneering brand from Switzerland that breaks new ground with the use of liquids to tell the hour. It might be hard to understand at first, yet that's the very reason why every piece is so fascinating to behold and eventually figure out. Even more compelling is

the dial design, combining a skeletonized construction with an unapologetically industrial presentation; it is innovative, iconic and utterly impressive.

The H2 is HYT's most popular collection that notably features a conspicuous pair of V-shaped bellows at 6 o'clock. They are responsible for pumping the liquid through the clear tube, which actually contains not one, but two types of liquid. This, in principle, works much like oil and water—the colored liquid won't mix with its transparent counterpart. However, when you consider that more than 42 different processes were used to

protect the inside of the glass capillary, that the fluidic module is 10,000 times more water-resistant than a 100-meter water-resistant watch and that the time remains accurate irrespective of the outside temperature and possible effect on the liquid, it becomes apparent that the H2 is nothing short of a masterpiece of technical ingenuity.

This October, HYT unveils a very special H2 called the H2 Aviator. It follows the basic code of a pilot watch while keeping a futuristic look with unprecedented choices of style and material, making this HYT piece a true one-of-a-kind.



A big red minute hand over the left below; crown position indicator that depicts three positions: H, N and R

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■ **CASE** ■

The H2 Aviator is big in both style and size. The titanium black DLC case measures 48.8mm wide and 17.9mm thick. Water-resistant up to 50 meters, the domed sapphire crystal allows a slimmer visual presentation of the extravagant dial. Matching the rugged case is a black grey-black Kevlar strap with red stitching. The watch is limited to 40 pieces.

■ **CROWN POSITION INDICATOR**

Just like a gearshift in a car, a simple panel indicates the position of the crown. "N" refers to the neutral position when the crown is inactive; "H" is when the time is adjusted; and "R" is when the watch is wound to recharge the power reserve. This unique crown position indicator is present in all HYT H2 creations to date.

■ **LIQUID** ■

The colored liquid marks the hour and gradually fills the tube until the "return" position at 6 o'clock at which point the liquid returns backward to the "start" position. Meanwhile, the minute hand will automatically jump from the "return" to the "start" position when passing through the area, hence the double numerals for 30.

■ **DIAL**

Legibility is a huge factor for a pilot watch. In this case, the big red minute hand is not just a very obvious time marker but also a first for HYT. On a related note, the minute numerals for every 15 minutes are also printed in bold red. The hour markers are painted in a contrasting grey against a black hour dial.

