

PRESS RELEASE

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Buckle Up And Take Off!



Junghans lives for enthusiastic aviation with the new Pilot Automatic

Aviation and timekeeping are indisputedly connected to each other. And Junghans honors the bond with its new Pilot Automatic in three variations. Pilot's watches by Junghans have their own history: already in the early twentieth century this watch factory manufactured board clocks for airplanes that could determine flight time. In an era when GPS was not even a twinkle in a scientist's eye, the board clock served as the personal clock of the pilot and an important aid for navigation. A milestone in the history of Junghans' aviation timepieces is the wrist-watch for pilots that the company developed in the 1950s for the then freshly established armed forces in Germany: the now-legendary pilot's chronograph. This was a watch with high recognition value, and not least because of its striking rotating pilot's bezel with 12 concave recesses.

The Pilot Automatic belongs to this tradition, now taking off in three new variations. While the new Pilot Automatic incorporates the iconic design of the historical watch, it also features some optimal changes that go with the times like its reduced number of displays and more optimized legibility. After all, good legibility is of vital importance for pilots – and incredibly pleasing to watch enthusiasts.

Board instruments for the wrist



The Pilot Automatic's curved date window has been designed like an airplane display. It is placed just below the 12 o'clock mark, thus building an optical counterweight to the small seconds across the dial in the recessed, bowl-shaped subsidiary dial at 6 o'clock. Especially large numerals lend the dial cockpit charm. And optimal legibility, even at night, is guaranteed by ecofriendly luminous substance on the hands and numerals, which stand in high contrast to the dials. These are lacquered in a gradient effect so that they become darker, and eventually black, the further out to the perimeter one looks.

Junghans provides a choice of three variations on this new watch: for the lover of classic, sporty design two of the Pilot Automatic models come in satin-finished stainless steel cases, one with a dark green dial and dark gray leather strap and the other with dark gray dial and black leather strap. The Pilot Automatic presents itself in a more modern and powerful way in the third variation thanks to a matte, black, DLC-coated, stainless steel case. It harmonizes beautifully with the dark gray dial background that contrasts electrically with its white numerals. All watches bear the historical logo on their dials, which stands for Junghans' traditional attachment to aviation.



Reliable, suitable for daily wear, and self-assured

Technical reliability in aviation is an important element that is also beautifully expressed by the Pilot Automatic. And the striking 43.3 mm case contributes to this – and every situation daily life throws at the wearer – by remaining impermeable to 10 bar. Its bilaterally rotating bezel complete with a scale of 60-minute markings makes short-term measurement possible to the minute when the arrow-shaped reference marker is placed on par with the minute hand. And a scratch-resistant, antireflective sapphire crystal makes sure that neither the watch's visuals nor its legibility are impaired. The watch's motor is just as souverain: Caliber J800.1.6. with a power reserve of 38 hours ticks within the Pilot Automatic. The watch comes on a riveted leather strap that is color coordinated with the dial. Regardless of which version of the watch is the favorite, all the wearer has to do is put it on and take off!

Pilot Automatic Features



Pilot Automatic
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| Calibre: | self-winding movement J800.1.6 with a power reserve of up to 38 hours, small second, date at 12 o'clock |
| Finishing: | rhodium plated movement, blue screws, rotor with stripe finishing and engraved Junghans logo, diamond cut on barrel, wheel train and balance bridge |
| Case: | stainless steel, deep black DLC-coated (diamond like carbon)
Ø 43.3 mm, height 12.5 mm, bidirectional rotating bezel with luminous dot, 7-times screwed case back with „Aviation“ engraving
characteristic feature of the Junghans Pilot are the 12 concave notches in the bezel |
| Glass: | domed sapphire crystal with anti-reflection coating |
| Dial: | domed, effect lacquer in dark grey matt, historic Junghans lettering, minute track with grey and hour markings with white environmentally friendly luminous substance |
| Hands: | dark grey satin finished hour and minute hands with white environmentally friendly luminous substance, second hand varnished in matt grey |
| Strap: | Black buffalo leather strap with riveting, stainless steel buckle DLC-coated |
| Water-resistance: | up to 10 bar |

Pilot Automatic Features



Pilot Automatic
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Pilot Automatic
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| Calibre: | self-winding movement J800.1.6 with a power reserve of up to 38 hours, small second, date at 12 o'clock |
| Finishing: | rhodium plated movement, blue screws, rotor with stripe finishing and engraved Junghans logo, diamond cut on barrel, wheel train and balance bridge |
| Case: | stainless steel, grinded
Ø 43.3 mm, height 12.5 mm, bidirectional rotating bezel with luminous dot, 7-times screwed case back with „Aviation“ engraving
characteristic feature of the Junghans Pilot are the 12 concave notches in the bezel |
| Glass: | domed sapphire crystal with anti-reflection coating |
| Dial: | domed, historic Junghans lettering and:
27/4490.00: effect lacquer in dark grey matt, minute track and hour markings with green environmentally friendly luminous substance
27/4495.00: effect lacquer in dark green matt, minute track with grey and hour markings with white environmentally friendly luminous substance |
| Hands: | satin finished, hour and minute hands with environmentally friendly luminous substance
27/4490.00: luminous substance in green, beige varnished second hand
27/4495.00: luminous substance in white, grey varnished second hand |
| Strap: | vintage look leather strap in dark green/black or all black buffalo leather strap with riveting, stainless steel buckle |
| Water-resistance: | up to 10 bar |

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About Junghans

Time is at home in Schramberg – and since 1861 Junghans has given it a face. This watch factory masters all the technologies involved in time measurement, from the reliable quartz movement all the way to fine mechanics. Junghans was also a trendsetter in radio-controlled technology, beginning in 1990 when it launched the first radio-controlled watch. Today, the Schramberg-based company makes its own solar-powered radio-controlled movements. An openness for new technologies and a remarkable competence in terms of design have always characterized Junghans' products – which is also on display in the current watch collections Meister, max bill, FORM, and 1972.

Junghans looks back on an equally successful and moving history. In 1903, the factory with more than 3,000 employees was the largest watch manufacturer in the world, making more than 9,000 watches every day. The development of precise mechanical movements made the company the world's third-largest chronometer manufacturer in 1956. As the official time-keeper of the summer Olympics in 1972 in Munich as well as numerous motorsports events, Junghans was also at home in the world of sports. After some highs and lows, the traditional company was taken over by Schramberg-based entrepreneurs Dr. Hans-Jochem and Hannes Steim in 2009, who brought it back on track and introduced a growth phase. To this day, Junghans conceives, designs, constructs, and manufactures all watches on its historical premises. In 2018, the "Terrassenbau" building was resuscitated in honor of its centenary jubilee; in this monument to industrial architecture, a museum allows visitors to experience the tradition of watchmaking in the Black Forest. Since 2022 Hannes Steim leads the company as its managing director with powerful innovation and imagination into the future.