

*Rolex Afternoon*

LOTS 167-282

*3.00 pm*



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**ROLEX. A FINE AND ELEGANT STAINLESS STEEL OPENFACE KEYLESS LEVER DRESS WATCH WITH FOUR-TONE DIAL**

SIGNED ROLEX, GENÈVE, SUISSE, CASE NO. 1'006'717, REF. 2853, CIRCA 1940

**Movement:** manual, "Ultra Thin", 19 jewels

**Dial:** four-tone silvered, Arabic numerals, subsidiary seconds, feuille hands

**Case:** snap on back, three-body

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, movement engraved "Ultra Thin"

**Dimensions:** 42 mm. diam.

CHF5,000-8,000

\$5,000-8,000

€4,700-7,500



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**ROLEX. A RARE 18K GOLD TWENTY DOLLAR COIN WATCH**

SIGNED ROLEX, GENÈVE, REF. 3612, CASE NO. 2'714'833, CIRCA 1971

**Movement:** mechanical, cal. 650, 18 jewels

**Dial:** silvered dial, baton numerals

**Case:** hinged within a *United States of America Twenty Dollar* coin

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 34.5 mm. diam.

CHF6,000-10,000

\$6,000-10,000

€5,700-9,400

This collectible watch is made from a US 20 dollar coin from 1891. Coin watches were offered by many of the great watch makers including Patek Philippe, Audemars Piguet, Cartier and Rolex such as the present watch. Coin watches are interesting because they are actually made from two coins to conceal a watch inside.



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**ROLEX. A VERY FINE AND ELEGANT 18K WHITE GOLD AND DIAMOND-SET KEYLESS LEVER OPENFACE PENDANT WATCH**  
SIGNED ROLEX, GENÈVE, CELLINI, REF. 3799, CASE NO. 4'271'879,  
CIRCA 1996

**Movement:** mechanical, cal. 1091, 19 jewels

**Dial:** blue

**Case:** snap on back, bezel set with 53 diamonds

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 33 mm. width, 39 mm. length

**With:** Rolex punched Garantie stamped by St. Gallen retailer *Bucherer* and dated 14 September 1996, protective leather pouch, sale tags, product literature, green leather fitted presentation box and outer packaging.

CHF5,000-8,000

\$5,000-8,000

€4,700-7,500

The present timepiece is offered in new-old-stock condition, impressing the beholder with its crisp case, still retaining the sticker to the back, and flawless dial. The deep blue finish is highlighted by the diamond-set bezel and white gold case, creating a timepiece as mesmerizing as it is elegant. Beyond its aesthetics and condition, the piece is furthermore offered complete of its original sale documents and box, and was retailed by prestigious Swiss retailer *Bucherer*. A rare and unusual gem of the late 20th century Rolex production.





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**ROLEX. A VERY FINE AND LARGE STAINLESS STEEL WRISTWATCH WITH CENTRE SECONDS**

SIGNED ROLEX, PRECISION, REF. 8029, CASE NO. 714'098, CIRCA 1950

**Movement:** mechanical, cal. 10.5'''', 17 jewels

**Dial:** silvered dial, baton numerals

**Case:** snap on back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 37 mm. diam.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex* buckle

CHF10,000-15,000

\$10,000-15,000  
€9,400-14,000



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**ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE, STAINLESS STEEL CUSHION-SHAPED WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS AND GAY FRÈRES BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER EVEREST, OBSERVATORY, REF. 4647, CASE NO. 276'447, CIRCA 1945

**Movement:** manual, Precision caliber 10 1/H, 17 jewels

**Dial:** silvered with gilt baton and Arabic numerals

**Case:** screw back with engraved dedication and screw-down Oyster crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 31 mm. diam.

**With:** stainless steel *Gay Frères* bracelet

CHF2,000-4,000

\$2,000-4,000  
€1,900-3,700

The reference 4647 evolved from the original cushion-shaped Oyster watches of the 1930s. This reference was also used for the "Army" model. The Everest trade name was used to commemorate the first airplane flight over Mount Everest in the 30s for which Rolex supplied Oyster watches to the pilots.

A similar example of this model, reference 4647, is illustrated in *The Best of Time - Rolex Wristwatches* by James M. Dowling & Jeffrey P. Hess, p. 60.





REF. 6098  
"Honeycomb Star Dial"



THE PROPERTY OF AN IMPORTANT SWISS COLLECTOR

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**ROLEX. A HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE AND EXTREMELY RARE 18K GOLD AUTOMATIC SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS WRISTWATCH WITH LUMINOUS HONEYCOMB STAR DIAL, GILT MOVEMENT AND BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX OYSTER PERPETUAL, OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED CHRONOMETER, REF. 6098, MOVEMENT NO. 53659, CASE NO. 912019, MANUFACTURED IN 1953

**Movement:** automatic, copper coloured gilt, cal. A 260 10 ½", 25 jewels

**Dial:** matte silvered honeycomb with applied gold star and triangular numerals, luminous accents, gold Dauphine hands

**Case:** screw-down back and crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, inside caseback additionally signed "Montres Rolex S.A., Geneva, Swiss"

**Dimensions:** 35 mm. diam. overall length of bracelet approximately 190 mm.

**With:** 18K gold Rolex Jubilee bracelet and deployant clasp stamped 4/51 or 57

CHF80,000-120,000

\$80,000-120,000

€75,000-110,000

***“Only Eight Examples Known in Yellow Gold  
with Silvered Star Dial”***



One of the most attractive time-only Rolex watches to be offered at auction recently, the present watch not only boasts the super-desirable “honeycomb” dial but is further enhanced by star indexes with luminous centres. This bewitching combination makes it one of the rarest Rolex wristwatches from the early 1950s. Furthermore, the dial has remained completely untouched over the past 65 years so that today it impresses as a stunning and pure example of the reference.

Within the reference 6098 Rolex family, examples fitted with the highly appealing honeycomb dial and with the sought after star-shaped numerals, more commonly associated with the celebrated “stelline” reference 6062 made during the same period, occupy a very special position.

According to our research, including the present watch, a total of only eight reference 6098 are known publically with a gold case and silvered “stelline” type dial. Three examples are known in gold with black dial and three examples in steel with silvered dial. The serial numbers of all the known examples in gold fall between 912\*\*\* and 947\*\*\*.

Launched in the early 1950s, reference 6098 is blessed with the largest Oyster case of the period made by Genex S.A.

Another interesting aspect of the present watch is that it has the very unusual feature of a copper-colored gilt movement. Several of the known “stelline” type reference 6098 watches have movements of this special colour. Furthermore, the interior of the caseback is “double signed” that is, in addition to the large *Rolex Geneva Swiss Patented* signature and logo there is a further signature *Montres Rolex S.A., Geneva, Swiss* engraved vertically.

The combination of copper-coloured gilt movement and the double signed caseback has led to speculation that a number of reference 6098 watches that share these features may have been used for a special purpose such as for exhibition.

Another reference 6098 in gold with black star dial also with copper-coloured gilt movement and double signed caseback is illustrated in: *100 Superlative Rolex Watches*, John Goldberger, p. 38.

REF. 8171  
"Pink Gold"



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**ROLEX. AN EXTREMELY FINE, RARE AND ATTRACTIVE 18K PINK GOLD TRIPLE CALENDAR AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH MOON PHASES, TWO-TONE LUMINOUS DIAL, BRACELET, GUARANTEE AND BOX SIGNED ROLEX, PERPETUAL, REF. 8171, CASE NO. 762'201, CIRCA 1950**

**Movement:** automatic, Cal. 10 ½", 18 jewels

**Dial:** silvered, two tone, applied baton numerals, luminous accents

**Case:** snap on back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 38 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 195 mm.

**With:** 18K pink gold *Rolex Oyster* expandable bracelet, deployant clasp, blank Guarantee and fitted presentation box

CHF180,000-220,000

\$180,000-220,000

€170,000-210,000

The present example of reference 8171 is an extremely appealing representative of this rarified, attractive and extremely sought-after model. Not only it is preserved in excellent, fully original condition, but it furthermore impresses the beholder with its two-tone, luminous dial. Both the two-tone finish and the luminous accents are not standard to all 8171s, boosting the rarity of this piece, its aesthetic appeal, and its vintage vibe as well: the two-tone finish being typical of timepieces from the 1940s and late 1930s.

Reference 8171, together with reference 6062, combines a triple calendar with moon phases and an automatic movement. This set of complications makes it one of the most technically advanced vintage Rolex references, possibly comparable only to the triple calendar chronographs and the split second chronographs. However, while calendar watches and chronograph watches will be present in Rolex catalogues also in subsequent years, well more than half a century will pass before Rolex releases another moon phases timepiece: reference 50535 Cellini Moonphase, presented this year at Baselworld.

Of the two vintage moon phases references, reference 8171 – a.k.a. "Padellone" by Italian collectors due to its distinctive "frying pan" shape – was in production for a by far shorter time: only about three years between 1949 and 1952. Mainly produced in steel, examples in gold, steel and gold, and pink gold are also known. These versions are even scarcer than their already very rare steel peers. It is estimated that only about 350 examples of the pink gold version were ever made, with little more than 30 known from the market.

The case maker for this reference was La-Chaux-De-Fonds based Favre-Perret, identified by its hallmark of a hammer with inside number 115. It is worth mentioning how reference 6062 and reference 8171, albeit offering the exact same set of complications and dial layout, do not share the movement. The movement of reference 8171 was specifically designed to fit into the larger case of this reference. The dials were supplied by two companies: Beyeler and Stern. The version with Arabic "12" numeral was produced by Beyeler, while the version with full baton numerals, such as the present one, was made by Stern.



(detail of case back)

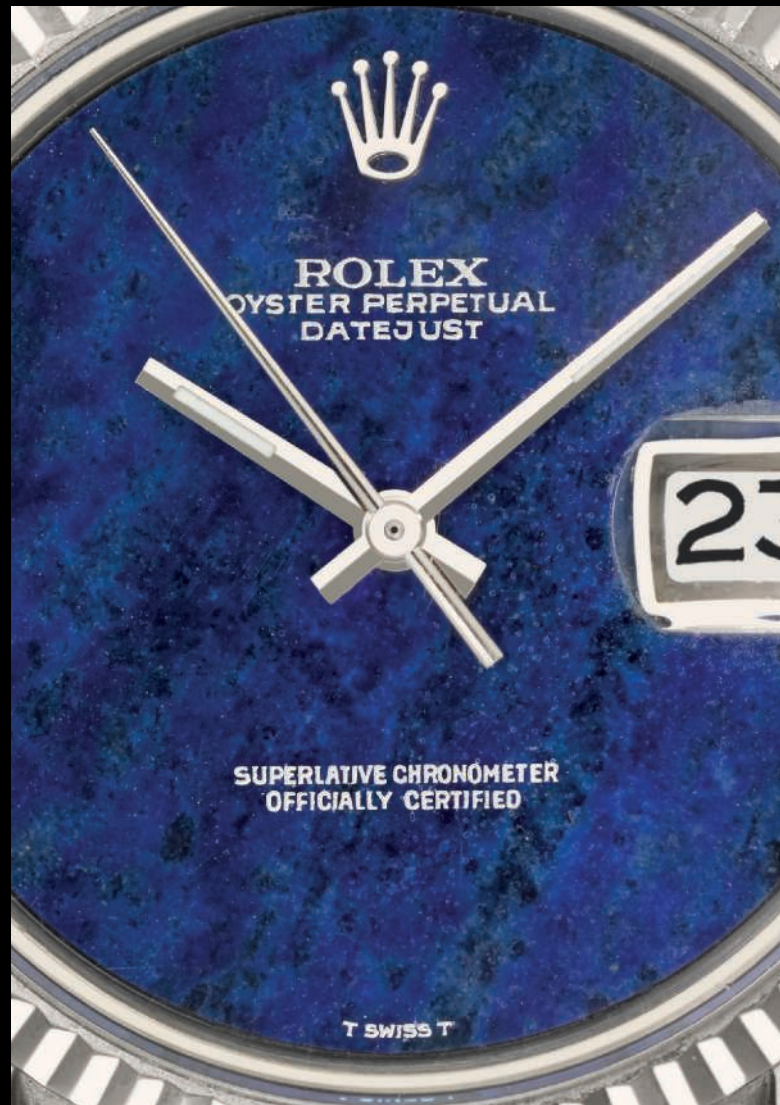




## THE ROLEX DATEJUST

The Datejust, launched in 1945 in time for Rolex's 40th anniversary, is perhaps more synonymous with the company than any other model, it is one of the most enduring watches in their long history and certainly one that greatly contributed to the company's fame and the watch market in general. Named "Datejust" because the date changed exactly at midnight and was therefore always "just", the model has a "waterproof" Oyster case and centre seconds. The famous magnifier over the date nicknamed the "cyclops" was introduced in 1957.

Naturally the design of the Datejust has evolved over the years much to the delight of collectors who now find a rich variety of different dials, cases and references, each with their own unique attractions.





