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Introducing ThePuristS Edition #1

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Beat (Bay-ahnt) Haldimann has honored us, ThePurists' Community, by introducing a special variant of his highly regarded H1 Flying Central Tourbillon.

The original H1 already offered many unique features, including a proprietary pallet design that was designed and created by Mr. Haldimann himself, as well as an ingenious three barrel design that results in a very flat torque curve, for extremely stable and reliable timekeeping. It also incorporates several other specifications and designs that make this central flying tourbillon unlike any other. It is a true Master Watchmaker's Creation, one that is owned by no less a horological genius than Dr. Ludwig Oechslin. Even Martin Wehrli, a Director in Audemars Piguet, which owns Renaud & Papi, and someone who can be a bit jaded and cynical about timepieces and the industry, having seen and done it all in high horology over the past 30 plus years, had nothing but praise for the design and execution.

What makes ThePuristS Edition special for our community is that Mr. Haldimann was kind enough to incorporate some design suggestions I made to him, and was enough of a gentleman to offer to name the new model resulting, after our community.

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There are many technical innovations which will be elaborated on in the coming days, but just the annular rings to run the hands are possibly as complicated as most complete gear trains in other watches.

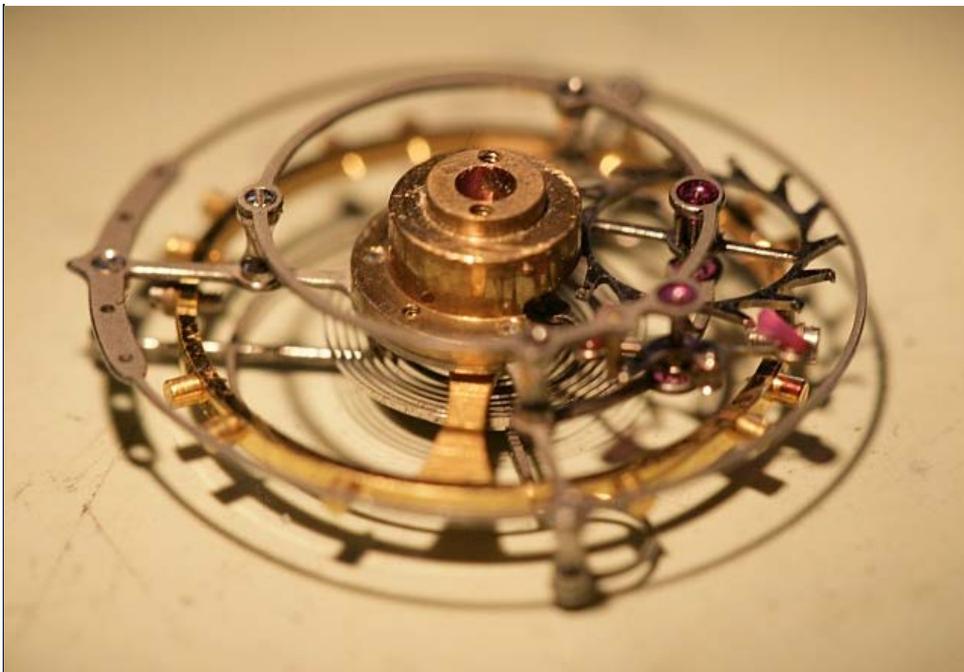


Note that this is from an unfinished prototype.

Beat also makes his own ultra light tourbillon cage, escape wheel, and custom designed pallet.



