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HYT H2 – Hands On and Watch Review

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Yes yes, I know that the **HYT H2** has been released during Baselworld this year, and obviously you may have seen many reviews and hands-on about it from there; while I too had a chance to review it during Baselworld this time I got really up close with the watch, and can tell you much more about the H2 and HYT watch brand in general. Also, you can read my article on [HYT and their Hydro Lab](#).

Now, that you know a little about how HYT makes their liquid, as well as how the H1, their first project, works it's time to get more personal with their second creation, the H2. The main reason why I took so long to review it, is that in order to get my hands on it and tell you how exactly it is made, and how it works I had to go to the [APRP \(Audemars Piguet Renaud & Papi\) factory in Le Locle](#), as HYT has developed and created this model in very close collaboration with Audemars Piguet, and their very creative team lead by Julio Papi. I've made lots of photos at the factory, and next time I'll show you what else goes down there, but this time I'd like to focus on the H2, as it's one of the most impressive watches (if you can still call that liquid spaceship a watch) I've seen this year, and quite frankly in my life.



While the first model, H1, was revolutionary enough just with the concept this time HYT understood that in order to gain the public's attention they'll have to do something even better. So while some companies just add one-two functions to the basic concept, the H2 has only left the barrels with liquid from the first model. Everything else pretty much just changed! The movement is new, the design of the dial is new, and so is the feeling of wearing it. Let's start with the design first. At APRP I was shown the computer version of the naked movement, the way it was designed by two companies together. Looks pretty awesome, but really complicated to me.





So how do the HYT and AP come up with the design so complicated without actually making the watch and knowing this whole thing would work? Well actually they do make the watch before the design is complete. Just a couple of things that differ the prototype the team assembles from the final product are the size and materials :) To see that the movement will be functioning they assemble it out of cut plastic and check each function, like that new jumping minute hand, that wasn't there with the H1 but became a really nice finishing to the H2 movement. It goes around the dial until the mark at 6 o'clock and then jumps towards the start.

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When all the prototypes of the movement and CAD design is made on the computer it's time to make the actual piece. How watches at APRP are made I'll show you in detail in the next article, but the H2 went through all the stages of the actual production, starting with the plate base, and all the little parts and pieces being made by machine, then polished and decorated by hand and then assembled by the best masters of AP. As a result we get the blend of traditional and modern mechanics and the new concept of liquid time telling.



Now to the watch itself, as mentioned before, it has the jumping minute hand, as well as the barrels that pump the liquid are now V-shaped, which makes not just for the cooler look, but also allows the space to be used more efficiently. We now can also see the brought forward balance wheel (that on the actual sold model will be silver colored) that we didn't see before, which some may mistake for the tourbillon because of the bridges; and even when it's not one it still looks awesome enough to make me justify the over CHF100'000 price tag.




In the H2 we can now also see the position of the crown to tell us in which mode the watch is (H, N, R), and as well as that HYT has also now included a very important function, that may easily be disregarded if we're talking about any other watch brand than HYT. As H2 uses that same liquid as used in H1 it can be slightly affected by the external factor of temperature if the watch is not worn. So in order to tell you whether the watch is in an optimized temperature bracket HYT has included an indicator at 9 o'clock, to tell you if the watch is at the optimal temperature segment. Of course it doesn't mean that if it is 30 degrees celsius outside your watch will melt, the liquid can sustain more than that, as long as it's on your wrist. If the watch is exposed to (for example) a very cold outside temperature of around -45 degrees celsius it will sign you that it should be put on the wrist, where temperature doesn't affect it.

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Needless to say it looks as nice on the wrist as it does by itself, and with the design it has and the rubber strap it definitely can be worn as an outdoor or sports watch as much as a suit one (if you're not too traditional). Personally I prefer the H2 to the H1 as you can really see the development and which direction the brand is going. I can't wait to see what's next for HYT, but I hope they stick to their concept of innovation and come up with something even more crazy :) Now I thank you for reading my hands-on review of the H2, even though I did not get into too much technical details I hope you still enjoyed it, and wish you all a nice day/night wherever you are.

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