
IWC SCHAFFHAUSEN UNVEILS NEW F1™ TEAM WATCH WITH A VIVID PURPLE DIAL IN TRIBUTE TO THE UPCOMING SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX

Schaffhausen, August 27th, 2026: To mark the upcoming Singapore Grand Prix, IWC Schaffhausen unveils a new team watch for its longstanding partner, the Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One™ Team. In October, the team is set to compete at the sport's first night race, completing 62 laps on the iconic Marina Bay Street Circuit. Crafted from a robust and lightweight Grade 5 titanium alloy, the 41-millimeter chronograph features a dial in a deep purple shade – a first in IWC's Pilot's collection. The lively color is inspired by Singapore's national flower, an orchid called Vanda Miss Joaquim. As with previous team watches, the dial also features details in the team's signature green shade. The new Pilot's Watch Chronograph 41 Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One™ Team is powered by the IWC-manufactured 69385 caliber.

Since 2013, IWC Schaffhausen has accompanied the Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One™ Team as Official Engineering Partner – and in the 14th year of the partnership, the Swiss luxury watch manufacturer unveils its newest team watch. Going back to 2022, the official team watches reflect the shared ethos of performance, engineering and cutting-edge design. Comprising various chronographs and an automatic model, the series is anchored in joint characteristics and design codes – such as the use of advanced performance materials like titanium, ceramic and Ceratanium®, alongside dials or accents in the team's signature PETRONAS green shade. Like its predecessors, the fourth team watch is an expression of IWC's watchmaking legacy and the uncompromising performance that the Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One™ Team showcases on racing circuits around the world.

The new **Pilot's Watch Chronograph 41 Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One™ Team** (Ref. IW388121) is a robustly engineered chronograph equally at home in the paddock and on the wrist. The defining feature of this edition is its dial in a deep, saturated purple. The

color is a tribute to the city of Singapore and its national flower; an orchid bred in 1893 by Armenian-Singaporean horticulturist Agnes Joaquim. It serves as Singapore's national emblem and is said to represent resilience, boldness and innovation – traits and values that are also found in the shared universe of IWC and the Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One™ Team. Under its colorful surface, the Vanda Miss Joaquim hides the enormous complexity of nature – just like the pure, instrument-style dial of the Pilot's Watch Chronograph 41 hides the complexity of the mechanical movement underneath. The launch of the new team watch also accompanies a new collection by adidas, the official team partner and kit supplier. The collection is centered around the core of adaptive precision in F1™ engineering and the performance-driven identity of adidas.

As with all previous team watches, the new chronograph also carries accents in the Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One™ Team's signature color. The distinctive PETRONAS green shade marks the numerals and indices; applied as a luminescent coating on the hands, it cuts a compelling contrast against the dial's rich purple.

The eye-catching design is complemented by a purple rubber strap. Thanks to the EasX-CHANGE® system, it can be swapped for another strap option at the touch of a button.

**A MATERIAL FORGED
FOR MOTORSPORT**

The case, measuring 41 millimeters in diameter, is crafted from Grade 5 titanium – a material prized throughout Formula One™ for its favorable strength-to-density ratio and resistance to heat. Titanium tips the scales at roughly half the weight of steel and does not corrode. The metal is not only used in engine components such as connecting rods and valves but also plays a direct role in ensuring drivers' safety on the racetrack: the Halo device, which arches over the cockpit as a protective roll structure, is likewise machined from a high-strength titanium alloy. The watch's titanium case carries a brushed finish that draws out the metal's distinctive silvery-gray luster.

**A CHRONOGRAPH ENGINEERED
FOR PRECISION AND RESILIENCE**

Beating inside is the IWC-manufactured 69385 caliber, a mechanical chronograph built on a classical column-wheel architecture and engineered with a focus on precision, reliability, and robustness. The stop minutes

are indicated at 12 o'clock via IWC's hallmark vertical subdial layout, making elapsed-time readings effortless and intuitive. This dial configuration has been a signature feature of IWC's Pilot's Chronographs for more than four decades. The combined day-date display at 3 o'clock adds a layer of everyday practicality. A bidirectional pawl winding system provides a 46-hour power reserve. Finished with Geneva stripes and circular graining, the movement can be viewed through the transparent sapphire-glass case back.

**THE FOURTH OFFICIAL
TEAM WATCH**

The first team watch arrived at the 2022 Miami Grand Prix: the Pilot's Watch Chronograph 41 Edition "Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One™ Team" (Ref. IW388108) in titanium. The following year, at the Las Vegas Grand Prix, IWC unveiled the Pilot's Watch Performance Chronograph 41 Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One™ Team (Ref. IW388306), featuring a Ceratanium® case and polished black ceramic bezel with tachymeter scale. In 2025, IWC and its partner opened the season with the release of the Pilot's Watch Mark XX Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One™ Team (Ref. IW328210), a three-hand watch prized for its slender profile and versatility. Like its predecessors, the new team watch will be worn by team members trackside – mechanics, engineers and beyond – as well as by staff at the team's headquarters in Brackley, England.

PILOT'S WATCH CHRONOGRAPH 41 MERCEDES-AMG PETRONAS FORMULA ONE™ TEAM

REF. IW388121

FEATURES

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

MOVEMENT

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

WATCH

Materials	Titanium case, purple dial, black hands, purple rubber strap with EasX-CHANGE® system, and titanium pin buckle
Glass	Sapphire, convex, antireflective coating on both sides
Water-resistant	10 bar
Diameter	41 mm
Height	14.5 mm

IWC SCHAFFHAUSEN

IWC Schaffhausen is the Engineer of Watchmaking. In 1868, the American watchmaker and engineer Florentine Ariosto Jones established the 'International Watch Company' in Schaffhausen in the German-speaking part of Switzerland. By combining the best of human craftsmanship and creativity with cutting-edge industrial technology and processes, he laid the foundation for IWC's unique engineering approach to watchmaking.

IWC's distinctive and pure design is brought to life through collections ranging from elegant dress watches to sports and luxury sports watches, notably the Portugieser, Portofino, Pilot's Watches and Ingenieur. 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 to use.

A pioneer in the use of titanium and ceramic, IWC specialises in performance materials such as Ceratanium®. IWC's advanced engineering division XPL develops technologies that enhance the durability of mechanical watches and extend their applications to environments with extreme conditions such as jet aviation and human spaceflight.

IWC is a leader in luxury watchmaking, crafting timepieces built to last for generations and continuously improving every aspect of how it manufactures, distributes and services its watches responsibly. Empowering the next generation of engineers, the brand also partners with organizations that work globally to support children and young people. **IWC. Engineered™.**

DOWNLOADS

Images of the Pilot's Watch Chronograph 41 Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One™ Team can be downloaded from press.iwc.com

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