
IWC EXTENDS TOP GUN COLLECTION WITH NEW MODELS IN CERATANIAM® AND BLACK CERAMIC

Schaffhausen, 30th March – As the Watches and Wonders exhibition opens in Geneva, IWC Schaffhausen launches two new TOP GUN models in its Pilot's Watches collection. The Pilot's Watch Chronograph 41 TOP GUN Cerataniam® is the first 41-millimetre chronograph in this collection in full Cerataniam®. This ground-breaking new material is light and robust like titanium, and at the same time similarly hard and scratch-resistant like ceramic. The Big Pilot's Watch 43 TOP GUN in black zirconium oxide ceramic is the first TOP GUN Big Pilot in a 43-millimetre case size. The novelties are powered by IWC-manufactured movements from the 69000 and 82000 calibre families.

2022 is the year of IWC TOP GUN. In addition to launching the new "Lake Tahoe" and "Woodland" editions in white and green ceramic, IWC completes the TOP GUN collection with two new models in Cerataniam® and black ceramic. These timepieces reflect the technical and performance-oriented design that has been the hallmark of IWC TOP GUN since the brand introduced the Pilot's Watch Double Chronograph TOP GUN back in 2007.

Cerataniam® debuted in the IWC Pilot's Watches collection with the Pilot's Watch Double Chronograph TOP GUN Cerataniam® in 2019. Now, this innovative new material returns to the TOP GUN collection with the **Pilot's Watch Chronograph 41 TOP GUN Cerataniam®** (Ref. IW388106), the first 41-millimetre Chronograph in this collection with a case, pushers and a crown made of Cerataniam®. In addition to offering outstanding material properties like reduced weight and high scratch resistance, the most striking feature of Cerataniam® is its matte-black color, which IWC and Pantone have specified as "IWC Cerataniam®". The dark and slightly metallic shade results from a unique manufacturing process: it develops on the surface of the material when the case components are fired at high temperatures in a kiln. Subdued white print and luminescence on the black dial and black hands underscore the all-black, stealthy design. The IWC-manufactured 69385 calibre chronograph movement is visible through the tinted sapphire glass case back. The timepiece is fitted on a black rubber strap with textile inlay.

The Big Pilot's Watch in black ceramic has been a staple in IWC's TOP GUN line since 2012. Today, it becomes available in an ergonomic 43-millimetre case size for the first time. The **Big Pilot's Watch 43 TOP GUN** (Ref. IW329801) features a case made of black zirconium oxide ceramic, a titanium case back, as well as black dial and hands. The engineering ceramic used for the case offers maximum protection against scratches. IWC and Pantone have specified the black ceramic color as "IWC Jet Black". The timepiece is powered by the IWC-manufactured 82100 calibre movement. The Pellaton winding system has been fitted with components made of virtually wear-free ceramic, and builds up a power reserve of 60 hours. The integrated EasX-CHANGE® allows to change the green textile strap effortlessly. A soft-iron inner case protects the movement from the effects of magnetic fields, while the front glass is secured to remain in its place even if there is a sudden drop of air pressure.

The Pilot's Watch Chronograph 41 TOP GUN Cerataniam® and the Big Pilot's Watch 43 TOP GUN will be available through IWC boutiques, authorised retail partners or online at IWC.com. The timepieces are eligible for registration under the My IWC care program, benefiting from a 6-year extension to the standard 2-year International Limited Warranty.

PILOT'S WATCH CHRONOGRAPH 41 TOP GUN CERATANIUM®

REF. IW388106

FEATURES

Mechanical movement – Chronograph function for hours, minutes and seconds – Date and day display – Small hacking seconds – Screw-in crown – Glass secured against displacement by drops in air pressure – See-through sapphire glass back

MOVEMENT

IWC-manufactured calibre	69385
Frequency	28,800 vph / 4 Hz
Jewels	33
Power reserve	46 h
Winding	Automatic

WATCH

Materials	Ceratanium® case, pushers and crown, black dial, black hands, black rubber strap with textile inlay and a Ceratanium® pin buckle
Glass	Sapphire, convex, antireflective coating on both sides
Water-resistant	10 bar
Diameter	41.1 mm
Height	14.5 mm

BIG PILOT'S WATCH 43 TOP GUN

REF. IW329801

FEATURES

Mechanical movement – Pellaton automatic winding system – Central hacking seconds – Screw-in crown – Glass secured against displacement by drops in air pressure – Soft-iron inner case for magnetic field protection

MOVEMENT

IWC-manufactured calibre	82100
Frequency	28,800 vph / 4 Hz
Jewels	22
Power reserve	60 h
Winding	Automatic

WATCH

Materials	Ceramic case, titanium crown, titanium case back, black dial, black hands, green textile strap with folding clasp
Glass	Sapphire, convex, antireflective coating on both sides
Water-resistant	10 bar
Diameter	43.8 mm
Height	13.9 mm

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In 1868, the American watchmaker and entrepreneur Florentine Ariosto Jones travelled from Boston to Switzerland and founded the 'International Watch Company' in Schaffhausen. His visionary dream was to combine advanced American manufacturing methods with the craftsmanship of Swiss watchmakers to make the best pocket watches of his time. In doing so, he not only laid the foundation for IWC's unique engineering approach but also established the centralised production of mechanical watches in Switzerland.

Over its 150 year history, IWC Schaffhausen has developed a reputation for creating functional complications, especially chronographs and calendars, which are ingenious, robust, and easy for customers to use. A pioneer in the use of titanium and ceramics, IWC today specialises in highly engineered technical watch cases manufactured from advanced materials, such as titanium-aluminide and Ceratanium®. Preferring the principle of "form follows function" over decoration, the Swiss watch manufacturer's timeless creations embody their owners' dreams and ambitions as they journey through life.

IWC sources materials responsibly and takes action to minimise its impact on the environment, creating intrinsically sustainable timepieces that are built to last for generations. The company prides itself in training its own future watchmakers and engineers, as well as offering an excellent working environment for all employees. IWC also partners with organisations that work globally to support children and young people.

DOWNLOADS

Images of the Pilot's Watch Chronograph 41 TOP GUN Ceratanium® and the Big Pilot's Watch 43 TOP GUN can be downloaded free of charge from press.iwc.com

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