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THE SWISS ALP WATCH MINUTE RETROGRADE: THE H. MOSER & CIE. TIMEPIECE WITH AN HAUTLENCE SURPRISE

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H. Moser & Cie. likes to surprise... often in the most unexpected of places. The Swiss Alp Watch Minute Retrograde is a case in point. Pairing the rectangular case of its Swiss Alp Watch with the highly technical movement from its sister brand HAUTLENCE, H. Moser & Cie. has created a delightful surprise which combines tradition with modernity. This unique approach faithfully employs classic Haute Horlogerie techniques whilst incorporating the ultimate in technological movements. A striking contrast in a mesmerisingly beautiful watch that is compelling from every angle.

The Swiss Alp Watch stands against the tide of smart watches, as a symbol of traditional Swiss watchmaking. The Swiss Alp Watch Minute Retrograde features all the attributes one would expect in a timepiece made in the Haute Horlogerie tradition: the piece features a minute dial created in "Grand Feu" enamel and a flame-blued retrograde hand. Its rectangular case is spectacular with its rounded corners, curved sapphire crystal on its edges, and three 3D sapphire crystals adorning the top and sides. The exquisite curved crystal case sets off the HAUTLENCE HL2.0 calibre to stunning effect. The hourly rotation of the regulating organ on the mobile form movement can be admired through the large opening. The escapement and hairspring are produced in-house by Precision Engineering AG, a sister company of H. Moser & Cie. and HAUTLENCE.

On this jumping hours model, the hours are shown in Roman numerals — as is the tradition — and are driven by a chain system comprising 12 hinged links. Occurring every 60 minutes, the jump is not instantaneous, taking place over 3 to 4 seconds, in a controlled way to ensure the components are protected from shocks, thanks to the mechanism's integrated speed regulator. This smooth rotation, with no shock or loss of power, means that the wearer can admire the beauty of the movement at work. Equipped with two barrels, the HL2.0 automatic calibre on the Swiss Alp Watch Minute Retrograde guarantees a 45-hour power reserve, displayed on an indicator at 6 o'clock. H. Moser & Cie. chose alligator leather for the strap, which has a matte look on this model thanks to its carbon-effect finish. The timepiece comes with a second strap, in beige kudu leather with a green leather lining — a true hallmark of H. Moser & Cie. Each variant has a classic look, with a dynamic, modern touch which really sets it apart.

H. Moser & Cie. and HAUTLENCE belong to MELB Holding, an independent family group based in Switzerland. This affiliation makes possible a series of collaborations, proving that there is strength in numbers. The Swiss Alp Watch Minute Retrograde is the second product on which the two companies have cooperated. In October 2015, HAUTLENCE led the way by launching the Tourbillon 01, a timepiece from the Atelier collection equipped with the HMC 802 Manufacture calibre from H. Moser & Cie. The huge success of these two partnerships is largely due to the way in which the identity and personality of each Manufacture is respected, which is no small achievement.



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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS – SWISS ALP WATCH MINUTE RETROGRADE

Reference 5900-0200, white gold model, minute dial in "Grand Feu" enamel, black alligator leather strap with carbon-effect finish for a matte look or beige kudu leather strap, limited edition of 10 pieces

Case

Solid 18 carat white gold

Dimensions: 48.0 x 42.1 mm, height: 18.3 mm

Sapphire crystal

See-through sapphire crystal case-back and sapphire crystal on the side of the case

Crown adorned with an "M"

Engraved as a limited edition

Dial

Window revealing the mechanism

White "Grand Feu" enamel minute dial

Half-trailing hours system displayed by a chain at 11 o'clock

Blued retrograde minute hand

Movement

HAUTLENCE HL2.0 automatic Manufacture calibre

Mobile form movement, with a regulating organ which completes one 60° rotation each hour

Hours displayed with a 12-link chain and hinged pallet system, controlled by a speed regulator which rotates 48 times with each passing hour

Off-centre rotor, oscillating weight made from 18-carat white gold

Dimensions: 37.8 x 33.2 mm, height: 12.4 mm

Frequency: 18,000 Vib/h

92 jewels

Power reserve: 45 hours

2 barrels: going train barrel and complication barrel

Original Straumann Hairspring® with stabilised Breguet overcoil

Movement and components finished and decorated by hand (satin-finishing and drawing, hand bevelling, anthracite ruthenium coating and mirror-polished steel components)

Functions

Half-trailing hours

Retrograde minutes

Power reserve indicator

Strap

Hand-stitched black alligator strap with carbon-effect finish for a matte look or beige kudu leather strap with Moser green leather lining

18-carat solid white gold folding clasp engraved with the Moser logo



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REFERENCE & PHOTOS

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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.