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**ROLEX. A VERY FINE AND RARE 18K GOLD AUTOMATIC CALENDAR WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS AND BLACK DIAL**  
SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, DATEJUST, REF. 6305-1, CASE NO. 97'652, CIRCA 1955

**Movement:** automatic, cal. A.296, jeweled  
**Dial:** black, matte, applied baton numerals  
**Case:** screw back, ribbed bezel  
**Signed:** case, dial and movement  
**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam.  
**With:** 18K gold *Rolex* buckle

CHF15,000-25,000 \$15,000-25,000  
€15,000-23,000

The present piece is a remarkable example of the "Big Bubble Back" – or "Ovettone", as it is known to Italian collectors. This example impresses with its very crisp case condition and exceptional black dial, showcasing typical elements of mid-century Rolex dial design: the red "Datejust" signature; the applied Rolex signature; and the black finish methodology: a coat of paint is applied to the dial after mounting the numerals, crown and signature which are then polished, thus revealing the metal on top, but leaving the black paint to the sides.



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**ROLEX. AN EXTREMELY RARE AND ATTRACTIVE 18K PINK GOLD AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH CENTRE SECONDS AND RED DATE**  
SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, DATEJUST, REF. 6305, CASE NO. 948'427, CIRCA 1953

**Movement:** automatic, cal. H8020, 2 jewels  
**Dial:** silvered dial, gold dagger indexes  
**Case:** screw-down back  
**Signed:** case, dial and movement  
**Dimensions:** 35 mm. diam.  
**With:** gold plated *Rolex* buckle

CHF15,000-25,000 \$15,000-25,000  
€15,000-23,000

Produced for a short period of time during the 1950s, reference 6305 was cased principally in yellow gold. A few examples are known in pink and white gold as well as in stainless steel. The present watch is one of these rare pink gold examples featuring the date in red. When the most usual date variation is known as roulette-style with alternative black and red dates, the present piece features a red-only date display. The combination of this unusual date display in a pink gold case is obviously leading this reference 6305 nickname to be The Red 6305. This stylish watch is furthermore enhanced by the attractive dial showing a very subtle and consistent patina bringing out the vintage style of the 50's and raising it to a very desirable timepiece.



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**ROLEX. A FINE, RARE, AND VERY ATTRACTIVE 18K PINK GOLD AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, "WIDE BOY" DIAL AND BRACELET**  
SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, DATEJUST, REF. 1601, CASE NO. 1'612'671, CIRCA 1967

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1570, 26 jewels  
**Dial:** silvered, brushed, applied baton numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands  
**Case:** screw back  
**Signed:** case dial and movement  
**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 200 mm.  
**With:** platinum *Rolex Jubilee* bracelet, deployant clasp stamped "2, 68"

CHF9,000-14,000 \$9,000-14,000  
€8,500-13,000

The present piece is an exquisite specimen in pink gold, with matching pink gold bracelet. The bracelet is most probably original to the watch: it is stamped 2.68, indicating a production date of the second quarter of 1968, perfectly matching the late 1967/early 1968 production date implied in the serial number of the watch.



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**ROLEX. A VERY RARE AND ATTRACTIVE 18K WHITE GOLD AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE AND LAPIS LAZULI DIAL**  
SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, DATEJUST, REF. 1601, CASE NO. 3'822'712, CIRCA 1974

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1570, 26 jewels  
**Dial:** lapis lazuli, magnified window for date  
**Case:** screw back, screw down crown  
**Signed:** case, dial and movement  
**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam.  
**With:** white metal *Rolex* buckle

CHF15,000-25,000 \$15,000-25,000  
€15,000-23,000

A very attractive and classic combination of rich blue lapis lazuli and cool white gold, only a small number were produced of the reference 1601 white gold Rolex Datejust with lapis lazuli dial.

Over the years Rolex has created many different dial designs with a variety of materials. Rolex has and continues to experiment with many different hard-stones. Due to the fragile nature of the stone many of these hard-stone dials break during production, they are therefore costly and subsequently highly sought after by collectors.

## THE ROLEX DAY-DATE

One of the most commercially successful Rolex watches ever, the Day-date was launched in 1956. Only available in 18k gold or platinum, the Day-Date's unique selling point was that is clearly displayed not only the date, but the days of the week. Today the Day-Date calendar is available in 26 languages. The iconic "President" bracelet was designed especially for the Day-Date model and is now as famous as the watch itself. Collectors today particularly look for the rare brightly coloured dials known as "stella", of which a stunning yellow example is offered here as lot 186 and in blue, lot 185.





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### ROLEX. A VERY RARE AND ATTRACTIVE 18K GOLD AUTOMATIC CALENDAR WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, BLACK DIAL AND BRACELET

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, DAY-DATE, REF. 6611B, CASE NO. 403007, CIRCA 1957

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1055, 25 jewels

**Dial:** black, gloss, applied baton numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands, Spanish calendar

**Case:** screw back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 200 mm.

**With:** 18K gold *Rolex Jubilee* bracelet, deployant clasp

CHF10,000-15,000

\$10,000-15,000  
€9,400-14,000

In production for only three years –from 1957 to 1959 – reference 6611B introduces a number of technical upgrades, most notably the “microstella” regulation system, which allow the movement to be officially certified. The letter “B” after the reference indicates the presence of a baseplate 0.1mm higher than usual.

The present example is rendered both aesthetically stunning and incredibly rare as well, by the combination of black dial and pink gold case. A final touch of rarity and appeal is given by the exotic Spanish calendar disc.

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### ROLEX. A VERY RARE AND EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE 18K PINK GOLD AUTOMATIC CALENDAR WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS AND BRACELET

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, DAY-DATE, REF. 6611B, CASE NO. 384'677, CIRCA 1958

**Movement:** automatic, cal. B1055, 25 jewels

**Dial:** white, matte, baton applied numerals, luminous hands, Spanish calendar

**Case:** screw back, ribbed bezel

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 175 mm.

**With:** 18K pink gold *Rolex Jubilee* bracelet, deployant clasp stamped “3.58”

CHF20,000-30,000

\$20,000-30,000  
€19,000-28,000

The present example is a very rare specimen of reference 6611B, which was a case mostly in 18K gold, with few exceptions in pink gold and platinum. Its attractiveness is further increased by the unusual and sought-after Spanish calendar, and the presence of its original bracelet stamped “3.58” to the clasp, indicating a production in the third trimester of 1958, perfectly matching the watch.

For a note on reference 6611B see the previous lot.

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### ROLEX. A RARE AND ATTRACTIVE 18K WHITE GOLD AUTOMATIC CALENDAR WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS AND BRACELET

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, DAY-DATE, REF. 1803.  
CASE NO. 2'324'428, CIRCA 1970

**Movement:** automatic, Cal. 1556, 26 jewels

**Dial:** grey, brushed, applied baton numerals, luminous accents

**Case:** screw back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam, overall length approx. 180 mm.

**With:** 18K white gold *Rolex President* bracelet and hidden deployant clasp

CHF6,000-10,000

\$6,000-10,000

€5,700-9,400

In production from '59 to '77, ref. 1803 can be considered one of the archetypal daydate models. Powered by cal. 1555 (up to 1965) and 1556, it is defined by the ribbed bezel and the dial with stepped outer track. It was available with both leather strap and President bracelet.

The present specimen is a rare example in white gold and furthermore blessed by the understated grey brushed dial, making this piece as collectible as it is elegant and understated.



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### ROLEX. A FINE 18K WHITE GOLD AND AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH CENTER SECONDS, DAY, DATE, DIAMOND-SET DIAL AND BRACELET

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DAY-DATE, REF. 18239, CASE NO. E201588, CIRCA 1990

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3155, 31 jewels

**Dial:** silvered dial set with round and baguette-cut diamonds, luminous accents, magnified aperture for date, sector for day of the week in English

**Case:** screw back and screw-down crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36mm diam. overall length of bracelet approximately 170 mm

**With:** 18k white gold *Rolex President* bracelet, endlinks stamped 55BG and concealed deployant clasp stamped 8385

CHF12,000-18,000

\$12,000-18,000

€12,000-17,000

The present watch impresses by its excellent overall condition and elegant yet subtle diamond-set dial. A superb specimen of the timelessly classic white gold Day-Date with President bracelet.

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**ROLEX. A FINE, VERY RARE AND EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE PLATINUM AND DIAMOND-SET AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH DAY, DATE, TURQUOISE STELLA DIAL AND BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, DAY-DATE, REF. 1804, CASE NO. 1'062'746, CIRCA 1964

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1556, 26 jewels

**Dial:** turquoise, lacquered, square and baton applied diamond-set numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bezel set with 46 brilliant-cut diamonds

**Signed:** case dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 170 mm.

**With:** platinum *Rolex President* bracelet, deployant clasp

CHF40,000-60,000

\$40,000-60,000

€38,000-56,000

Rolex has always been a foremost interpreter of the fashion of the times. In the 1960s, they released the "Stella" collection, comprising mesmerizing lacquered dials in bright colors, the perfect embodiment of the carefree spirit which will define the late 1960s and the 1970s. Originally looked at with a level of wariness by the market, soon their appeal and collectability was understood without a doubt and the Stella are now among the most appreciated and collectible Rolex dial variations.

The present piece is an extremely rare example of reference 1804 in platinum with diamond-set bezel and matching platinum bracelet. Normally, Stella dials are found on pieces with a slightly higher serial number. While there is the possibility of this being an early Stella example, it is also conceivable that a refined collector, bewitched by the looks of this dial, decided to mount it on the present piece, perfectly complementing its diamond-set bezel.

The extreme rarity of reference 1804 in platinum, furthermore with diamond-set bezel, combined with the scarcity and appeal of the diamond-set Stella dial render this timepiece a remarkable find for the collector of rare Rolex wristwatches.



REF. 18038  
"Yellow Stella"



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**ROLEX. A FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE 18K GOLD AUTOMATIC CALENDAR WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, YELLOW LACQUERED DIAL, BRACELET, CERTIFICATE AND BOX**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, DAY-DATE, REF. 18038, CASE NO. 6'196'854, MANUFACTURED IN 1979

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3055, 27 jewels

**Dial:** yellow lacquered, applied baton numerals, luminous accents, outer railway minute combined with Roman hour divisions, aperture for day in Italian, magnified window for date

**Case:** screw back, screw down crown, fluted bezel

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, inside caseback reference 18000

**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam. overall length of bracelet approximately 200 mm.

**With:** 18K gold Rolex President bracelet, deployant clasp, original Garantie stamped Gioielleria Manlio Schreiber, Brescia and dated 15th April 1988 and box

CHF80,000-120,000

\$80,000-120,000  
€75,000-110,000

One of the most stunning Day-Date "stella" dial watches ever to be offered at auction, the lacquer dial of the present watch is of the most vivid shade of yellow that can be imagined comparable to Chinese "Imperial Yellow".

Yellow is considered the most beautiful, prestigious and highly prized colour amongst stella dials of which no two are exactly the same shade. Made in the late 1970s and early 1980s in very small numbers, the dials were lacquered with colours that were mixed by hand and then applied layer after layer until a deep rich gloss coating had built up.

In China, yellow was the Emperor's colour and the Chinese saying, *Yellow generates Yin and Yang*, implies that yellow is the center of everything.

When first produced, the Day-Date models with stella dials were not a commercial success and interestingly this is underlined by the present watch which was made in 1979 but not sold until nearly a decade later in 1988. In common with several Rolex models that did not enjoy immediate success, the stella dial watches are now amongst the rarest and most desirable of all.



*“Rolex Day-Date “Yellow Stella” - The Rarest Colour”*



REF. 18038  
*"Marble Dial"*



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**ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE 18K GOLD AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH DAY, DATE, SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, MARBLE DIAL AND BRACELET SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, DAY-DATE, REF. 18038, CASE NO. 9768895, CIRCA 1987**

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3155, 27 jewels

**Dial:** veined white marble, applied gold Roman numerals, aperture for day in English, magnified window for date

**Case:** screw back, screw down crown, fluted bezel

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, inside case back reference 18000

**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 170 mm.

**With:** 18K gold *Rolex President* bracelet, hidden deployant clasp

CHF12,000-18,000

\$12,000-18,000

€12,000-17,000

The Rolex Day-Date is well known for its incredible versatility. The dials found on this model range from hardstone to wood, from butterfly wing to marble, mirror and lacquered finish, to name a few. Rare and attractive, timepieces fitted with these kind of dials are propelled into the stratosphere of ultimate luxury and rarity.

REF. 118209  
"White Gold Russian Day-Date"



THE PROPERTY OF A GENTLEMAN

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**ROLEX. A FINE, RARE AND EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE 18K WHITE GOLD AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH RUSSIAN DAY INDICATION, DATE, SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DIAMOND-SET DIAL, BRACELET, CERTIFICATE AND BOX**  
SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, DAY-DATE, REF. 118209, CASE NO. Z303554,  
MANUFACTURED IN 2006

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3155, 31 jewels

**Dial:** rhodium "myriad", applied black on white gold Arabic numerals on pavé-set diamond chapter ring

**Case:** screw back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam., overall approximate length 170 mm.

**With:** 18K white gold *Rolex President* bracelet, deployant clasp, Garantie, original *Rolex Geneva* invoice, sales tags, product literature *Rolex* presentation box and outer packaging

CHF20,000-30,000

\$20,000-30,000

€19,000-28,000

This "icy beauty" Day-Date is a particularly elegant and collectible example of the iconic model, a stunning combination of white gold case and the diamond-set "myriad" dial, superb original condition, complete with all its accessories – and most noteworthy the Russian day indication, a rare feature only seldom found.

