



HYT

Unveils its New Skull Watch Let Time Look You Straight in the Eyes!

When unique personalities harness groundbreaking technologies, the impossible becomes possible, and utopia becomes reality. Gravity is conquered, liquid mastered, and design revered. The ultimate alchemists, these are the Fab 6, who have succeeded in the incredible challenge of telling the time with water for the first time since the pharaohs. A jet-set of HYT's Hydro-Mechanical Watchmakers have thus turned utopia into reality – mixing mechanics and liquid within a wristwatch. While truly addicted to non-conformism, they have drawn upon the strictest codes in fine watchmaking – and felt free to shatter them continuing to pioneer a modern legend by making and breaking the rules. To say the least, the Hydromechanical Horologists are carrying on regardless, writing a new chapter of their own in the saga of exceptional watchpieces nearly every other day, echoing almost without a break the thoughts once expressed by CEO of HYT, Vincent Perriard when he said, “What seemed totally unthinkable, definitely crazy, has now become reality.” As Skulls are a popular motif in luxury watches off late, HYT has got into its act once again, in its very own and unconventional “hydromechanical horology” style and launched the HYT Skull, offered in two very alluring and colorful versions. In fact to create the new HYT Skull Green Eye and the Red Eye models, Vincent Perriard placed before his watchmakers a simple but challenging

goal: make a timepiece that has a totally original look but still maintains the HYT watch brand's signature style. “Simply taking an existing movement, giving it a vague skull shape and presenting it as an entirely new piece is not really our style,” he added. These new horological creations, like previous

HYT models, use a colored fluid — flowing through a thin capillary and controlled by the expansion and contraction of two vertical bellows in the movement — to keep track of the hours with the aid of a numbered scale around the dial. However, in the HYT Skull, this fluid-filled tube was particularly difficult to execute because it

needed to conform to the outline of a skull, i.e., bending at four angles, rather than the round shape of previous HYT watches. Also making this timepiece different from its predecessors is the fact that the fluid-filled, skull-shaped capillary with hours scale is the only indicator of time on the watch; unlike the HYT H1 and H2, there is no separate hand for the minutes. And unlike those other two models, which offer the wearer a large glimpse of the eye-catching movement from the dial side, the HYT Skull mostly hides it, focusing instead on the dominant skull icon on the front, and showing just a peek of the vertical bellows under the “nose,” which expands and contracts continuously in this new version to force the fluids to move through the sharply angled tubing in order to tell time accurately. There is more going on in the HYT Skull than just the hours indication, however. The right eye of the dial's skull serves as a power-reserve indicator for the watch: using a series of translucent colored inserts, each with a subtly different color variation, the eye gradually darkens as the movement nears the end of its 65 hours of energy. And in the left eye, a close look reveals a continuously rotating seconds indicator. Both eyes have a subtle honeycomb pattern that adds to their depth. HYT has created a new 51-mm case for the HYT Skull, with new, crisply angled lugs. The crown protector of previous versions has been removed, and the single-assembly push-button crown, which is used to adjust the time, has been placed between 2 o'clock and 3 o'clock. The HYT Skull case also has incorporated lateral inserts, meaning many combinations of materials can be used in future models. For now, the HYT Skull is available in two versions, both limited editions. The Skull “Green Eye,” with a black-DLC titanium case and green fluid, is limited to 50 pieces, while the Skull “Red Eye” version, with red fluid and a case combining DLC titanium with 5N rose gold, is limited to 25 pieces. The first of these HYT Skull watches are slated to hit the market in May 2015.

