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The DDF6 dares to go totally black

The French watchmaking manufacture B.R.M Chronographes is taking another direction, the opposite to that which has marked its success so far. Setting aside its vibrant palette of colors it is backing black, jet black.

This autumn's watch will be monochrome, from the color of its case, perforated hands, crown, lugs to the double stitching of its strap with its pin buckle.

The DDF6-46-N-SQ-AN is black as ink. This new variation of the manufacture's racing line is sober and yet technical.

The black three-piece case (bezel, case, and back) is machined from the block. Only our B.R.M workshops avoid stamping and instead fashion each part through milling, cutting, the removal of material. This method of manufacture pays tribute to the house's first love and inspiration: motorsports. Drawn from the design of the brake-disc (the French term "Disque De Frein" is reflected in the model's initials), the perforated bezel and stirrup-shaped crown protector, all assembled and screwed on by hand, lend the automatic watch a modern and sporty allure.

In this total-black version, the case serves as an elegant shell for the timepiece's core, an automatic handmade skeleton movement. This in turn rests in a casing ring of Fortal HR® suspended on three springs, to cushion it against parasitic micro-vibrations. The mechanism laid bare, the unrefined works, the bright reflections, and the black hand-painted automatic bridge together yield a timepiece of muted color but daring design and technique.

Each timepiece is the fruit of meticulous work, done as always in the artisanal tradition — as you'd expect from one of the rare French firms to bear the "Living Heritage Company" label. Machined, assembled adjusted, and tested in France, the three-handed DDF6-46-N-SQ-AN is a singularity in the horological universe.

Varied materials for an intense chromatic spectrum

The apparent monochromatic simplicity of this timepiece belies the variety of its materials, their mechanical properties inspired from other domains of state-of-the-art industry. Within this device you will find titanium and extra-fine stainless steel, both machined from the block and then treated with black PVD; both polished and brushed parts; hand-applied permanent and incorruptible mirror lacquer; Alcantara®, carefully selected for its unique velvety aspect; and a hand-made double-stitch. So many elements to absorb or reflect light, producing hues and shines of rare intensity.

"Black, for sure, but shaded through the singular, creative, modern vision that is B.R.M Chronographes' specialty." Bernard Richards

The unmistakable DDF6-46-N-SQ-AN will find favor with the most demanding collectors. Equal parts discreet and remarkable, it lends itself to endless combinations and any occasion. Discover it at brm-chronographes.com.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Case

Case machined from the block Unique brake-disc design

Diameter: 46 mm

Material: black-PVD titanium, black-PVD stainless-steel brake-disc bezel

Screw-on lugs: 316L black-PVD stainless steel

Crown and crown protector: black-PVD 316L stainless steel, hand-applied red lacquer

Top and bottom crystal: sapphire

Special screws: micro-threaded extra-fine stainless steel

Dial

Skeleton dial Transfers: white

Hands: black superlight hour and minute with Superluminova® tips, red second

Movement

Automatic 2824/2 movement 28,800 alternations per hour, 25 jewels Black hand-lacquered automatic bridge

Functions

Stop-second feature Screw-on crown

Casing ring: mounted on shock absorbers Power reserve: approximately 38 hours

Water resistance: 100 meters

Watch strap

Material: black Alcantara

Stitching: black, handmade double-stitching

Buckle: black-PVD stainless steel machined from the block, B.R.M engraved

Three-year warranty Price: €6,030 (tax incl.)

THE MANUFACTURE

Established in 2003, the French watchmaking manufacture of B.R.M Chronographes is the brainchild of founder and designer, Bernard Richards, a man of abiding passion for precision mechanics and automotive culture. Totally independent, its workshops nestled in the peaceful region of the old French county of Vexin, B.R.M is devoted entirely to a sustainable and environment-friendly production of exceptional pieces: all of them are handcrafted by the inhouse artisans. Using such state-of-the art materials as titanium, carbon, Fortal HR®, and tantalum, the brand offers products of exceptional handicraft to a clientele that shares its founder's passion for motorsports.

In 2021 the French watchmaking house was named a Living Heritage Company (Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant) by the French government, in recognition both of the house's excellence in French traditional craftsmanship and of its daily commitment to technological innovation and environmental concern.

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