
IWC INTRODUCES NEW BIG PILOT'S WATCH WITH PERPETUAL CALENDAR

Schaffhausen, 7th April 2021 – IWC Schaffhausen has launched the Big Pilot's Watch Perpetual Calendar at the digital Watches & Wonders exhibition. The timepiece with a stainless steel case and a blue dial continues the long-standing tradition of perpetual calendar watches in the Big Pilot's collection. Developed in the 1980s by Kurt Klaus, IWC's legendary perpetual calendar automatically recognises different month lengths and leap years. Featuring a Pellaton winding system fitted with ceramic components, the IWC-manufactured 52615 calibre is visible through the sapphire glass back.

No other complication has taken centre stage on the Big Pilot's large dial as often as the perpetual calendar. Since the first Big Pilot's Watch Perpetual Calendar was released in 2006 in a limited edition of 25 pieces in platinum, no less than 37 versions of the iconic Big Pilot's design with a perpetual calendar have been issued.

With the **Big Pilot's Watch Perpetual Calendar** (Ref. IW503605), the legendary complication marks its return to the classic collection. The timepiece features a stainless steel case, a blue dial and rhodium-plated hands. The date display and power reserve are located at 3 o'clock, the month display at 6 o'clock. The weekday display and the small seconds share the subdial at 9 o'clock. The double moon phase display at 12 o'clock correctly depicts the moon phase for the Northern and Southern Hemispheres and only needs to be adjusted by one day after 577.5 years.

THE PERPETUAL CALENDAR IS EXCEPTIONALLY USER-FRIENDLY

Developed in the 1980s by IWC's former head watchmaker Kurt Klaus, the perpetual calendar automatically recognises different month lengths as well as leap years. The ingenious mechanical programme will not require any

manual correction until 2100 when the leap year due will be omitted based on an exemption rule in the Gregorian calendar. Another distinguishing feature is the four-digit year display. An additional century slider is included within the case, enabling this timepiece to show the year until 2499. With all its displays perfectly synchronised, the calendar can be set easily via a single crown, offering a degree of user-friendliness that is unparalleled in the domain of mechanical calendars.

The IWC-manufactured 52615 calibre drives the calendar module using a single nightly switching impulse. The automatic movement comprises 386 components and was engineered with a focus on maximum precision and quality. The Pellaton automatic winding system builds up a power reserve of seven days in two barrels. Parts of the winding mechanism that are subject to high stresses are made of virtually wear-free ceramic. The decorated movement is visible through a glass back.

The Big Pilot's Watch Perpetual Calendar is available from 7th April 2021 through IWC boutiques, authorised retail partners or online at IWC.com. The timepiece can be registered under the My IWC care program and thus benefits from a 6-year extension to the standard 2-year International Limited Warranty.

BIG PILOT'S WATCH PERPETUAL CALENDAR

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FEATURES

Mechanical movement – Pellaton automatic winding system – Power reserve display – Perpetual Calendar with displays for the date, day, month, year in four digits and perpetual moon phase for both northern and southern hemispheres – Small hacking seconds – Screw-in crown – Glass secured against displacement caused by drops in air pressure – See-through sapphire glass back

MOVEMENT

IWC manufacture calibre	52615
Frequency	28,800 vph/4 Hz
Jewels	54
Power reserve	7 days (168 h)
Winding	Automatic

WATCH

Materials	Stainless steel case, blue dial, rhodium-plated hands, blue calf leather strap
Glass	Sapphire, arched edge, anti-reflective coating on both sides
Water-resistant	6 bar
Diameter	46.2 mm
Height	15.4 mm

IWC SCHAFFHAUSEN

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 Big Pilot's Watch Perpetual Calendar can be downloaded free of charge at press.iwc.com

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