REF. 3484  
"Steel Pink Dial"



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**ROLEX. A VERY FINE AND RARE STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH PINK MULTI-SCALE DIAL AND BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, ANTIMAGNETIC, REF. 3484, CASE NO. 047746, CIRCA 1940

**Movement:** mechanical, 17 jewels

**Dial:** pink, matte, baton and Arabic numerals

**Case:** snap on back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 33 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 195 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex* bracelet, deployant clasp

CHF40,000-60,000

\$40,000-60,000

€38,000-56,000

Reference 3484 was in production from 1939 to 1948 and was cased either in stainless steel or gold. The present example is highlighted by its pink dial and superb overall condition, boasting an unrestored dial and unpolished case. The combination of stainless steel case and pink dial is not only arguably one of the most attractive in vintage watchmaking, uniting the stern masculinity of stainless steel with the levity and elegance of the pink dial, but furthermore one of the most rare and sought-after.

The model is described and illustrated in *I Cronografi Rolex - La Leggenda*, Pucci Papaleo Editore, pp. 132 & 133

REF. 3484  
"Yellow Gold Black Dial"

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**ROLEX. A VERY RARE AND EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE 18K GOLD CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BLACK DIAL AND BOX**  
SIGNED ROLEX, ANTI MAGNETIC, REF. 3484, CASE NO. 55318, CIRCA 1941

**Movement:** mechanical, jeweled

**Dial:** black, gloss turned matte, baton and Arabic applied numerals

**Case:** snap on back, solder lug bars

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 33 mm. diam.

**With:** gold plated Rolex buckle, original fitted presentation box

CHF40,000-60,000

\$40,000-60,000

€38,000-56,000

This iteration of reference 3484 is highlighted by two features. First and most obvious, its impeccable and extremely attractive black dial with gilt graphics. It is absolutely devoid of any sign of restoration, with the gloss finish aged to a very light matte amplifying the vintage vibe of the piece. Second, the close to "as-new" condition is not relegated to the dial only, but it extends to the case as well, which sports immaculate satin finish, neatly defined edges, unmolested lugs and crisp case number to the back. The date Decemnr 19, 1941 is engraved to the inside of the back and suggests this might have been a gift to commemorate a special anniversary

Reference 3484 was in production from 1939 to 1948 and was encased either in stainless steel or gold.

The model is described and illustrated in *I Cronografi Rolex - La Leggenda*, Pucci Papaleo Editore, pp. 132 & 133.



(detail of case back)

REF. 3529  
"Pink on Pink"



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**ROLEX. AN EXCEPTIONAL AND EARLY 18K PINK GOLD SQUARE WRISTWATCH WITH PINK DIAL**

SIGNED ROLEX, ANTIMAGNETIC, REF. 3529, CASE NO. 55'013, CIRCA 1945

**Movement:** mechanical, 17 jewels

**Dial:** pink, silvered, baton and Roman numerals

**Case:** snap on back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 25 mm. width, 35 mm. length

**With:** gold plated Rolex buckle

CHF35,000-55,000

\$35,000-55,000

€33,000-51,000

The present watch is distinguished by its spectacular, absolutely new-old-stock overall condition. While such a flawless condition is of course extremely welcome in any timepiece, the very angular and elaborate case construction of the present piece – with subtle details like the alternated polished and satin-finished band – would be modified by even the most gentle of polishing. Thankfully, this is not the case for the present timepiece, which can be considered an absolute textbook regarding the case design and construction methodology Rolex used for these early square timepieces.

The very rare combination of pink gold case and dial further amplify the appeal and collectability of this amazing watch. It is safe to say a very long time will pass before an equally appealing and flawless example will grace an auction room with its presence.

This watch is prominently described and illustrated in *I Cronografi da Polso, Preziose Memorie del XX Secolo*, by Paul White, pp. 215, 217.



(detail of case back)

REF. 3525  
Retailed by Philippe Béguin  
"Luminous Pink on Pink"

+192

**ROLEX. A VERY FINE, EARLY AND RARE 18K PINK GOLD CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH PINK LUMINOUS DIAL**

SIGNED ROLEX OYSTER, CHRONOGRAPH, GENÈVE, ANTI MAGNETIC, RETAILED BY PHILIPPE BÉGUIN, REF. 3525, CASE NO. 46'391, CIRCA 1939

**Movement:** mechanical, 17 jewels

**Dial:** pink, matte, baton and Arabic luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back,

**Signed:** dial and movement. Case signed *Oyster Watch Co.*

**Dimensions:** 35 mm. diam.

**With:** gold plated *Rolex* buckle

CHF80,000-120,000

\$80,000-120,000  
€75,000-110,000

The watch on offer here is a very fine example of the rare Rolex reference 3525. Known among Italian collectors as "barilotto" or "keg" due to its shape, it is equally referred to as "monoblocco" as its case has been forged in one piece, with the obvious exception of the case back.

Production of reference 3525 was launched in 1939. The model was made in stainless steel, yellow and pink gold as well as combined steel and gold (be it yellow or pink). Some examples of this reference were supplied by Rolex to British Officers who were prisoners of war, or POWs, in German war camps during the Second World War. It is known that, by order of Hans Wilsdorf, POWs could order their Rolex from the prison camp. It would be immediately shipped to them on good faith, with no payment required until the return of the prisoner home.

The present examples is highlighted by a number of unusual traits which undoubtedly render it one of the most interesting and collectible examples of this reference. Not only the case is in pink gold, but the dial as well is matching in pink. The dial is luminous, with radium numerals and luminous hands, and it furthermore features the extremely rare Philippe Béguin signature. A Rolex retailer active until the mid-fifties, Béguin had two shops in Geneva. A most unusual retailer signature at large, it is even more surprising to be found on a chronograph wristwatch, as most Béguin-signed timepieces are simple time-only watches. Finally, a layer of intellectual appeal is offered by the case back featuring the early signature *Oyster Watch Co.*, and the details of the English patents.

Different versions of this model are illustrated in *100 Superlative Rolex Watches* by John Goldberger, pp. 96-107, and in *I Cronografi Rolex - La Leggenda*, Pucci Papaleo Editore, pp. 162-192.



**“Two of the world leading scholars, Pucci Papaleo and John Goldberger, chose to illustrate this exact watch in their widely esteemed Rolex tomes “I Cronografi Rolex - La Leggenda” respectively “100 Superlative Rolex Watches”**



**+193**

**ROLEX. AN EXTREMELY FINE, RARE AND ATTRACTIVE STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH “TROPICAL” SALMON DIAL**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER CHRONOGRAPHE, ANTIMAGNETIQUE, REF. 3525, CASE NO. 185'896, CIRCA 1941

**Movement:** manual, cal. 13''' 23 VZ, 17 jewels

**Dial:** “tropical” salmon, black baton and Arabic numerals, blued steel hands, outer Arabic five minute divisions, blue telemetre and black tachymetre scales, two subsidiary dials

**Case:** screw back and screw down crown, two round chronograph buttons

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 35 mm. diam.

With: Rolex stainless steel buckle, an example of *I Cronografi Rolex - La Leggenda*, Pucci Papaleo Editore with hand-written dedication reading “May 2017 - With my very best compliments to the winner”, signed Pucci Papaleo, Pucci Papaleo certificate confirming that the present watch is the watch published in his book on pp. 172 & 173

CHF90,000-140,000

\$90,000-140,000

€85,000-130,000

**LITERATURE:**

Prominently illustrated and described in *I Cronografi Rolex - La Leggenda*, Pucci Papaleo Editore, pp. 172 & 173, and in *100 Superlative Rolex Watches* by John Goldberger, pp. 102 & 103.



(detail of case back)



pages 172 and 173 of *I Cronografi Rolex - La Leggenda* by Pucci Papaleo



May 2017  
With my very best compliments  
to the Winner  
[Signature]

The present reference 3525 is doubtlessly one of the most charismatic, exclusive and well-preserved examples of the legendary chronograph to appear in public in recent years. From the references early production, it features the reference and serial number to the outside of the case back as opposed to between the lugs as found in later models.

Its superb dial has aged to an extremely attractive, uniform salmon tone, free of any cosmetic enhancements. The hard enamel numerals and scales are full, the colours vibrant. The case retains excellent proportions with incredibly crisp and clearly readable reference and serial numbers to the outside of the screw back, the original Oyster Patent crown is still present.

It comes to little surprise that two of the world leading scholars, Pucci Papaleo and John Goldberger, chose to illustrate this exact watch in their widely esteemed Rolex tomes *I Cronografi Rolex - La Leggenda* respectively *100 Superlative Rolex Watches*. This additional fact further underlines that this reference 3525 is acknowledged as one of the world's most beautiful and best preserved examples of this landmark reference.

Reference 3525, one of the manufacturer's first "Oyster" chronograph wristwatches, was produced between 1939 and 1945, and was available in a variety of metals. It is affectionately nick-named "monoblocco" by Italian collectors, referring to the fact that with the exception of the case back the entire case consists of one block including bezel and lugs.



# TRU-BEAT



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**ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE STAINLESS STEEL  
AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH DEAD-BEAT  
JUMP CENTRE SECONDS AND BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, TRU-BEAT,  
REF. 6556, CASE NO. 139'166, MANUFACTURED IN 1956

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1040 "Tru-Beat", 26 jewels

**Dial:** silvered "soleil", applied baton numerals with luminous accents

**Case:** screw-down back and crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 34 mm. diam. overall length of bracelet approximately 195 mm

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* riveted bracelet stamped 7205, endlinks stamped 57

CHF8,000-16,000

\$8,000-16,000

€7,500-15,000

The Tru-Beat ref. 6556 was introduced into the market in 1954, fitted with calibre 1040, a modified and more sophisticated version of the well-known calibre 1030. Aesthetically similar to a normal Oyster Perpetual, the major difference of the model was the dead beat sweep seconds hand: instead of continuously sweeping on the dial, the second hand stops at each seconds mark before jumping to the next one, performing exactly like the hands of an analogue quartz watch.

Dead beat watches were already made in the early days of watchmaking and have always been considered as the symbol for a very finely engineered watch. At the time of its introduction however, this particularity did not enjoy much success and consequently the production of the Tru-Beat was discontinued after five years.



(detail of movement)

REF. 4767  
"The First Killy Reference in Steel"

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**ROLEX. A VERY FINE, RARE AND IMPORTANT STAINLESS STEEL TRIPLE CALENDAR CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH TWO-TONE SILVERED DIAL AND BRACELET**  
SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER CHRONOGRAPHE, ANTI-MAGNETIQUE, REF. 4767, CASE NO. 584'376, CIRCA 1947

**Movement:** mechanical, cal. 72C, 17 jewels

**Dial:** silvered, two-tone, dot and radial Arabic numerals

**Case:** screw back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 37 mm. diam., overall length approx. 190 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* expandable bracelet, deployant clasp

CHF85,000-125,000

\$85,000-130,000

€80,000-120,000

Rolex produced a very limited number of complicated models. Historically, the company was focused on professional, reliable timepieces rather than grand complications. The brand, for example, never made a perpetual calendar wristwatch, and overall very few models went beyond dual-time timepieces, or simple calendar or chronograph watches. The present reference, however, not only represents one of the scarcest examples of more complicated Rolex timepieces, but it furthermore is the earliest representative of what will become the longest-lived line of complicated Rolex models: the triple calendar chronograph, known as "Datocompax" or "Jean-Claude Killy", because of the appearance of reference 6236 on the wrist of the Olympic ski legend. The Datocompax line comprises ref. 4767, the non-oyster ref. 4768, 5036, 6036 and 6236.

The archetype for this legendary line of watches is here represented by this steel version of reference 4767. The present watch is furthermore one of the earliest examples of the reference: ref. 4767 was launched in 1947 (and remained in production for around four years only) and indeed this watch was manufactured that same year. The dials for this reference were made by Stern and Beyeler, and at least five different models are recognized so far. All of them feature beady numerals at 2, 5, 7 and 11, and differentiate from each other for the presence or roman or Arabic applied or painted numerals for the other positions. The model was available in stainless steel and pink and yellow gold, all the cases made by Spielmann. A very rare reference, it is estimated that only around 200 pieces were realized in steel. Of them, so far about 30 are known from the market.

Consigned by a private collector, fresh to the market and preserved in overall very appealing original condition, this early Killy ref. 4767 is a superb representative of this rare model.

Different versions of reference 4767 in regard to case material and dial layout are illustrated in *I Cronografi Rolex - La Leggenda*, Pucci Papaleo Editore, pp. 372 - 375.