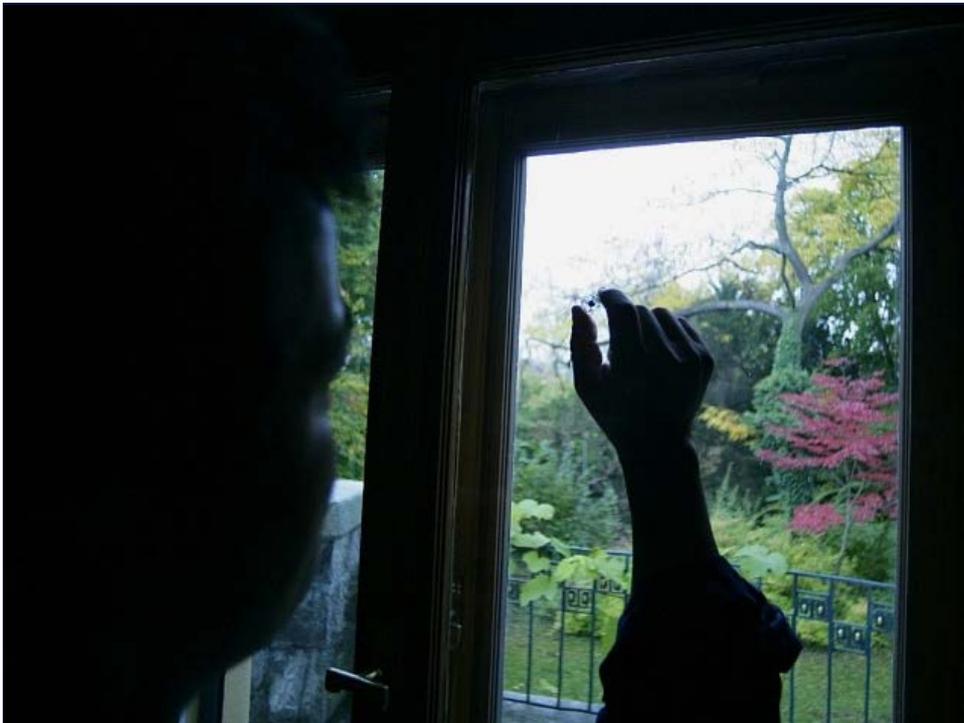




The tourbillon cage is the lightest of its type, weighing less than four Swiss stamps.



It was a very special feeling to be able to hold the *tourbillon complete* in one's hand.



(Note on the following paragraph - this is NOT an enamel or porcelain dial. It is a sandwich dial - a dial made up of two different plates, with engraved cut outs from the top dial to allow the contrasting lower dial to show through, in this case the hour indices. In this way, two solid metal disks can be used, with stable finishes that are impervious to fading or discoloration. Enamel and porcelain are stable finishes as well, but both are very fragile, and vulnerable to cracking and other physical damage. TM)

He uses a two solid piece sandwich dial, designed for permanence - the goal was to achieve the stability of enamel without the fragility of that medium. Both pieces of the dial sandwich are solid massive metal plates with a very stable finish.

Even the deployant buckle design is unique, and milled from 30grams of solid platinum (in the platinum version) One of the owners of the first four pre-series pieces, whose wrist is particularly small and difficult to fit, has commented how comfortable and well fitting the deployant is. (he was very worried about fit, while waiting for the finish and delivery of the first four pieces, a one year wait!)

(more pictures to come)

He tunes the escapement and case design to approximate the "voice" of a classic pocketwatch, and he believes in the mythical "singing Breguet over coil" (the lyre shaped tourbillon cage is an homage to this)



The preliminary reports from actual daily wear are starting to come in, and the on wrist running rate has been pretty spectacular...more updates to come.

Beat and I have been working on this special model for nearly two years now, and like proud new fathers, we are both ecstatic with the results.

The first four pre-series pieces, which were pre-ordered to sponsor the creation of the line, are all in private hands already, and the last I heard, all four owners have been walking around with this silly, goofy satisfied grin on their faces, and a microcosm of the pulsing of the universe on their wrists.

These four pieces, all variants of No. 00, feature a special dial (I'll not spoil the fun of trying to figure it out, if you ever have the rare chance to see one in person.)

Pieces from the naturally limited production will start with No. 05, and delivery after order and receipt of deposit takes approximately 1 year (which may increase as back orders start to build up.)

ThePuristS Edition Haldimann H1 Flying Central Tourbillon should be ordered directly from Beat Haldimann's Atelier. I am happy to assist in contacting Mr. Haldimann, but will not be directly involved in the final transaction, which will be between the new owner and Mr. Haldimann directly.

Yep, all in all a pretty special piece, one I am very proud of...



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beautiful watch, TM. (nt) eloise (registered) on October 29th, 2005-10:22

oh man, that is just gorgeous! thanks Thomas and Beat! (nt) ei8htohms (registered) on October 29th, 2005-10:22

Ahhh . . . perfection! Dr No (registered) on October 29th, 2005-11:23

Wow! Drop dead beautiful. The video really drives this home - thanks DaveB (anonymous) on October 30th, 2005-12:12

Purist Edition! :-) Sounds great.... Jacky (registered) on October 30th, 2005-12:12

Very nice indeed. IanS (anonymous) on October 30th, 2005-04:04

A great watch for a great community... jokoh (anonymous) on October 30th, 2005-04:04

Ian, Joe, sorry, it is not an enamel dial. ThomasM (registered) on October 30th, 2005-09:09

Thanks for the preview, Thomas. When can we get a detailed reivew? (nt) Ronald Held (registered) on October 30th, 2005-05:05

For those that missed Suitbert Walter's review, IanS (anonymous) on October 30th, 2005-05:05

Very cool, I think this design is much better than his standard H1 (nt) felipe (registered) on October 30th, 2005-05:05

