
AN ICON ENTERS DARK MODE: IWC SCHAFFHAUSEN PRESENTS THE PORTUGIESE CHRONOGRAPH CERATANIUM®

Schaffhausen, February 26th, 2026: IWC Schaffhausen unveils the Portugieser Chronograph Ceratanium®. Entering dark mode, the iconic chronograph is presented in an all-black version crafted in Ceratanium®, an IWC-developed material that combines lightness and hardness with a distinctive dark finish. Alongside the Ceratanium® case, crown, and pushers, the watch features a black dial with black appliques and hands, and a rubber strap in the same shade. The Portugieser Chronograph Ceratanium® is presented in a limited edition of 1,500 pieces.

Since its introduction in 1998, the Portugieser Chronograph has brought a touch of sporty elegance to IWC Schaffhausen's Portugieser collection. With its two vertically arranged subdials and an inner flange with a quarter-second scale, the chronograph has established itself as one of the Swiss luxury watchmaker's most recognizable and popular watch designs. IWC now presents a creative reimagining of this timeless classic: the first all-black version crafted from Ceratanium®.

"With its clean, pure and timelessly relevant aesthetic, the Portugieser Chronograph has captivated me from the beginning. I am excited to combine this unique design with Ceratanium®, one of our most significant material innovations. The all-black execution is different from anything we have ever done before. It emphasizes the chronograph's mere shape, ensuring that nothing distracts the eye from its distinctive silhouette," explains Christian Knoop, Creative Director at IWC Schaffhausen.

Limited to 1,500 pieces, the **Portugieser Chronograph Ceratanium®** (Ref. IW371631) features a 41-millimetre case, crown and pushers crafted from Ceratanium®. Developed by IWC, this advanced material combines the lightness and robustness of titanium with a hardness

and scratch-resistance similar to that of ceramic. Another characteristic of Ceratanium®, which is based on a special titanium alloy and fired at high temperatures in a kiln, is its distinctive, dark and metallic finish. The all-black design of the chronograph is further enhanced with a black dial, black appliques and black hands. The applied Arabic numerals, indices and quarter-second scale are discreet elevations against the background of the black dial. A black rubber strap with a square pattern complements the monolithic look of this watch.

ROBUST AND RELIABLE CHRONOGRAPH MOVEMENT

The Portugieser Chronograph Ceratanium® is powered by the IWC-manufactured 69355 calibre, a mechanical chronograph movement engineered with a focus on robustness, reliability and longevity. The column-wheel control mechanism for the chronograph function provides clearly defined phases in the switching sequence and offers distinct tactile feedback when the buttons are pressed. The movement features an automatic double-pawl winding system, which reliably builds up a power reserve of 46 hours in the mainspring.

PORTUGIESER CHRONOGRAPH CERATANIUM®

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FEATURES

Mechanical movement – Stopwatch function with minutes and seconds – Small hacking seconds –
See-through sapphire glass back

MOVEMENT

IWC-manufactured calibre	69355
Frequency	28,800 vph / 4 Hz
Jewels	27
Power reserve	46 h
Winding	Automatic

WATCH

Materials	Ceratanium® case, black dial, black hands and appliques, black rubber strap with Ceratanium® pin buckle
Glass	Sapphire, convex, antireflective coating on both sides
Water-resistant	3 bar
Diameter	41 mm
Height	13.1 mm

IWC SCHAFFHAUSEN

IWC Schaffhausen is a leading Swiss luxury watch manufacturer based in Schaffhausen in the north-eastern part of Switzerland. With collections like the Portugieser and the Pilot's Watches, the brand covers the whole spectrum from elegant to sports watches. Founded in 1868 by the American watchmaker and engineer Florentine Ariosto Jones, IWC is known for its unique engineering approach to watchmaking, combining the best of human craftsmanship and creativity with cutting-edge technology and processes.

Over its more than 150-year history, IWC has earned a reputation for creating professional instrument watches and 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 watch cases manufactured from advanced materials, such as coloured ceramics, Ceratanium®, and titanium aluminide.

A leader in sustainable luxury watchmaking, IWC sources materials responsibly and takes action to minimise its impact on the environment. Along the pillars of transparency, circularity, and responsibility, the brand crafts timepieces built to last for generations and continuously improves every element of how it manufactures, distributes, and services its products in the most responsible way. IWC also partners with organisations that work globally to support children and young people.

DOWNLOADS

Images of the Portugieser Chronograph Ceratanium® can be downloaded from press.iwc.com

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