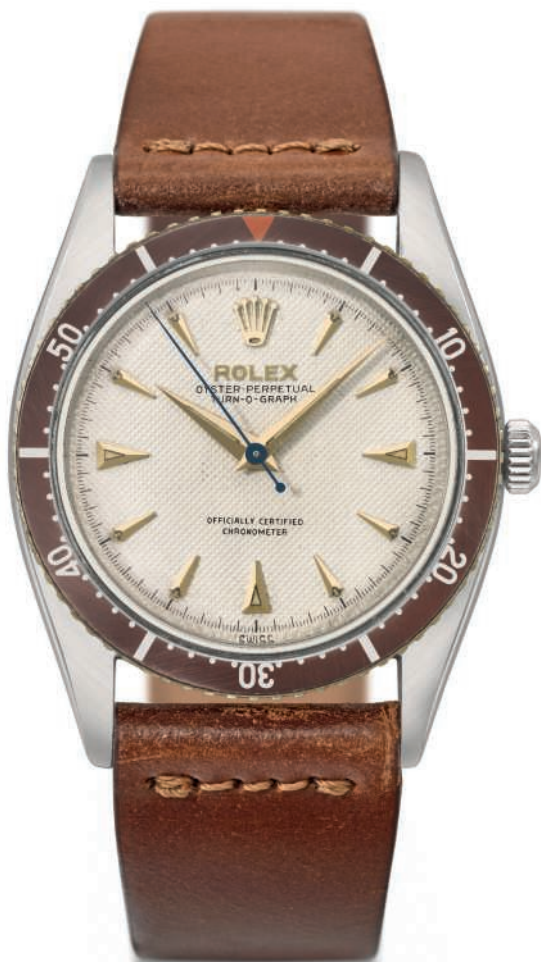


# TURN-O-GRAPH

## ROLEX TURN-O-GRAPH

The Turn-O-Graph, launched in 1953, is a highly significant Rolex model being the progenitor of all the iconic tool and sports watches that followed it including the Milgauss, GMT-Master and Submariner.

Lots 196 and 197 are very fine examples of the extremely rare very first Turn-O-Graph reference 6202, the first Rolex production watch to feature a rotating bezel. Lot 198, the next Turn-O-Graph reference 6609, is the famous "Thunderbird" model made from 1956 to 1959 and named after the United States Air Force Acrobatic Team of the same name.



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**ROLEX. A VERY RARE AND ATTRACTIVE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, AND WHITE HONEYCOMB DIAL. MADE FOR THE ENGLISH HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, TURN-O-GRAPH, REF. 6202, CASE NO. 949'999, CIRCA 1953

**Movement:** automatic, cal. A.296, 2 jewels

**Dial:** white, honeycomb, applied dagger luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back engraved with the arrow symbol and "H.S.II CD", "941158" to the outside, and "6202", "949999" "IV.53" and "18" to the inside, tropical brown bidirectional revolving bezel calibrated for 60 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 35 mm. diam.

**With:** stainless steel Rolex buckle

CHF15,000-25,000

\$15,000-25,000

€15,000-23,000

The 1950s were an extremely transformative period for Rolex. It can be said that it is precisely during this decade that the company budding "professional watches" philosophy fully blossomed with models such as the GMT, the Submariner, the Milgauss, the Explorer etc.

The present piece is a testament to that epoch. Actually, this watch proves that even what was one of the simplest watches made by Rolex, the Turn-o-Graph, indeed had reliability and technical characteristics sufficient to be employed by a highly specialized corp such as the English Hydrographic Service. The engraving on the case back in fact mentions H.S.II (for Hydrographic Service), and CD: clearance diver. This watch was selected not to be used in an office, but rather it was given as an official tool to the actual diver. A rare find and an historical insightful timepiece guaranteed to awe the connoisseur of vintage Rolex watches.



(detail of case back)



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**+197**

**ROLEX. A VERY FINE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS AND RED DEPTH RATING**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, 50M = 165FT, TURNO-O-GRAPH, REF. 6202, CASE NO. 1'950'769, CIRCA 1953

**Movement:** automatic, 2 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, dot baton and dagger luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bidirectional revolving bezel calibrated for 60 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 35 mm. diam., overall length approx. 170 mm.

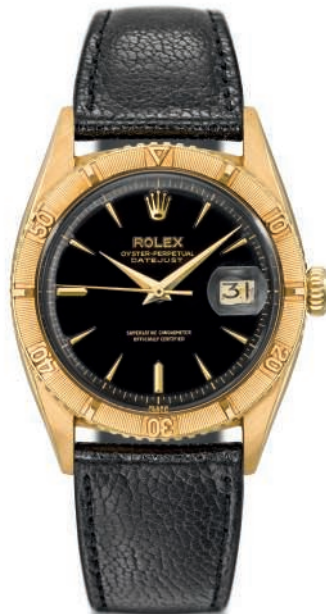
**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Jubilee* bracelet, deployant clasp

CHF20,000-30,000

\$20,000-30,000

€19,000-28,000

The reference 6202 was in production for a short time, there are a number of different dial designs available. The present one, featuring the red depth rating at 6 o' clock is indisputably among the rarest. Furthermore, the dial is fully original, down to the luminous material. A note of historical interest is given by the fact that the present example is among the first to feature the Mercedes hands, which are introduced right around this time.



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**ROLEX. A VERY FINE, RARE AND ATTRACTIVE 18K GOLD AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE AND BLACK GLOSS DIAL**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER-PERPETUAL, DATEJUST, THUNDERBIRD MODEL, REF. 6609, CASE NO. 148'678, CIRCA 1956

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1066, 25 jewels

**Dial:** black, gloss, dagger and baton applied numerals, roulette date

**Case:** screw back, bidirectional revolving "Thunderbird" bezel graduated for 60 minutes

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam.

**With:** 18K gold *Rolex* buckle

CHF10,000-15,000

\$10,000-15,000

€9,400-14,000

In production from 1956 to 1959, reference 6609 is the second model of the Datejust Turn-o-Graph line. This line of timepieces consists essentially in Datejust models fitted with a revolving bezel, allowing for a very basic chronographic function "activated" by aligning the 0 mark of the bezel with the minute hand at the moment one wants to start counting time. Elapsed time can be subsequently read on the bezel.

Reference 6609 will become universally known to the collectors' community as "Thunderbird" due to its appearance on an advertisement as the official timepiece of the American acrobatic squadron - the Thunderbirds.

The present piece is highlighted by a very rare and wonderfully preserved black gloss dial, in lieu of the usual white matte dial, and its overall superior condition, noticeable especially on the bezel: all the engravings and details appear to be absolutely crisp and unmolested. The brevet case and original brevet crown are the final touches to this absolutely honest, highly collectible and downright iconic timepiece.



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**+199**

**ROLEX. A FINE AND VERY RARE 18K GOLD AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE AND BRACELET, MADE FOR THE KING KHALID MILITARY ACADEMY, SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONAL GUARD**

SIGNED ROLEX, DATEJUST MODEL, REF. 16258, CASE NO. 6'375'033, CIRCA 1979

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3035, 27 jewels

**Dial:** silvered "soleil", applied gold baton numerals, luminous accents, window for date, central insignia of the King Khalid Military Academy, Saudi Arabian National Guard

**Case:** screw back and screw down crown, revolving machined calibrated bezel

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36.5 mm. diam. overall length of bracelet approximately 170 mm

**With:** 18K gold *Rolex Jubilee* bracelet, endlinks stamped 49, deployant clasp

CHF6,000-10,000

\$6,000-10,000

€5,700-9,400

CHF6,000-10,000

\$6,000-10,000

€5,700-9,400

Certainly a special order piece, the present watch is the only publicly known example of this reference with the special dial made for the King Khalid Military Academy, National Guard of Saudi Arabia, furthermore it is preserved in excellent overall condition, the gold *Rolex Jubilee* bracelet complements it perfectly.

Reference 16258 is a rare and unusual model of Datejust only made in small numbers at the end of the 1970s and early 1980s. Its distinctive feature is the unusual solid metal calibrated bezel reminiscent of the famous Rolex "thunderbird" bezels of the 1950s. It is powered by the *Rolex* caliber 3035 movement introduced in 1977.

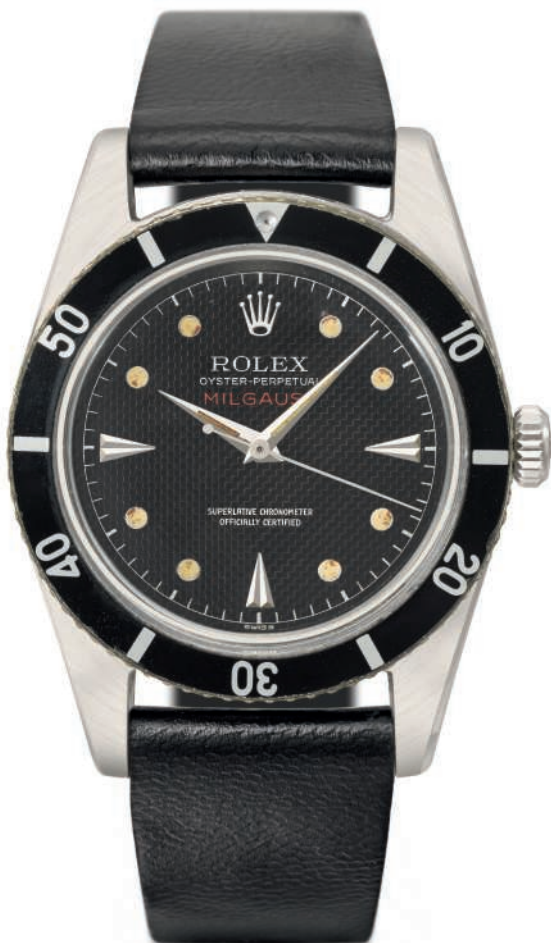
## ROLEX MILGAUSS

One of the most fascinating models made by Rolex starting from the 1950s is the Milgauss, a watch made to withstand magnetic fields of up to 1000 Gauss.

Rolex's ethos was to devote some of its production to the manufacture of watches for scientific professionals working out in the field. The most highly specialized watch devised for this purpose is the Milgauss, it works on the principle of the Faraday cage - a soft iron band bracing the movement on reference 6543 and a soft iron container enveloping the entire movement in the near contemporary reference 6541.

Lot 200 is an example of the very rare first Milgauss reference 6543 - in production for three years from 1955 to 1957. Lot 201, shows the progression of the Milgauss design with reference 1019, the final vintage model originally launched in 1963.

The Milgauss was only ever sold in very small numbers, finally being discontinued in 1988. Rolex reintroduced the model in 2007 to critical acclaim, the new model quickly became highly collectible. A rarer "green glass" version is offered here as Lot 202.



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**ROLEX. AN EARLY, VERY RARE AND ATTRACTIVE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC ANTI-MAGNETIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS AND HONEYCOMB DIAL**  
SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, MILGAUSS, REF. 6543, CASE NO. 145'111, CIRCA 1955

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1080, 25 jewels

**Dial:** black, honeycomb, luminous dot and applied dagger numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bidirectional revolving bezel graduated for 60 units.

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 37 mm. diam.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex* deployant clasp, undated Guarantee card and Chronometer Certificate card.

CHF150,000-250,000

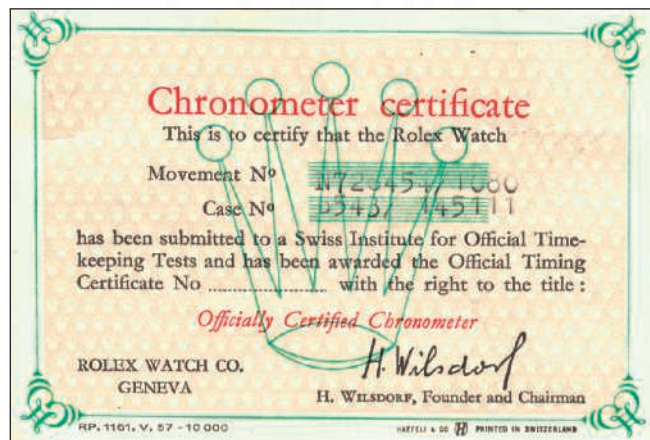
\$150,000-250,000

€150,000-230,000

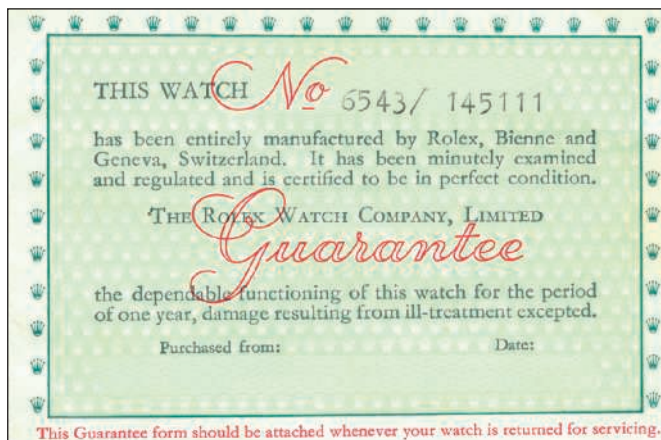
In the 1950s, Rolex began to actively and intensively pursue the market for professional watches. Possibly the most specialized of the timepieces devised over that time is the Milgauss, dedicated to the extremely rarified market of professionals working with high magnetic fields. Reference 6243 - in production for three years from '55 to '57 - is the first Milgauss model released. It will be joined the same year by the longer-lived reference 6541.

