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## **H. MOSER & CIE. HONOURS ARTISAN WATCHMAKING WITH THE HERITAGE TOURBILLON**

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**With the Heritage Tourbillon, H. Moser & Cie. pays tribute to exceptional artisan watchmaking. This exceptional timepiece links tradition and modernity, two elements which coexist in all creations by H. Moser & Cie. The Heritage Tourbillon is a salute to watchmaking past and present. It is the distillation of H. Moser & Cie.'s 187 years of watchmaking expertise.**

The inspiration behind the Heritage Tourbillon Skeleton came from an H. Moser pocket watch dating from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century in the H. Moser & Cie. collection. The case on this model, made from a striking blue, engraved enamel and studded with diamonds, inspired the watchmakers at the Schaffhausen-based Manufacture to reinterpret this watch, calling on the best craftsmen to work on the case. Featuring stunning blue enamel on a case with two covers, a "Grand Feu" enamel dial, guilloché engraving and diamond setting techniques, in association with a modern in-house, automatic calibre with a minute-tourbillon: the Heritage Tourbillon is the synthesis of the greatest arts in watchmaking craftsmanship. It also symbolises the link between the past and the present for H. Moser & Cie., founded in 1828, through a reinterpretation of an historic watch which retains its original features, now in a larger dimension and fitted with a strap. The red gold case with two covers has therefore been enlarged and features extremely fine lugs, while respecting its original design. On either side of the watch is a cover with hand-engraved, guilloché decoration, extending up the side of the case. These have then been enamelled, demonstrating the highest level of craftsmanship, and set with diamonds on the dial side. Paired with an alligator leather strap, this beautifully rounded case is as smooth as a pebble. In reference to the historic timepiece, the H. Moser & Cie. Heritage Tourbillon has a notched crown fitted with a push-button mechanism for opening the upper case cover.

The dial, which is also enamelled, is decorated with Roman numerals. The scales of the track showing minutes and small seconds are a further reference to tradition, as is the dovetail shape of the hour and minute hands, which are flame-blued.

The beating heart of this exceptional timepiece is the high-performance HMC 802, with a unique design that includes an interchangeable tourbillon module. It guarantees the Heritage Tourbillon a minimum 3-day power reserve.



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### **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS – HERITAGE TOURBILLON**

Reference 8802-0400, 5N red gold model, pocket watch-type case, blue alligator leather strap, limited edition of 10 pieces

#### Case

Pocket watch-type case in 5N red gold, diamond-set (32 diamonds, 0.31 carat) and enamelled

Diameter: 46.0 mm, height: 15.1 mm

Sapphire crystal

#### Dial

White "Grand Feu" enamel dial

Hand-painted Roman numerals

Dovetail-shaped blued hands

#### Movement

In-house automatic tourbillon calibre HMC 802

Diameter 34.0 mm or 15 lignes, height 6.5 mm

Frequency: 21,600 vibrations per hour

Automatic bi-directional pawl winding system

Solid 18-carat red gold skeletonised rotor engraved with the H. Moser & Cie. company hallmark

Power reserve: minimum 3 days

Moser teeth for all wheels and pinions

Original Straumann Double Hairspring®

Interchangeable Moser minute tourbillon at 6 o'clock with skeletonised bridges

#### Functions

Hours and minutes

#### Strap

Hand-stitched blue alligator leather strap

18-carat solid 5N red gold folding clasp with Moser logo



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### REFERENCE & PHOTOS

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Heritage pocket watch from the H. Moser & Cie. collection, date: late 19<sup>th</sup> century



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### H. MOSER & CIE.

H. Moser & Cie. was created by Heinrich Moser in 1828. Based in Neuhausen am Rheinfall, it currently employs 50 people, has eight of its own calibres and produces 1,200 watches per annum. H. Moser & Cie. manufactures parts such as regulating organs and balance-springs, which are used for its own production as well as to supply its partner companies. H. Moser & Cie. is honoured to have a Moser family member with the company as Honorary Chairman and President of the Heinrich and Henri Moser Foundation. The aim of the Moser Foundation, created by one of Heinrich Moser's descendants, is to keep the family history alive and seek out antique pieces for the Moser Museum, located in Charlottenfels Manor, Heinrich Moser's family home. With its substantial watchmaking expertise and highly acclaimed experience in the sector, MELB Holding holds shares in H. Moser & Cie. and Hautlence. MELB Holding is an independent family group, based in the heart of the legendary Vallée de Joux.