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The P'6520 Compass Watch comes in two parts: the upper part is a precision three-hand watch, whose luminescent hands are driven by the automatic SW300 Sellita calibre. The date appears at 3 o'clock on the dial. The lower part of the watch opens to reveal a liquid compass that can be easily removed. The watch is available with a compass for both the northern as well as the southern hemisphere. In order to find one's bearings with this instrument, a scratch-resistant mirror has been installed on the rear of the watch part and on top of the compass. When opened, the two mirrors click into place at 45 degree.

The shape is based on the historical model, but has been made somewhat larger - suiting today's standards. The dial's highly readable black-and-white design corresponds to the 1978 watch. The hour indices and the hour and minute hands have been covered with a white luminescent material. It has all been done in the traditionally economical Porsche Design colour scheme. The re-issue has a diameter of 42 millimetres and a height of 14.6 millimetres, that is, three millimetres larger and 1.6 millimetres higher respectively than the original.

For the new watch, Porsche Design replaced the black aluminium with titanium, which is of higher quality and is also non-allergenic. The case is water resistant to a depth of up to 50 metres. The watch and the bracelet are made entirely of titanium with a black PVD coating (Physical Vapour Deposition). Titanium is essentially skinfriendly, lighter - half the weight of steel - and corrosion-resistant. In fact, titanium is the ideal material to use for a compass since it is not magnetic and will not affect the magnetic needle. In 1972, Porsche Design became the first company in the watch industry to use the colour black and presented the world's first black watch: the legendary Chronograph 1.

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Technical Specifications

Movement/functions: Sellita calibre SW 300; self-winding automatic movement; 42-hour power reserve; 28,800 vph.; 25 jewels; diameter 25.6 mm (11.5 lines); height 3.6 mm; hours, minutes and seconds; date.

Dial/hands: black; date at 3 o'clock; white bar indices and white sweep hour and minute hands coated with white luminous material; orange sweep seconds.

Case/back: Two-piece shot-blasted titanium case with black PVD coating; antireflective, scratch-resistant sapphire crystal; scratch-resistant mirror; edition number engraved on the case back; water resistant to 50 m (5 ATM); diameter 42 mm, height 14.6 mm.

Compass (northern and southern hemisphere): can be removed from the case; liquid compass; white indices; white and orange needles; anti-reflective mineral crystals.

Bracelet/clasp: shot-blasted titanium with black PVD coating; shot-blasted folding clasp in titanium with black PVD coating.

Limited edition: limited to 911 numbered pieces.