Reference 6543 achieves very high anti-magnetic properties thanks to a very thick case back and a soft iron band bracing the movement. This is a different approach than the nearly contemporary reference 6541, which instead achieves the faraday cage effect (magnetic isolation) through an inner soft iron container enveloping the entire movement. The case features the typical Rolex revolving bezel. Early examples mounted a black insert with "Submariner-style" graphics, which will soon be modified with the dagger markers typical of the Milgauss models.

A curious detail of this reference is the lugs width: it is slightly narrower than the canon 20 mm., thus preventing the attachment of a bracelet.



(Rolex Chronometer certificate)



(Rolex guarantee)

REF. 6543  
"MILGAUSS"



# MILGAUSS



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### ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC ANTI-MAGNETIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS AND BRACELET

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, MILGAUSS, REF. 1019, CASE NO. 6'136'669, CIRCA 1979

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1580, 26 jewels, gilt anti-magnetic cap

**Dial:** black, applied baton numerals with luminous accents, luminous hands, sweep centre seconds hand with red arrow tip

**Case:** screw down back and crown

**Signed:** case, dial, and movement

**Dimensions:** 37.5 mm. diam. overall length of bracelet approximately 190 mm

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet stamped 78360, endlinks stamped 585, deployant clasp.

CHF16,000-26,000

\$16,000-26,000  
€15,000-24,000

Launched in 1963, reference 1019 is the third and final vintage evolution of the Milgauss line. It is one of the most specialized watches ever made by Rolex, and because of this it – like its two previous brethren ref. 6541 and 6543 – never achieved high production volumes, which ultimately led to the line discontinuation in 1988. The Milgauss however maintained an iconic status among collectors, given its rarity and its embodiment of the typical Rolex philosophy of creating highly specialized professional timepieces. This eventually led to the revival of the line in the early 2000s.

Rolex designed the Milgauss model for use in areas of high electromagnetic fields found in laboratories and electro-engineering. The model was only available in stainless steel. Its name is derived from the Greek "Mil" for thousand and "Gauss", the unit to measure magnetism. A normal watch movement can withstand to 70-90 Gauss whereas the Milgauss keeps its incredible precision in a magnetic field up to 1000 Gauss.

The present watch demonstrates the scarcity of parts in the Rolex factory for the reference 1019 Milgauss model, many later examples such as the present watch, made in 1979, were still fitted with case backs stamped with earlier dates, this watch is punched 11.70 to the inside back. There are several known instances of this anomaly with the 1019, with case backs dating from 1968-70 fitted to watches as late as 1983.



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## +202

### ROLEX. A FINE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC ANTI-MAGNETIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, GREEN-TINTED CRYSTAL, BRACELET, GUARANTEE AND BOX

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, MILGAUSS, REF. 116400GV, CASE NO. V729464, CIRCA 2010

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3131, 31 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, applied luminous baton numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 190 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, deployant clasp, *Rolex Garantie Internationale* card dated 2 March 2010 and stamped by Bologna retailer *Ferdinando Veronesi*, green cardholder, product literature

CHF6,000-9,000

\$6,000-9,000  
€5,700-8,400

The present example is offered by a prominent Italian collector in absolutely new-old-stock condition, still retaining the protective plastic stickers to the case and bracelet.

When Rolex resurrected the historical Milgauss line at Basel '07, the model was acclaimed by critics and market alike. The green glass version – or "Vetro Verde" as it is known to Italian collectors – soon became a cult model. The inspiration from the historical Milgauss models are obvious. The case is highly reminiscent of reference 1019, while the dial layout, most notably the "thunderbolt" hand, is a legacy of the first references 6543 and 6541. Due to its appeal and commercial success, it is highly difficult to find an example in such absolutely pristine condition as the one offered today.





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**ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE UNWORN 18K PINK GOLD "EVEROSE" AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, BLACK RUBBER "OYSTERFLEX" BRACELET, 18K PINK GOLD "EVEROSE" DEPLOYANT CLASP, CERTIFICATE AND BOX SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, YACHT-MASTER, REF. 116655, CASE NO. 7L39T810, MANUFACTURED IN 2016**

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3135, 31 jewels  
**Dial:** matte black, luminous dot, baton and triangular numerals  
**Case:** screw-down back, matte black Cerachrom bezel  
**Signed:** case, dial and movement  
**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam. Overall length of bracelet approximately 160 mm  
**With:** Rolex Oysterflex bracelet, 18K pink gold "Everose" deployant clasp, Garantie printed *Boite d'Or, Alba* and dated 30th August 2016, sales tags, product literature, box and outer packaging

CHF20,000-40,000	\$20,000-40,000
	€19,000-37,000

The present watch is in mint condition, completely unused, still retaining the factory protecting seals on both the watch and clasp and the retail sales tags. This lot provides the perfect opportunity to obtain immediately this hard-to-get model.

Launched in 2015 to wide acclaim, the new 40 mm. "Everose" pink gold Yacht-Master reference 116655 and its 37 mm. counterpart reference 268655 were an instant success and have ever since been very difficult to obtain.

"Everose" is Rolex's own special pink gold alloy which does not fade over time, it contains in addition to gold, copper, and a small amount of platinum, it is made in Rolex's own foundry.

Aficionados also appreciate the matte black dial and matte Cerachrom black bezel which gives the watch a unique appearance rarely found on modern sports watches. To complement the overall style a new form of rubber bracelet called the "Oysterflex" with titanium-nickel alloy core was developed especially for this model.

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**ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE UNWORN 18K PINK GOLD "EVEROSE" AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, BLACK RUBBER "OYSTERFLEX" BRACELET, 18K PINK GOLD "EVEROSE" DEPLOYANT CLASP, CERTIFICATE AND BOX SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, YACHT-MASTER, REF. 268655, CASE NO. 7J07J783, MANUFACTURED IN 2016**

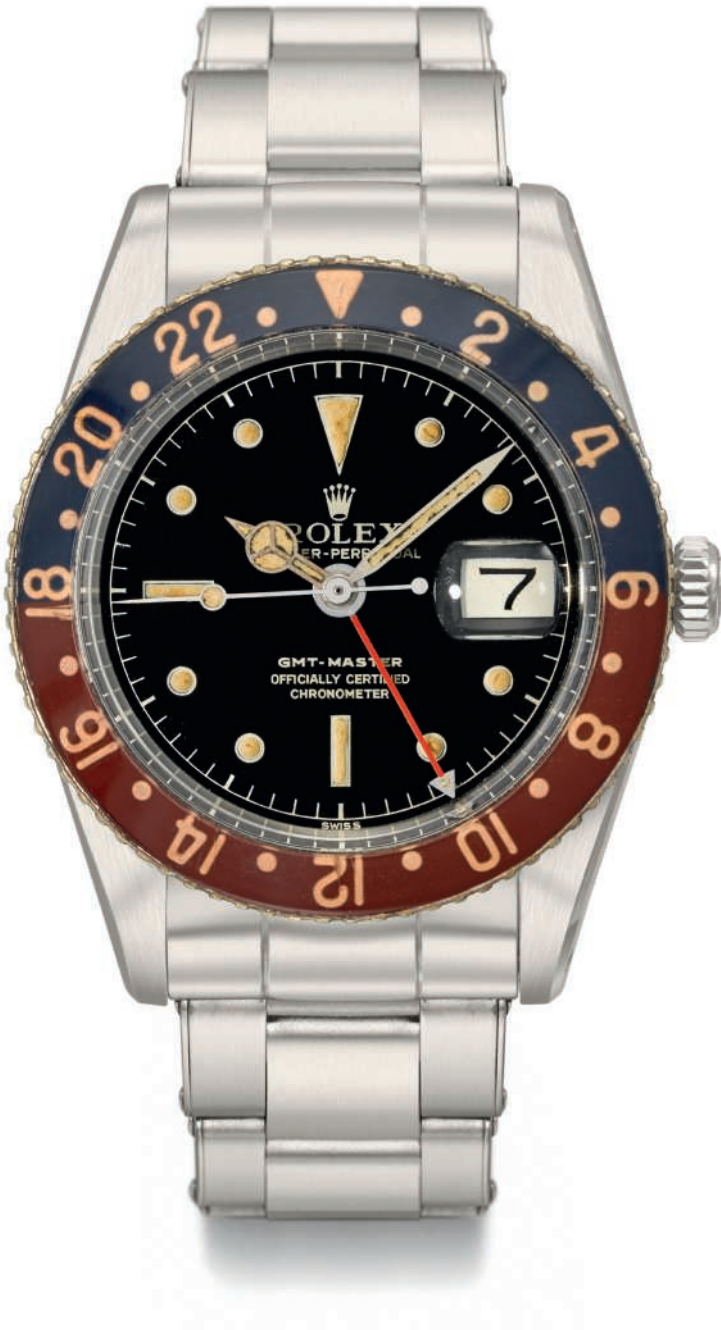
**Movement:** automatic, cal. 2236, 31 jewels  
**Dial:** matte black, luminous dot, baton and triangular numerals  
**Case:** screw-down back, matte black Cerachrom bezel  
**Signed:** case, dial and movement  
**Dimensions:** 37 mm. diam. Overall length of bracelet approximately 160 mm  
**With:** Rolex Oysterflex bracelet, 18K pink gold "Everose" deployant clasp, Garantie printed *Boite d'Or, Alba* and dated 30th August 2016, sales tag, product literature, box and outer packaging

CHF16,000-32,000	\$16,000-32,000
	€15,000-30,000

The present watch is in mint condition, completely unused, still retaining the factory protecting seals on both the watch and clasp and the retail sales tags. This lot provides the perfect opportunity to obtain immediately this hard-to-get model.

Furthermore, the 37 mm. Yacht-Master model such as the present watch are fitted with a different movement caliber to the larger model, the caliber 2236 was launched in 2014 is the first movement to be fitted with the Rolex Syloxi (silicon) hairspring.

REF. 6542  
**"GMT Bakelite"**



**ROLEX GMT-MASTER**

No other watch so immediately evokes the glamorous world of 1950s international air-travel as the Rolex GMT-Master. Advertised at the time as being *"the ideal watch for air-pilots, ships' captains, travelers and businessmen"*, the GMT-Master has a fourth arrow-tipped hand for the display of a second time zone with corresponding 24-hour numerals on the bezel. The model was developed at the instigation of Pan American Airlines (Pan Am) who asked Rolex to produce a watch on which two time zones could be read simultaneously. Originally, pilots set the additional hand to Greenwich Meantime, hence the origin of the model's name "GMT-Master". Lot 205 is an extremely rare example of the first reference 6542 in production between 1954 and 1959. The distinctive red and blue bezel of this and later models has become nicknamed the "Pepsi" by collectors. Lot 206 is another rare GMT-Master, reference 1675 in gold dating from the 1970s.

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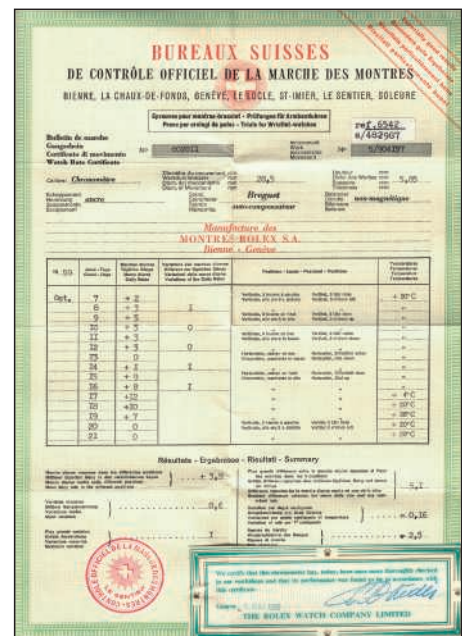
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**ROLEX. AN EARLY, FINE AND VERY RARE STAINLESS STEEL DUAL TIME AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, BRACELET AND COSC CERTIFICATION SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, GMT-MASTER, REF. 6542, CASE NO. 482'987, CIRCA 1959**

**Movement:** automatic, jeweled  
**Dial:** black, gloss, dot baton and dagger luminous numerals, luminous hands  
**Case:** screw back, bidirectional revolving bakelite bezel graduated for 24 hours  
**Signed:** case, dial and movement  
**Dimensions:** 38 mm. diam., overall length approx. 190 mm.  
**With:** stainless steel Rolex Oyster expandable bracelet, deployant clasp stamped "2.59", *Bureaux Suisses de Controle Officiel de la Marche des Montres* certification mentioning « Especially Good results » date 4 May 1960

