
IWC SCHAFFHAUSEN PRESENTS NEW PILOT'S WATCHES IN BLUE CERAMIC AND PLATINUM DEDICATED TO "THE LITTLE PRINCE"

Schaffhausen, 21st May 2025: IWC Schaffhausen presents two new Pilot's Watches dedicated to Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's famous novel, "The Little Prince". The Big Pilot's Watch Perpetual Calendar Tourbillon Le Petit Prince combines a blue ceramic case and a dial in the same colour with a case back ring and crown made of 18-carat 5N gold. The IWC-manufactured 51950 calibre powers a perpetual calendar and a flying minute tourbillon. The second novelty is the Big Pilot's Watch 43 Tourbillon Le Petit Prince, which features a platinum case and a deep blue dial with a sunray finish. The IWC-manufactured 82905 calibre drives a flying minute tourbillon at 6 o'clock. Both watches feature sapphire glass case backs, showcasing oscillating masses in the shape of the Little Prince standing on his asteroid.

More than 80 years after its initial release, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's novel "The Little Prince" remains as popular as ever. Through a simple narrative that has been translated into more than 600 languages and dialects, the French author and aviator explores profound philosophical themes such as love, loss and friendship. IWC Schaffhausen has been collaborating with the heirs of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry and the Antoine de Saint-Exupéry Youth Foundation since 2006. The Swiss luxury watch manufacturer now adds two new special editions dedicated to "The Little Prince" to its Pilot's Watches collection, the **Big Pilot's Watch Perpetual Calendar Tourbillon Le Petit Prince** (Ref. IW504901) and the **Big Pilot's Watch 43 Tourbillon Le Petit Prince** (Ref. IW329501).

TWO HIGH COMPLICATIONS IN ONE WATCH

Limited to 100 pieces, the **Big Pilot's Watch Perpetual Calendar Tourbillon Le Petit Prince** is IWC's first Le Petit Prince watch in ceramic. Reflecting the recurring blue colour element of these special editions in honour of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's novel, it features a 46.5-millimetre case crafted from blue ceramic, a blue dial and a blue textured rubber strap.

These are combined with a case back ring and crown made of 18-carat 5N gold. The gold-plated appliques and hands are filled with Super-LumiNova® to ensure perfect legibility.

With a perpetual calendar and a flying minute tourbillon, this Big Pilot's Watch combines two high complications. The flying minute tourbillon at 12 o'clock consists of 82 parts and weighs only 0.635 grams. Ranking among the most complex mechanisms in fine watchmaking, the tourbillon was initially conceived to counter the effects of gravity on the watch's oscillating system, thereby increasing its accuracy. To achieve this, the pallet lever and the escape wheel are placed inside a small cage that rotates around its axis once every minute. Originally developed by legendary watchmaker Kurt Klaus during the 1980s, the perpetual calendar displays the calendar information on three subdials. The one at 3 o'clock combines the date with a power reserve indicator, while the one at the 6 o'clock position integrates both the month and the perpetual moon phase display. However, instead of showing the moon, the display depicts the Little Prince on his asteroid. Thanks to a reduction gear train with two intermediate wheels, it will only deviate by one day after 577.5 years. The subdial at 9 o'clock shows the day of the week. This version also features a four-digit year display. The calendar is mechanically

programmed to recognise the different months' lengths and automatically inserts a leap day every four years. As all its displays are synchronised, it can be advanced simply via the crown.

Both complications are powered by the IWC-manufactured 51950 calibre, a highly complex movement consisting of 447 parts. Crafted from solid gold and visible through the open case back, the rotor of the automatic winding system takes the shape of the Little Prince standing on his asteroid. Just like in Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's famous novel, asteroid B612 is covered with wild-growing baobab plants.

A PLATINUM WATCH WITH A FLYING MINUTE TOURBILLON

Limited to 150 pieces, the **Big Pilot's Watch 43 Tourbillon Le Petit Prince** features a 43-millimetre case crafted from platinum, the rarest of all precious metal. Retaining its whitish shine and brilliance indefinitely, this material is highly resistant to corrosion and tarnishing. The platinum case and crown are combined with a deep blue dial with an intricate sunray finish, another stand-out feature of IWC's special editions in honour of "The Little Prince". The rhodium-plated hands and applied numerals are filled with Super-LumiNova®, which ensures easy legibility. The watch is fitted with a brown calfskin strap with a platinum folding clasp.

