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It is truly a very special piece...

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Hi, Valentin, Harish,

The H-1 is a very, very special piece, and has repeatedly made my favorite watch of all time list for many years running.

Most who see it in person, including many industry veterans, have consistently used the term "pure" in decribing the watch - the purest expression of the tourbillon; a pure design.

There are two versions - the original design, with a higher bezel, and flat crystal, and a Purists' Edition, with a lower, flatter bezel and domed optical grade crystal.

Beat and I worked together on the ideas for the Purists' Edition because as I lived with a prototype of the original design, it struck me that the purity, the sheer beauty, of the raised, central tourbillon should be showcased, and the unique view of the side of the tourbillon cage in poetic motion, previously only seen through contrived cut outs in the case band, or obscured completely by the dial, should be presented in its full glory. Hence the idea for the flatter bezel and domed, optical grade crystal.

So glad you were able to visit Mr. Haldimann, Harish, Valentin. His atelier is truly magical, and memories of my time spent there have warmed up sometimes very cold times...Cheers,

TM



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[Art, thank you so much](#) Valentin Blank (registered) on April 22nd, 2008-21:39

[many thanks...](#) nickd (registered) on April 22nd, 2008-13:14

[Nick, thank you.](#) Valentin Blank (registered) on April 22nd, 2008-21:40

[Thanks so much for the report, Valentin.](#) Allen (registered) on April 22nd, 2008-15:03

[Allen, lucky you!](#) Valentin Blank (registered) on April 22nd, 2008-21:46

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[Now that you said it, it seems pretty](#) Valentin Blank (registered) on April 23rd, 2008-09:35

[A brilliant article, many thanks Valentin.](#) Tim Jackson (registered) on April 23rd, 2008-12:11

[Thank you for your kind words, Tim. \(nt\)](#) Valentin Blank (registered) on April 23rd, 2008-12:58

[Thanks Valentin](#) SJX (registered) on April 23rd, 2008-07:31

Thank you, SJX Valentin Blank (registered) on April 23rd, 2008-08:49

Thank you Valentin.....I'm in love. CL (registered) on April 23rd, 2008-09:54

If you send him an eMail... hegdent (registered) on April 23rd, 2008-10:30

Thank you, CL. I just dropped you an email Valentin Blank (registered) on April 23rd, 2008-12:43

I think you captured the heart of H-1... hegdent (registered) on April 23rd, 2008-10:36

Oh, Harish, I envy you Valentin Blank (registered) on April 23rd, 2008-12:51

It is truly a very special piece...  ThomasM (registered) on April 23rd, 2008-16:10

Thomas, thank you so much for your thoughts and pictures Valentin Blank (registered) on April 23rd, 2008-22:18

These shots are great.... hegdent (registered) on April 24th, 2008-06:44

Marvellous work Valentin... pplater (registered) on April 24th, 2008-22:51

That's very kind of you, thank you! (nt) Valentin Blank (registered) on April 25th, 2008-11:25

Thanks Valentin for the great article... Kong (registered) on April 25th, 2008-12:56

Kong, thank you! You're very kind. Unfortunately, I'm not Valentin Blank (registered) on April 25th, 2008-21:45

Hmmm....let me check... Kong (registered) on April 25th, 2008-23:23

Thanks, Kong. Valentin Blank (registered) on April 26th, 2008-00:54

wonderful work, thanks Valentin! (nt) ei8htohms (registered) on April 26th, 2008-02:48

Thank you, John. Coming from you, such a comment means a lot to me! (nt) Valentin Blank (registered) on April 26th, 2008-08:32

Thanks Valentin, that article is a work of art in itself. tony p (registered) on April 26th, 2008-05:13

From the heart it came indeed. Thank you, Tony! Glad you enjoyed it. (nt) Valentin Blank (registered) on April 26th, 2008-08:33

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