CHF80,000-120,000

\$80,000-120,000  
 €75,000-110,000

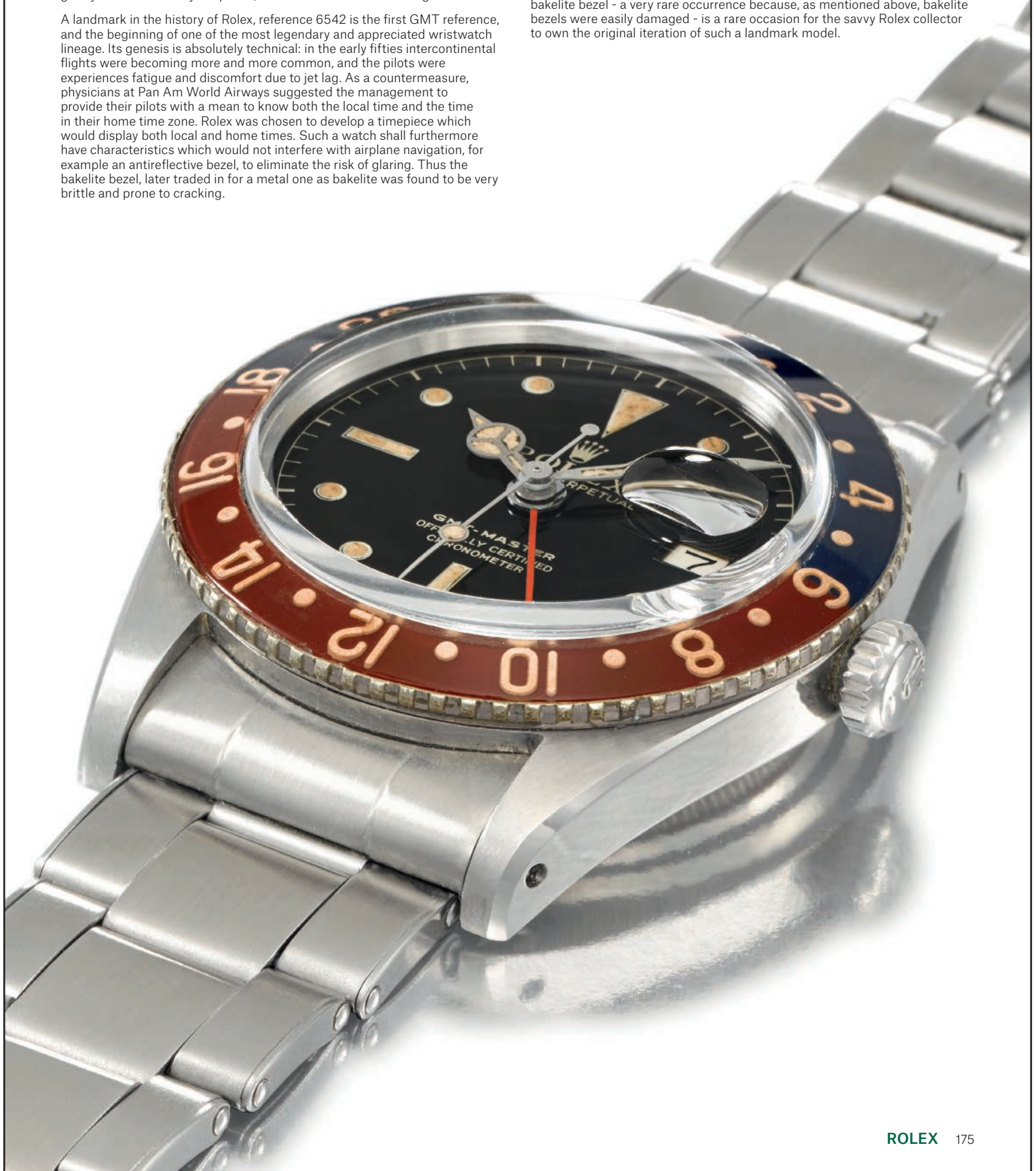


(COSC certificate)

The present example of reference 6542 is offered by an important Italian private collector. It impresses with the exceptional condition of its dial: it is one of those rare instances where the passage of time seems to have had hardly any effect on the overall looks of the dial. It maintains its luxurious glossy sheen absolutely unspoiled, as are all the scales and designations.

A landmark in the history of Rolex, reference 6542 is the first GMT reference, and the beginning of one of the most legendary and appreciated wristwatch lineage. Its genesis is absolutely technical: in the early fifties intercontinental flights were becoming more and more common, and the pilots were experiences fatigue and discomfort due to jet lag. As a countermeasure, physicians at Pan Am World Airways suggested the management to provide their pilots with a mean to know both the local time and the time in their home time zone. Rolex was chosen to develop a timepiece which would display both local and home times. Such a watch shall furthermore have characteristics which would not interfere with airplane navigation, for example an antireflective bezel, to eliminate the risk of glaring. Thus the bakelite bezel, later traded in for a metal one as bakelite was found to be very brittle and prone to cracking.

It is now apparent that the watch designed by Rolex for this project was not only technically compliant with PanAm demands, but it was also a landmark of watchmaking design, so much that it soon became one of the most globally recognized and appreciated timepieces by any brands. It goes without saying that an example of reference 6542 complete with its wonderfully preserved bakelite bezel - a very rare occurrence because, as mentioned above, bakelite bezels were easily damaged - is a rare occasion for the savvy Rolex collector to own the original iteration of such a landmark model.



# GMT-MASTER



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**ROLEX. A FINE 18K GOLD AUTOMATIC TWO TIME-ZONE WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, BROWN NIPPLE DIAL, 24 HOUR BEZEL AND DATE**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, GMT-MASTER, SUPERLATIVE CHRONOMETER OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED, REF. 1675, CASE NO. 3'672'837, CIRCA 1974

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1570, 26 jewels

**Dial:** matte brown, "nipple" luminous gold dot, baton and dagger numerals, window for date

**Case:** screw back and screw down crown, brown 24 hour bezel

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** gold plated *Rolex* buckle

CHF10,000-15,000

\$10,000-15,000  
€9,400-14,000

The reference 1675 in gold with brown nipple dial is a favourite with collectors and a Rolex classic of the early 1970s. The harmony of the brown dial and bezel with the gold case enhances the appeal of this model.



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**ROLEX. A FINE 18K GOLD AUTOMATIC DUAL TIME SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS WRISTWATCH WITH DATE**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, GMT-MASTER II, REF. 16718, MOVEMENT NO. 5889256, CASE NO. N194402, MANUFACTURED IN 1991

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3185, 31 jewels

**Dial:** black with luminous dot and baton numerals, central 24 hour hand, magnified window for date

**Case:** screw back and screw down crown, bidirectional black rotating bezel calibrated for 24 hours

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, inside case back ref. 16710

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** *Rolex* gold-plated buckle

CHF10,000-15,000

\$10,000-15,000  
€9,400-14,000

The present watch, reference 16718, is the rarer gold version of the reference 16710 GMT-Master II. Production of the reference 16710 began in 1989 and continued until 2007, it replaced the ref. 16760. The new model features a slimmer case design. The gold version such as the present watch has reference 16718 as engraved between the lugs, the inside case back is engraved with the generic series reference 16710.

# GMT-MASTER

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## ROLEX. A STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC DUAL TIME WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE AND BRACELET

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, GMT-MASTER II MODEL, REF. 16760, CASE NO. 8'669'142, MANUFACTURED IN 1985

**Movement:** Automatic, cal. 3085, 27 jewels

**Dial:** black, luminous dot, baton and dagger numerals, central hand for second time zone, magnified window for date

**Case:** screw down back and crown, revolving black and red bezel calibrated for 24 hours

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

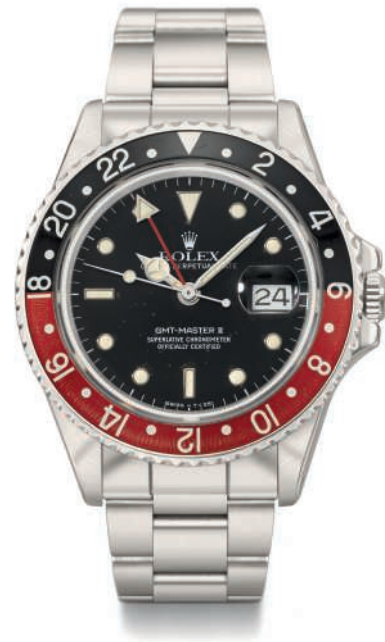
**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam; overall length approximately 170 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet stamped 78360, endlinks stamped 580, deployant clasp

CHF4,000-6,000

\$4,000-6,000  
€3,800-5,600

The present watch is the so-called "Fat Lady" model. Reference 16760 features an extra-thick case, some 1 mm. thicker than its successors, as well as a thicker bezel and crown guards. This has led collectors to affectionately nickname it the "Fat Lady". Reference 16760 was also the first GMT to be produced exclusively with a sapphire crystal.



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**+209**

## ROLEX. A FINE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC DUAL TIME WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, BRACELET, GUARANTEE AND BOX

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, GMT-MASTER II, REF. 116710LN, CASE NO. V725403, CIRCA 2009

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3186, 31 jewels

**Dial:** black, gloss, dot baton and dagger applied luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bidirectional revolving bezel with black insert graduated for 24 hours

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 205 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, deployant clasp, Garantie Internationale stamped by Milan retailer *F.lli Pisa* and dated 1 January 2010, product literature, sale tag, fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF4,000-6,000

\$4,000-6,000  
€3,800-5,600

Consigned by the original owner and offered in absolutely "as new" condition, the present ref. 116710LN has never appeared on the market and was retailed by the historical and prestigious Fratelli Pisa in Milan, Italy.

### GMT Master II reference 116710LN

The GMT Master II reference 116710LN was introduced at the Basel World Fair in 2007, the "LN" for "Lunette Noir", French for black bezel. The Oyster case was upgraded and differed from its predecessor by the "super case" including larger lugs with vertical satination instead of diagonal, coarser satination of the lugs than of those of the earlier model, triplock crown instead of twinlock, AR (anti-reflective) coating of the cyclops lense, green GMT or 24 hour hand, green "GMT MASTER II" writing on the dial, "Maxi Dial", e.g. larger hands and larger indexes, ceramic bezel insert with platinum-filled numbers as opposed to the anodized aluminium bezel insert of the, the bracelet with solid, polished centre links, heavier and more complicated construction of the clasp, including a hidden "Easy Link".



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REF. 6238  
"Pre-Daytona Black Dial"



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**ROLEX. A FINE AND VERY RARE STAINLESS STEEL  
CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BLACK DIAL  
AND BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, CHRONOGRAPH, REF. 6238,  
CASE NO. 1'206'608, CIRCA 1965

**Movement:** mechanical, cal. 722, 17 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, applied baton numerals, luminous accents,  
luminous hands

**Case:** screw back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam.: overall length approx. 200 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet stamped "71" and  
"7205" to the endlinks, deployant clasp stamped "4.66"

CHF80,000-120,000

\$80,000-120,000

€75,000-110,000

The present example of reference 6238 is distinguished not only by its black dial, but also by its superlative condition. Black dials are extremely rare on reference 6238 in sharp contrast with nearly contemporary references 6239/6240/6241 which instead present a well-balanced output of silvered and black dials. Not only the present example features this rare and highly appealing dial variation, but it is undoubtedly one of the best preserved such dials to appear on the market, with no trace of marks or scratches and flawlessly preserved scales and designations.

A final note of collectability is the presence of the original bracelet bearing endlinks stamped 71. A true collectible in itself, this coveted accessory is most probably original to the piece: the clasp is stamped 4.66, indicating the bracelet was manufactured in the fourth quarter of the year 1966, in perfect accord with a case manufactured at the end of 1965.

For a note on reference 6238, see lot 211.