Ditto that. A true beauty! (nt) alex (registered) on October 30th, 2005-06:06

Exactly!!! PeterCDE (registered) on October 30th, 2005-07:07

Agreed, a very nice version indeed! (nt)  AlbertoS (registered) on November 2nd, 2005-02:02

Thanks for the photos. It's a fitting tribute... SJX (anonymous) on October 30th, 2005-06:06

PS: ThePurists edition #1? SJX (anonymous) on October 30th, 2005-06:06

SJX... ThomasM (registered) on October 30th, 2005-09:09

Quite an accomplishment--to Haldimann and to Thomas! A stunning... JackB (anonymous) on October 30th, 2005-08:08

Sweet melody! Thank you Thomas and Beat for an impressive MKTing (anonymous) on October 30th, 2005-08:08

Very very cool!! Again, thanks, Thomas. :) (nt) Allen (registered) on October 30th, 2005-08:08

So what are the "Purists" design features? SteveH (registered) on October 30th, 2005-08:08

Thanks to all for your kind comments and support. ThomasM (registered) on October 30th, 2005-09:09

This is SUPER...Thank YOU THOMAS :-) CL (registered) on October 30th, 2005-09:09

Stunning, Exquisite, positively Brilliant Jerry de los Rios (anonymous) on October 30th, 2005-01:13

Mutual admiration of the highest order. Thank you Thomas and Mr. Haldimann. (nt) Jim Rothbarth (anonymous) on October 30th, 2005-03:15

Blows me away, thanks! nt Chris Meisenzahl (registered) on October 30th, 2005-04:16

Oh my... Totally speechless. [nt] schen (registered) on October 30th, 2005-05:17

Happy to see that finally a watch carries our name, albeit we cannot> Lord_Arran (registered) on October 30th, 2005-06:18

Very interesting, thanks for posting Thomas! The watch has a very "pure" feel. nt RT (registered) on October 30th, 2005-06:18

Thanks Thomas, a very beautiful watch indeed! jimbsk (registered) on October 30th, 2005-11:23

Having had the privilege and honor of seeing the piece in person, Duncan Wang (anonymous) on October 31st, 2005-05:05

Absolutely Wonderful!!! I only wish I could afford one (nt) kip.owen (registered) on October 31st, 2005-05:05

Wow, great looking watch! nt Ming Thein (anonymous) on October 31st, 2005-06:06

Clearly, this is art. What a beautiful shape in the cage, and JChristian (anonymous) on October 31st, 2005-07:07

Stunning Darren (anonymous) on October 31st, 2005-09:09

Re: A worthy candidate for the very first ThePuristS edition!! stultus77 (anonymous) on October 31st, 2005-06:18

Holding this watch in my hands in Neuchatel bernard cheong (registered) on October 31st, 2005-08:20

A great recognition for the community indeed... Jaw (anonymous) on November 1st, 2005-02:02

How does it feels Thomas?, to be the Dad of that Baby(NT) Anfa (registered) on November 1st, 2005-06:06

Wow, what a SUPER watch! Congratulations>>> Paul Boutros (anonymous) on November 1st, 2005-06:06

breathtaking design all around. congrats thomas! [nt] insandiego (registered) on November 1st, 2005-07:07

Awesome watch and kudos to Thomas and ThePuristS! AnthonyTsai (registered) on November 1st, 2005-09:09

I'm speechless. This is one very unique timepiece. Please disregard my comment about... Ruckdee (registered) on November 1st, 2005-11:11

Congratulations Messrs Haldiman and Mao. A stunning and true purists creation. >> 219 (registered) on November 1st, 2005-11:11

Wow...what a beauty... petew (anonymous) on November 1st, 2005-01:13

In a nutshell, AWESOME. Thanks TM for sharing and congrats!! nt Rob (registered) on November 1st, 2005-10:22

The watch looks fantastic in the pics but seeing one in the flesh.. Torpong (anonymous) on November 2nd, 2005-01:01

Amazing watch!! Thans Thomas and Mr Haldimann nt Dje (registered) on November 2nd, 2005-07:07

i feel that #1 is an epitome of the purists' spirit - it's about the nitty gritty..... a.ler (registered) on November 2nd, 2005-03:15

and congrats to the four grinning gentlemen who funded the project.nt. a.ler (registered) on November 2nd, 2005-04:16

Congrats Thomas, an Awesome piece of art..... Zach T (anonymous) on November 4th, 2005-06:06

Thanks for this Thomas... edmondheng (anonymous) on November 4th, 2005-07:07

What a great watch! michel (registered) on November 8th, 2005-01:01

Beautiful watch.. R.Murphy (registered) on November 11th, 2005-06:18

ok.....what's next? pureology (anonymous) on December 14th, 2005-10:22

Your comments are a non-sequitor ThomasM (registered) on April 5th, 2007-13:34

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