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Geneva, 17th of March 2011. With Mr Race, Ladoire continues to explore a register rife with danger and seduction. The essence of fine watchmaking is distilled into just 12 pieces that taunt the onlooker to possess them. Arachnoid codes are set against a chili red ground.

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The Black Widow collection takes its cue from the symbolism of the compelling seductress, the highly venomous *Lacrodactylus mactans*, aka The Black Widow, due to the spider's natural tendency to exercise the right of life or death over her fellow male. Amid acts of passion and ritual celebration designed to perpetuate her race, the Black Widow can either show mercy and turn away, or kill outright in an uncontrollable outburst of lust or ultimate gesture of possession.

Who will dare to approach?

Mr Race, undoubtedly.

« Mr Race, the distilled essence of consummate watchmaking skills, against a backdrop of arachnoid red ... »

A new take on time display, a nod to asymmetry.

A visionary poet of the cool, dark, underground scene, Lionel Ladoire takes the solid bastions of luxury and undermines them with subtle acts of rebellion and anarchy. Temptation sits in its evil snare, it leads the way and sets the style. Already, the GMT wheel and ratchet sport the symbolic spider's web. Threatening to wake the bad boy slumbering in every man's soul, its design and vision geared towards the destructuring of time with powerful, post-punk pheromones, Ladoire, let us not forget, is past master of the noble art of skilful complications in the field of high-tech fine watchmaking. Under the label Helvet Mechanic, it adds some surprising innovations, such as the hitherto unheard-of use of specially developed ceramic micro ball-bearings and the supremely successful automatic winding system driven by micro-rotor.

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Technical data and materials

Workshop-crafted movement LADOIRE: Calvet/o2
Calibre with automatic winding via micro-rotor
Jewelling: 38 rubies
Thickness: 10.95 mm
Black Widow W-shaped bridge structure
Gear-train with specific, optimised tothing profile
Screw balance, black PVD (A-DLC)
Frequency: 18,000 v/h (2.5 Hz)
Power reserve: 52 h

Functions

Offset regulator complication - HMS planetary ® - duly patented.
Fixed Hours, Minutes and Seconds display via 3 silicium discs mounted on ceramic micro ball-bearings.
Ceramic micro ball bearings (ZrO2) Ø 0.397 mm, thickness 0.99mm, without lubricant, for maximum output, stability and reliability.
The hour, minutes and seconds indications are displayed by cages mounted on 127 and 7 micro ball bearings, respectively.
12-hour GMT complication with quickset corrector at 2 o'clock

Case

Asymmetric 2-part case: 9 o'clock-3 o'clock: 50.84mm / 12 o'clock - 6 o'clock: 41.77mm
Titanium bezel, middle case and case-back
Finished in black A-DLC type PVD coating
Black titanium crown with A-DLC type PVD coating, ergonomically positioned at 8 o'clock
Black titanium GMT quickset corrector with A-DLC type PVD coating
Cambered, glareproofed sapphire crystal
Flat glareproofed sapphire crystal case-back
Water-resistant to 50 metres
Asymmetric titanium single-lug attachment system

Leather strap

Full-grain smooth leather strap, double hand-stitched
Black pin buckle A-DLC type PVD coating
Ergonomic strap secured by a single asymmetrical lug.

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