# REF. 6238 "Pre-Daytona Grey Dial"

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## ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BRACELET AND WARRANTY

SIGNED ROLEX, CHRONOGRAPH, REF. 6238, CASE NO. 1'479'196, CIRCA 1966

**Movement:** mechanical, cal. 722, 17 jewels

**Dial:** silvered, sunburst, applied baton numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 200 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet stamped "71" and "7205" to the endlinks, deployant clasp stamped "4.67", guarantee stamped Orologeria Luigi Verga dated 25 November 1967

CHF30,000-50,000

\$30,000-50,000

€29,000-47,000

### Reference 6238

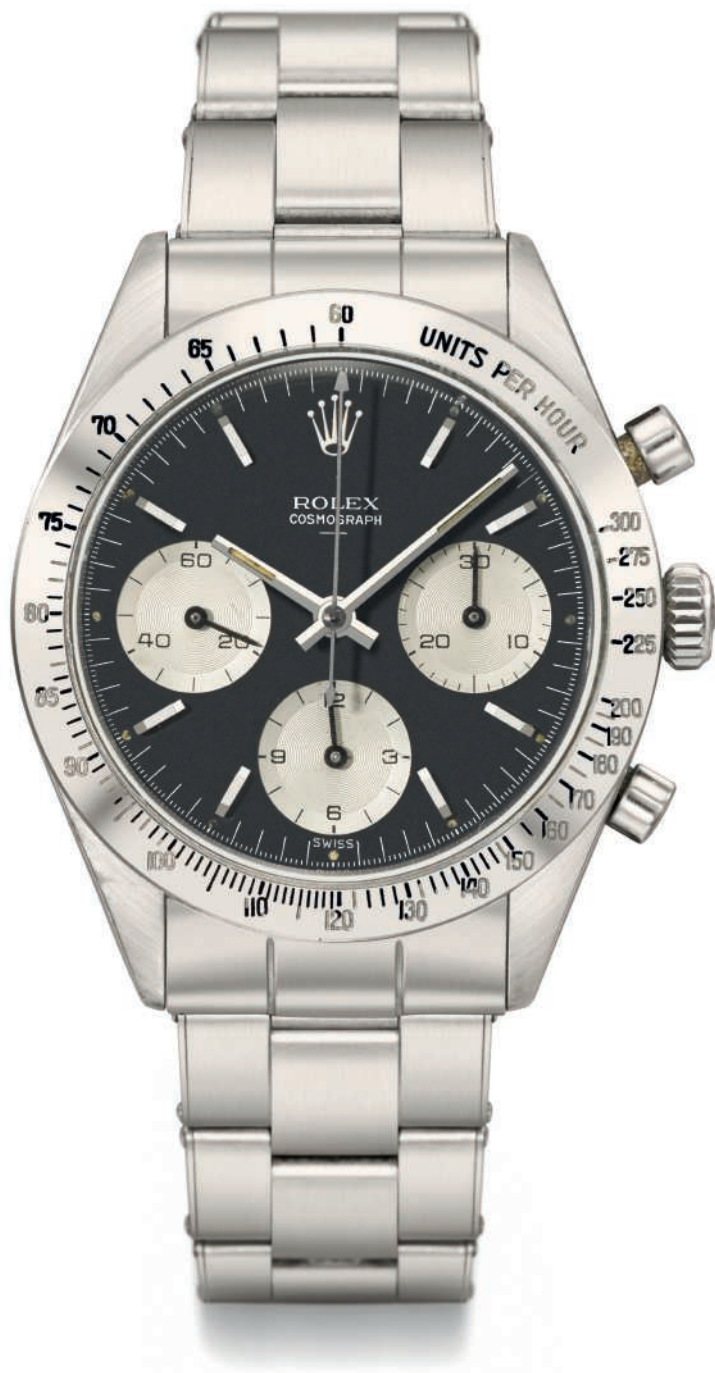
Reference 6238 can be considered the first of the "modern-conception" vintage Rolex chronographs: it is the precursor to one of the most successful chronograph models by any manufacturer, the Daytona, and indeed it is nicknamed the Pre-Daytona. Technically, the model already bears nearly all the traits which will be present in the subsequent evolutions, the calibre can be 72B or 722, the same found in early Daytona chronographs; the dial layout is virtually the same of reference 6239, and the Oyster chronograph case also bears all the attributes of its future iterations. The main differences are the monochrome dial and, most importantly, the presence of the tachymeter scale on the dial rather than on the bezel (though some examples bearing the scale on the bezel are known).

The present example of reference 6238 is offered in excellent condition by an important Italian private collector.



REF. 6239

*"Double Swiss Underline Black Dial"*



#### THE MANUAL-WINDING ROLEX COSMOGRAPH

No other model of Rolex watch focuses so much attention as the Cosmograph, its many dial variations and different references now so intensely sought after by collectors, it can be said quite unequivocally to be the most desirable vintage series production watch in the world.

Lots 212, 214, 215 and 221 are fine and varied examples of the first Cosmograph reference 6239, introduced in 1963 as the next development of the "Pre-Daytona" reference 6238 (see lots 210 & 211) with engraved tachymeter scale on the bezel instead of on the dial. The 6238 in fact continued in production concurrently with the 6239 until 1967. The "Daytona" signature can be found from 1964 signifying Rolex's sponsorship of the 24-Hour Daytona race held at Daytona Beach, Florida. 1965 saw the introduction of the fully waterproof reference 6240 with screw-down chronograph pushers.

**+212**

#### **ROLEX. AN IMPORTANT, EARLY AND EXTREMELY RARE STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BLACK DUBLE SWISS UNDERLINE DIAL AND BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX COSMOGRAPH, REF. 6239,  
CASE NO. 923'227, CIRCA 1963

**Movement:** mechanical, cal. 72B, 17 jewels, stamped "ROW"

**Dial:** black, matte, applied baton numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bezel engraved with tachymetre scaled graduated to 300 units per hour

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36.5 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 195 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* expandable bracelet, deployant clasp

CHF100,000-150,000

\$100,000-150,000

€94,000-140,000

The present timepiece can be considered one of the most collectible, rare, historically important and attractive Rolex Daytona to ever grace the market.

It is, in fact, an extremely rare black double swiss underline Daytona.

The history of the double swiss underline dials is rooted in the Rolex manufacturing procedures: rather than being simple aesthetic caprices, both the double swiss designation and the underline mark have a technical "raison d'être".

It is well known that, in order to deplete stocks of parts leftover from previous models, Rolex tended to use them on the first pieces of the subsequent model. This is precisely what happened with the double Swiss dials. They are dials originally intended for reference 6238 used on the very early examples of reference 6239. Once the dials were mounted on the new model, Rolex technicians realized that the bezel of reference 6239 covers the swiss designation, thus prompting the need of a second, higher "Swiss". This is also the reason why double swiss dials can be found only on the first batch of 6239 watches, bearing case number 923'xxx.



REF. 6239

***"Double Swiss Underline Black Dial"***

The history of the underline symbol is a little more obscure, but it is widely accepted that it indicated the presence of tritium on the dial instead of radium. In fact, it is precisely at the beginning of the 1960s that watchmakers, realizing that public awareness (and regulations worldwide) were against the radioactive radium, switched the luminous material to the much less radioactive tritium. It is conceivable that there was some confusion on how to convey to the consumer the fact that the dial had tritium rather than radium, and this one most probably a first trial. Eventually the market at large settled for the well-known "T Swiss T" designation (and its variations).

While double swiss underline dials in white are a rare bird, the black version is the proverbial unicorn. It is estimated that less than 20 pieces were made in total: a level of rarity equal to that of the 6263 Paul Newman Oyster Sotto.

Last, but not least, the movement of this timepiece as well bears an interesting, and absolutely correct, trait: the ROW stamp. This stamp was reserved for watches retailed in North America, and in fact the Daytona

model was first launched in the USA in 1963, making its appearance in Europe only in 1964. This marketing move was probably dictated by at least two factors: the sporty, car-racing marketing Rolex reserved for the watch was arguably deemed to be more effective on the American market, at least at the beginning. Actually, at the time Rolex sponsored both Daytona and LeMans car races, and the eventual choice of the former as the name for the Cosmograph has more than a little to do with similar considerations. Secondly, let's not forget that what is now worldwide known as "daytona", at the time was intended to be marketed as "Cosmograph", exploiting the wave of space-philia spreading worldwide at the time. And such a trend was nowhere stronger than in the U.S.A.

A similar model is prominently described and illustrated in *Ultimate Rolex Daytona* by Pucci Papaleo, pp. 108 - 111.



# REF. 6239

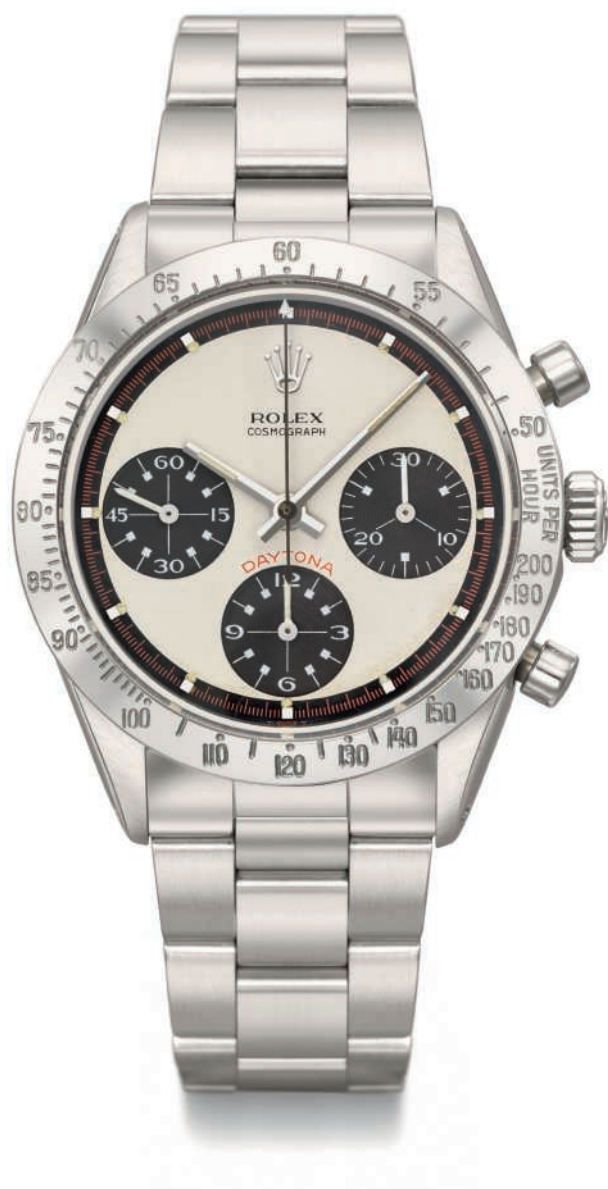
## "Paul Newman"

### THE "PAUL NEWMAN" DIAL COSMOGRAPH DAYTONA

The word iconic, however much a cliché, is the only one suitable to describe the Rolex Cosmograph Paul Newman Daytona. Rolex Cosmographs with a Paul Newman dial are now one of the ultimate goals of the Rolex collector.

Described by Rolex at the time as "exotic", this particular and very distinctive dial design with its square-headed subsidiary indexes would have a seismic effect on the vintage watch collecting market many years later. The nickname "Paul Newman" is thought to have first originated in the early 1980s after the "King of Cool" was shown wearing a Rolex Cosmograph with "exotic" dial in old publicity shots from the 1970s. He had apparently received it as a present from his wife in 1969.

The following lots comprise a dazzling and exceptional selection of Paul Newman Cosmograph Daytonas including references 6239, 6241, 6264, 6262 and 6263. All these pieces are immensely desirable in their own right with some world-class rarities amongst them including Lot 217 with flawlessly preserved dial, Lot 218 – the gold 6264 tropical "lemon" dial and Lot 223 – the 6263 Oyster Sotto.



**+213**

### ROLEX. A VERY FINE AND RARE STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH PAUL NEWMAN DIAL, BRACELET AND BOX

SIGNED ROLEX, COSMOGRAPH, DAYTONA, REF. 6239, CASE NO. 1'875'537, CIRCA 1968

**Movement:** mechanical, cal. 722-1, 17 jewels

**Dial:** white, matte, applied square numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bezel engraved with tachymetre scale graduated to 200 units per hour

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36.5 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 200 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, deployant clasp, *Rolex* Guarantee booklet bearing nos. "6239/161-000-4" and stamped by *Bucherer*, Service Estimate dated 12 December 2016, copy of *Bucherer* invoice, product literature, two green leather document holders, box and outer packaging

CHF90,000-140,000

\$90,000-140,000

€85,000-130,000

The present watch can be considered the Paul Newman archetype: in fact, this is among the very first Daytonas to be fitted with a Paul Newman dial. The first appearance of this hallowed dial is indeed around 1967, and this watch was produced just the following year.

Given its exceptional condition, this dial is the ideal textbook on which to study the subtle differences present on these early Paul Newman versions. The most apparent of these is the Swiss designation at 6 o'clock. It is slanted to the sides, with the center markedly higher than the extremities. This so-called "sing-a-song" style is found only on early Paul Newman versions, and it is later abandoned in favor of linear, more modern graphics. Interestingly, when the outer track is white, the Swiss designation is printed red in one passage. On black outer tracks, such as in the present piece, the process is two-step: first the designation is printed white, and then a red layer is printed on top of the white one. It is thought this process was intended to make the red more bright and contrasting. It appears that three-color white Paul Newman dials – with red divisions on black outer track – later tend to be superseded by examples with white fifth of a second divisions, most probably because of the increased contrast provided by the white on black color scheme.

A final touch of refinement is given to the present watch by its distinguished retailer, as it was originally purchased at the prestigious Bucherer jewelry, considered a landmark of Swiss luxury. Interestingly, the Guarantee paper does not bear the case number of the watch, but the number "161-000-4", which is beyond any reasonable doubt the internal Bucherer identification number for the item.



# REF. 6239



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**+214**

**ROLEX. A VERY FINE AND EARLY STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BRACELET, ADDITIONAL BLACK DIAL, GARANTIE, INVOICE AND BOX**  
SIGNED ROLEX, COSMOGRAPH, REF. 6239, CASE NO. 923'477, CIRCA 1963

**Movement:** manual, cal. 72B, 17 jewels

**Dial:** silvered brushed, applied baton numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back stamped 6238, screw down crown, bezel with tachymeter scale graduated to 300 units per hours

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36.5 mm. diam. overall bracelet length approx. 180 mm.

**With:** stainless steel riveted *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, deployant clasp, Garantie stamped by Barcelona retailer *Union Suiza* and dated 28 January 1967, original invoice from the same retailer dated 4 February 1967, additional black dial, additional hands, additional bracelet links, green document holder and presentation box

CHF30,000-40,000

\$30,000-40,000

€29,000-37,000

The present watch is one of the very first Daytona wristwatches ever made, as denoted by its 923'xxx serial number, considered the lowest one can find on this model. Furthermore, scholars agree that the first few batches of Daytona chronographs made in 1963 were sold in the USA, and only from 1964 Rolex started its commercialization in Europe.

