

A man of honour

Oris commemorates the life of Carl Brashear



Carl Brashear graduated from the U.S. Navy Diving & Salvage School in 1954. At that time diving helmets were made of bronze.



The new Oris Carl Brashear Limited Edition commemorates Carl Brashear's legendary achievements.



The stainless steel case back of the Oris Carl Brashear Limited Edition shows Brashear's diver helmet with his claim "It's not a sin to get knocked down, it's a sin to stay down".

Oris is extremely honoured to introduce its first bronze watch remembering the extraordinary life of Carl Brashear, the U.S. Navy's first African American master diver.

The Oris Carl Brashear Limited Edition is based on Oris's hugely successful Divers Sixty-Five and celebrates a man who conquered not only challenges of race, but also of disability.

Brashear joined the Navy in 1948 as a 17-year-old, and despite facing discrimination on account of his race he graduated from the Navy's diving programme in 1954. In 1966, he lost the lower part of his left leg in an accident during a mission to salvage a hydrogen bomb. After an exhausting period of rehabilitation, he became the U.S. Navy's first amputee diver in 1968, and then qualified as a Master Diver in 1970, the first African American to do so.

After a distinguished career in the U.S. Navy that lasted more than 30 years, Brashear retired in 1979. He died in 2006 aged 75. His extraordinary story was the inspiration for the 2000 film Men of Honour, in which Brashear was portrayed by Oscar-winning actor Cuba Gooding Jr.

The watch marking Brashear's life and character is the first Oris watch to be made in bronze, a naturally aging material used in deep-sea diving helmets of the 1950s. It takes its aesthetic from the Oris Divers Sixty-Five, but at 42mm in diameter. Bronze is initially bright and shiny, and then darkens as its copper content reacts with carbon dioxide and moisture. This means each of the limited run of 2,000 pieces will develop a unique patina over time – and a unique relationship with their owner.

The unidirectional rotating bezel is also made of bronze, with a raised minute scale for tracking dive times, a look that recalls a number of diver's watches in the Oris archive. The stainless steel case back shows Brashear's helmet and his very personal claim. Under the watch's dark blue dial is an automatic mechanical movement, and the watch is water-resistant to 100 metres.

The Oris Carl Brashear Limited Edition presents a unique opportunity to own Oris's first bronze watch, but more importantly to pay tribute to a man whose convictions changed the course of history and to support the Carl Brashear Foundation. A man of honour.



The Oris Carl Brashear Limited Edition is presented in a luxurious wooden box with US Navy Master Diver badge on the inside of the cover.

Product Features

Oris Carl Brashear Limited Edition
Ref. No. 733 7720 3185 LS, Ø 42.00mm
Limited to 2,000 pieces

- Automatic movement Oris Cal. 733, based on Sellita SW200, with date at 6 o'clock
- Multi-piece bronze case and screw-in bronze crown. Water resistant to 10 bar/100m
- Diver's unidirectional revolving bronze top ring with 60-minute timer. Zero marker filled with Super-LumiNova®
- Bubble-curved sapphire crystal domed on both sides and with anti-reflective coating inside
- Screwed stainless steel case back with special engraving and engraved limitation number
- Dark blue, curved dial with applied rose gold plated indices, filled with Super-LumiNova®. Hour, minute and second hands rose gold plated and filled with Super-LumiNova®
- Dark brown leather strap with bronze pin buckle
- Swiss retail price CHF 2,700