The flying minute tourbillon at 6 o'clock consists of 56 parts and weighs only 0.635 grams. As the mechanism rotates against a dark background, it appears to be floating in space. Thanks to the integrated tourbillon stop, the wearer can bring it to a complete halt by pulling out the crown and set the time with down-to-the-second accuracy. Components like the pallet lever and the escape wheel are treated with a special coating. Developed by IWC, this proprietary Diamond Shell®

technology reduces friction, improves the flow of energy in the movement and contributes to a generous power reserve of 80 hours.

The Big Pilot's Watch 43 Tourbillon Le Petit Prince is powered by the IWC-manufactured 82905 calibre with a Pellaton winding system. Developed by IWC's former Technical Director Albert Pellaton in the 1950s, it uses movements of the rotor in both directions to wind the mainspring. Components that are subject to high stresses such as the automatic wheel are manufactured from virtually wear-free zirconium oxide ceramic. A special highlight is the rotor, which takes the shape of the Little Prince standing on his asteroid. This design detail is a charming reminder of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's novel, which continues to entertain and inspire both children and adults.

ANTOINE DE SAINT EXUPÉRY YOUTH FOUNDATION

The Antoine de Saint Exupéry Youth Foundation was created in 2009, under the aegis of the Fondation de France, by the family of the author of The Little Prince, his admirers and personalities from the worlds of culture, science and aeronautics. Faithful to the spirit of the French writer and aviator, the Antoine de Saint Exupéry Youth Foundation carries out a range of philanthropic actions aimed at improving the daily lives of young people and helping them to better understand their future, through its network of local associations in France and abroad, supporting concrete projects in the fields of education, culture, disability and the fight against illiteracy. FASEJ embodies the exemplary values of Antoine de Saint Exupéry, both in his work and in his actions: pioneering spirit, commitment, audacity, sharing, responsibility, sense of duty, respect for the planet.

More information on fasej.org and [@fasej.fondation](https://www.instagram.com/fasej.fondation).

BIG PILOT'S WATCH PERPETUAL CALENDAR TOURBILLON LE PETIT PRINCE

REF. IW504901

FEATURES

Mechanical movement – Perpetual calendar with displays for the date, day, month, year in four digits, and perpetual moon phase – Flying minute tourbillon – Power reserve display – Screw-in crown – Glass secured against displacement by drops in air pressure – Limited to 100 pieces

MOVEMENT

IWC-manufactured calibre	51950
Frequency	19,800 vph / 2.75 Hz
Jewels	54
Power reserve	168 h
Winding	Automatic

WATCH

Materials	Blue ceramic case, blue dial, gold-plated hands and appliques, solid gold rotor, blue rubber strap with 18-carat 5N gold folding clasp.
Glass	Sapphire, convex, antireflective coating on both sides
Water-resistant	10 bar
Diameter	46.5 mm
Height	16.18 mm

BIG PILOT'S WATCH 43 TOURBILLON LE PETIT PRINCE

REF. IW329501

FEATURES

Mechanical movement – Pellaton automatic winding system – Flying hacking minute tourbillon at 6 o'clock – See-through sapphire glass back – Glass secured against displacement caused by drops in air pressure – Limited to 150 pieces

MOVEMENT

IWC-manufactured calibre	82905
Frequency	28,800 vph / 4 Hz
Jewels	25
Power reserve	80 h
Winding	Automatic

WATCH

Materials	Platinum case and crown, blue dial, rhodium-plated hands and appliques, brown calfskin strap with a platinum folding clasp.
Glass	Sapphire, convex, antireflective coating on both sides
Water-resistant	10 bar
Diameter	43 mm
Height	14.58 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 Big Pilot's Watch Perpetual Calendar Tourbillon Le Petit Prince and the Big Pilot's Watch 43 Tourbillon Le Petit Prince can be downloaded free of charge from press.iwc.com

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