



At first, you wouldn't say there's anything different from the original H4, but nothing is further from the truth. Admitted, you have to know the original H4 'Gotham' as well as you know your mother, or sister, or grandfather.. to see the changes, anyhow, in our opinion the new features are worth mentioning, but you have to pay attention to details to get them.



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The H4 is a well-sculptured beast, based on HYT's inaugural piece: the H1. Unveiling the mechanism, this watch opened up a new creative universe for HYT. Because this H4 is perfectly designed, HYT decided not to change anything about the looks of this watch for their new 'Alinghi' edition. So it's visually a carbon copy of its big brother. Well maybe it isn't, see it for yourself.



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At this moment we want to advise you to put on your seatbelt, because this is going to be one hell of a ride. You see, there's one crazy thing this new H4 Alinghi has. For a start, you can see this watch has two different push-pieces. That's not weird at all, I mean there are watches with four push-pieces and that's not even big news, however, two push-pieces on a watch with hours, minutes and seconds? Interesting..


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HYT has brought the light to their watch collection, for the first time, this H4 has two concealed LEDs. When activated they light up the whole display with a white light. Now, we know there are toy watches with this feature, but let's be honest an industrial timepiece such like this H4 combined with light, 'HYT can we order one please'. The red fluid - being a signature of HYT - gets energised by these two LEDs, as a result it's perfectly visible at night. Since this watch is very mechanical and extremely skeletonized, together with the light, it's an amazing look.

Vincent Perriard, CEO of HYT Watches, says: "Starting with a blank sheet is what we know. That's how all our models have been created. But here, with the light complication, a new challenge was set: we had to start using our own existing calibre as a complete, functional basis. Basically we had to add a piece to a puzzle which was already finished."



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There's a small power generator placed between 4 and 5 o'clock, not visible to the eye. HYT explains that the power generator works the same way a dynamo; by rotating the push-piece at 4 o'clock, energy gets stored inside the dynamo. If you put pressure on that same push-piece, or, as we normally say: push it, then the two LEDs get activated. You could say something like this isn't very special, but we assure you it is. The fact that this mechanical process had to be created to fit in such small space, there was no artificial energy source and HYT had no example of creations like this, made it a very difficult task. This great feature makes it possible to illuminate the dial for 5 seconds before winding the dynamo again.



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The HYT H4 Alinghi made in honour of the eponymous team, will be released in a carbon case, with red liquid, white light, the teams logo on a the small seconds dial and a strap made of sail canvas. This timepiece is limited to 25 pieces.


When Vincent Perriard was asked about this achievement, he said: *“The coherence of the idea seduced us. Before HYT, we were told that having a movement running with a liquid was simply impossible. Before the H4 Alinghi, lighting up a dial was only impossible with a battery. And, what is more, a liquid must never be used in conjunction with an electrical current. But, evidently, we’ve done all of those things. In reality, the only limits are those we set ourselves.”*



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It's this last sentence we like the most. The fact that a brand as HYT does not accept any limitations, that's what makes it possible to create timepieces like this. With this vision, one can be possible to do extraordinary things, things we like to see in watches. There's a difference between timepieces with a lot of class and timepieces made to show what's possible. Both can be very beautiful in their own way. In our eyes, this H4 Alinghi is another great product developed by HYT.

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