

HERITAGE WATCH MANUFACTORY

HWM - The Firmamentum

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Firmamentum therefore not only permits the simultaneous observation of two heavenly bodies within our solar system, but also the observation of the sun or a planet in our solar system as well as a star external to it. Both displays have been designed such that they not only show angular degrees directly, but also the solar and sidereal hours and minutes as used by astronomers. At the same time, the hours, minutes and seconds can be read off just as in a normal watch, while in addition the fixed solar time display has been conceived such that it can be used for a second time zone with a 24-hour display accurate to the minute. The various methods of navigation can be directly read off from the dial of the Firmamentum in a truly unique fashion.

The Firmamentum also has a second pushbutton integrated at the 4 o'clock position that synchronizes the time in accordance with a time signal. The power reserve indicator brings the underlying data of the watch to the fore. A stop lever halts operation of the watch movement after a running time of 56 hours.

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Type:

Hour angle instrument for the observation of heavenly bodies by means of 13 hands with two additional displays

Hands:

Hour angle variable for either sidereal and solar time, arcdegrees, arcminutes, 5 / 100 arcseconds

Solar time hour angle display in arcdegrees, arcminutes, 5/100 arcseconds

Power reserve display with balance wheel stop mechanism

Status display for basic regulation of Vivax balance wheel

Display of solar time as astronomical time

Second time zone settable to one minute of accuracy

Time in solar or sidereal time

Status of sidereal or solar time with variable hour angle, synchronisation mode

Movement:

Independent manufacture Calibre: Cal. 870

Hand bevelled plates

3 patents pending

Fully hardened parts

483 components

92 jewels

Swiss lever escapement; capillary phase to improve oil retention

Mass-regulated Vivax balance / 16 mm / patent pending

Over-coil hairspring (Breguet)

Tenere fine adjustment / patent pending

18 000 vib/h

56-hour power reserve

Case:

Polished satinised steel, 50 m

Domed sapphire glass crystal

Flat sapphire glass caseback