The very first Daytonas were fitted with dials and case backs originally produced for the previous Rolex chronograph, reference 6238, the pre-Daytona: the dials were only marked "Swiss" below 6 o'clock, the case backs stamped 6238 to the inside. The movements used were calibre 72B, those on watches destined for the US market stamped "ROW".

The present reference 6239 is an interesting "hybrid" of this very early model. Sold in Barcelona in 1967, as documented both by the Union Suiza original guarantee and invoice, it features the "T-Swiss-T" dials found on later series of reference 6239, matching its year of sale. The movement is the correct calibre 72B, however without the mention "ROW". The case back is the early version stamped 6238.

The reason for above is left to speculation but in any case, this reference 6239 might be the only documented 923xxx serial Daytona sold outside of the USA.

The watch was purchased by the uncle of the present owner at Barcelona's prestigious retailer Union Suiza in 1967 and has remained in the same family ever since, the original documents, the second dial, hands and box preciously kept, adding to its desirability. It is furthermore preserved in very good original overall condition, a fine trophy for the collector of rare timepieces.



(detail of original invoice)

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**ROLEX. A VERY FINE STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BRACELET**  
 SIGNED ROLEX, COSMOGRAPH, DAYTONA "CHERRY RED" MODEL, REF. 6239, CASE NO. 1'597'251, CIRCA 1967

**Movement:** manual, cal. 722-1, 17 jewels

**Dial:** satine silver, applied baton numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands, three sunken engine-turned subsidiary dials for constant seconds, 30 minutes and 12 hours registers

**Case:** screw back, screw down crown, bezel calibrated to 200 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam., overall length of bracelet approximately 170 mm.

**With:** stainless steel riveted *Rolex Oyster* bracelet stamped 7205, end links stamped 57, deployant clasp

CHF60,000-100,000

\$60,000-100,000  
 €57,000-94,000

The present watch is an excellent example of the reference 6239 "cherry red" Daytona from the final period of production. The caliber 722-1 which had evolved from the caliber 72 B was only used in the reference 6239 between 1967 and 1969. The present watch is one of the earlier examples to be fitted with a caliber 722-1 movement. The ROW stamp on the balance wheel bridge indicates the watch was imported to the United States.

Reference 6239, the very first model of the celebrated "Daytona" series, succeeded reference 6238 and could be found in sales catalogues in Europe as of 1964. It is thought though that the model was available in the US already in 1963. Available in stainless steel, 14K and 18K gold, reference 6239 was the firm's first chronograph with the tachometre scale engraved on the bezel and the subsidiary dials printed in a different color than the main dial for better readability. The dials of the early models featured only the designation "Cosmograph", referring to the outer space travels of the early 60s. The "Daytona" was added on later series watches such as the present watch to mark Rolex's sponsorship of the renowned NASCAR stock car race.

For detailed descriptions and illustrations of the dial and bezel variations of reference 6239 see *Rolex Daytona - a legend is born* by Carlo Pergola, Stefano Mazzariol, Giovanni Dosso, pp. 44 - 61.

Different versions of reference 6239 in regard to case material and dial layout are furthermore described and illustrated in *I Cronografi Rolex - La Leggenda*, Pucci Papaleo Editore, pp. 296-303.



REF. 6241

*"Paul Newman John Player Special"*



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**ROLEX. A FINE, EXTREMELY RARE AND ATTRACTIVE 14K GOLD CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BLACK "JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL PAUL NEWMAN" DIAL**

SIGNED ROLEX, COSMOGRAPH, DAYTONA, PAUL NEWMAN JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL MODEL, REF. 6241, CASE NO. 1'697'092, CIRCA 1967

**Movement:** manual, Cal. 722, 17 jewels

**Dial:** black matte dial, applied black square numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands, fifth of a second divisions on sunken champagne track, three sunken champagne engine-turned subsidiary dials for constant seconds and 30 minutes and 12 hours registers

**Case:** screw back, screw down crown, black bezel with tachymetre scale graduated to 200 units per hour

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, movement engraved ROW

**Dimensions:** 37.5 mm. diam.

**With:** 18K gold Rolex buckle

CHF200,000-400,000

\$200,000-400,000

€190,000-370,000



(detail of case back)

REF. 6241  
"Paul Newman John Player Special"

Fresh to the market, the present 14K gold example of the stunning Paul Newman John Player Special, reference 6241, distinguishes itself by its superb dial, amazing patination of the gold case and the survival of the original caseback sticker after 50 years.

Manufactured in 1967, this watch has indeed been used and enjoyed, probably during the first few years after it was bought. What is clearly evident is that it must have been stored away entirely unused for many years, the passage of time giving the gold case the rich, deep blueish patination over almost the entire surface that is so desirable to find on a vintage watch. Furthermore, although worn, the *Rolex* green and gold caseback sticker is still intact, an extremely rare survival.

The condition of this dial is as attractive as this model is rare: virtually flawless.

Produced between 1966 and 1969, reference 6241's total production amounts to roughly 3000 pieces, slightly less than 400 in 14K gold. It is an educated guess that only a fraction of these were fitted with the Paul Newman dial, either in gold or in this case, in black. Beyond its aesthetics, John Player Special reference 6241 is an extremely rare model. Less than 10 examples in 14K gold with black Paul Newman dial have appeared at auction in the last 20 years.

Models in 14K gold, such as the present watch, were exclusively reserved for the North American market, the movement is engraved with import code *ROW* on the balance cock confirming it as an export piece for the United States.

On the 21st of April, 1985, a young Brazilian driver gained his first great Formula One victory in the Portuguese Grand Prix held at Estoril. That day, Ayrton Senna started his racing career by crossing the finishing line for Team Lotus sporting the John Player Special livery in a vehicle that is still today regarded as one of the most 'beautiful' racing cars of all time. The colours of that car, totally black with contrasting gilt details and trimmings, are still synonymous with elegance and charm. The reference 6241 black dial Paul Newman echoes that elegance and charisma.

For detailed descriptions and illustrations of reference 6241 see: *Rolex Daytona - a legend is born*, Carlo Pergola, Stefano Mazzariol, Giovanni Dosso, pp. 94-108

A similar example is illustrated and described in: *Ultimate Rolex Daytona*, Pucci Papaleo, pp. 256-259



REF. 6241  
"Paul Newman"



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**ROLEX. AN EXTREMELY FINE AND VERY RARE STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH PAUL NEWMAN DIAL AND BRACELET SIGNED ROLEX, COSMOGRAPH, DAYTONA, PAUL NEWMAN MODEL, REF. 6241, CASE NO. 1'765'361, CIRCA 1968**

**Movement:** mechanical, cal. 722-1, 17 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, applied square numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bezel with black insert graduated to 200 units per hour

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 37 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 200 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, deployant clasp

CHF100,000-150,000

\$100,000-150,000

€94,000-140,000



(detail of makers mark on reverse of dial)



# REF. 6241 "Paul Newman"

Reference 6241 was introduced in 1965, and remained in production for 5 years only, being discontinued in 1969. It is distinguished by a number of traits which makes it one of the most appealing vintage Rolex references: it holds historical interest in being the first time the combination of black bezel and pump pushers is seen on a Daytona, and the short production run renders it one of the rarest Daytona models produced by Rolex.

The present example is offered for the first time on the public market, consigned by an important Italian collector who acquired it over two decades ago and preserved it in flawless condition until today. It is distinguished not only by, obviously, its Paul Newman dial, but also by its absolutely fully original, unrestored condition. It is known that reference 6241 presents 2 different case profiles: a rounder one until '66, and later a more oval one, characterized by a slight protrusion in correspondence of the crown. The present piece correctly features the second series case, as expected from a watch made in 68. Furthermore it features the original bezel and the correct calibre 722-1, used only in the last examples of the reference – an update from cal. 722 found on all the other examples of the model.

The dial, beyond its rarity, is preserved in simply spectacular condition: no blemish marks the surface, and the only sign of ageing is a very light patina noticeable on the subsidiary dials and outer track. The Swiss designation at 6 o'clock correctly features the "sing-a-song" style, characterized by higher fonts at the center and shorter at the sides, giving it a sloping appearance. This is found only on early Paul Newman dials – later ones present a flat style – and indeed, as it turns out, this is among the earliest such dials ever produced, as the appearance of this design is recognized around 1.6M case numbers (around 1966/67), and this watch features case number 1.765M.

Considered condition, rarity and overall stunning looks, it is safe to count the present piece among the most attractive and collectable examples of reference 6241 to ever appear on the market.





REF. 6264  
"The Paul Newman Tropical Lemon Dial"

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~+218

**ROLEX. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE AND POSSIBLY  
UNIQUE 18K GOLD CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH  
WITH TROPICAL LEMON DIAL AND WHITE  
NUMERALS INSIDE THE SUBSIDIARY DIALS**

SIGNED ROLEX, COSMOGRAPH, DAYTONA, PAUL  
NEWMAN MODEL, REF. 6264, CASE NO. 2'357'384,  
CIRCA 1970

**Movement:** manual, cal. 727, 17 jewels

**Dial:** lemon, applied square gold numerals with luminous  
accents, luminous hands, outer gilt fifths of a second divisions  
on formerly black - now turned chocolate brown - chapter ring,  
three engine-turned formerly black - now turned chocolate  
brown - subsidiary dials for constant seconds, 30 minutes and  
12 hours registers with white numerals

**Case:** screw back, screw down "Twinlock" crown, black acrylic  
bezel calibrated for 200 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, caseback reference 6241

**Dimensions:** 37 mm. diam.

**With:** Rolex gold-plated buckle

CHF500,000-800,000

\$500,000-800,000  
€470,000-750,000





A highly important new discovery and entirely fresh to the market with only two previous owners, the *Rolex* gold 6264 Paul Newman tropical lemon dial is a watch that almost nobody knew existed until recently. Not only breathtakingly attractive, it combines all of the rarest attributes that a collector could possibly imagine in a gold Paul Newman Daytona.

The present watch is at the very top level of desirability ranking amongst the world's most coveted Cosmographs. It is one of the most, if not the most important gold Paul Newman Daytona wristwatch ever to be offered at auction.

Until around five years ago, remarkably, this spectacular watch had remained in the possession of the original owner. It was then sold to the present owner, an important private collector in whose hands it has remained until consigned for this auction.

What really sets the pulse racing when one is first confronted with this watch is the realization that both the outer minute/fifths of a second ring and all three subsidiary dials have tropicalized from black to an even rich chocolate brown. It is the only known example of its kind on this reference where both the outer ring and the subsidiary dials are tropicalized. Furthermore, the luminous accents have equally tropicalized to an intense dark brown, further enhancing the overall effect.

This incredible tropicalization comes on top of the fact that the dial is an extremely rare variant in its own right. The so-called "lemon" Paul Newman refers to the pale hue of the background colour, very few examples are known and the shade can vary from watch to watch from pale straw to almost yellow. Furthermore, it is distinguished by the white printing on the engine-turned subsidiary dials, again, only a handful of dials with this configuration are known. *Rolex* usually produced yellow gold Paul Newman Cosmographs with champagne/gilt numbers and indexes on their totalizers which blend with the tonality of the dial as a whole, instead, the white numbers and indexes on the present watch sharply contrast with the dark background providing a rather striking visual addition to the overall effect.

This dial can therefore be considered a remarkable phenomenon combining the rarest dial variant of the gold Paul Newman with wonderful tropicalization together in one exceptional dial.

Only four examples of the 18K gold reference 6264 are known publicly with a lemon dial with white printed subsidiary numerals, of these four, one other example is known to be tropicalized. That incredibly beautiful and ultra-rare

specimen exhibits a different tropicalization phenomena in that only the outer minutes/seconds ring has changed to chocolate brown whilst the subsidiary dials have remained black. Interestingly, although not of course unexpectedly, both that watch and the present watch have serial numbers in close proximity:

No. 2'357'384 - the present watch - both outer minutes/seconds ring and subsidiary dials tropicalized

No. 2'357'468 - outer minutes/seconds ring tropicalized only

In fact all the four known gold 6264 watches with this configuration of lemon dial with white sub dial printing have serial numbers in the same 2'330'\*\*\* to 2'357'\*\*\* bracket. One example each of gold references 6239 and 6263 also exhibit this dial type. Of a total of six known pieces across three references, only two pieces including the present watch have tropicalized dials.

This elite and rarified group of gold reference 6264 all share the same technical specifications:

manufactured in 1970

case by *C.R. Spillmann S.A.* with reference 6241 screw back

caliber 727 movement

The earliest watch of the four gold 6264 Paul Newman with lemon dial and white numerals inside the subsidiary dials (not tropicalized) is illustrated and described in:

*100 Superlative Rolex Watches*, John Goldberger, pp. 254-255.

Amongst all of the Cosmograph Daytonas, reference 6264 is one of the rarest, considered by collectors to be a transitional model, it was in production for only three years between 1969 and 1972.

Together with reference 6262, it was the last *Rolex* chronograph watch featuring the simple round push-down buttons. All future Cosmograph references, starting with references 6263 and 6265, bear screw down chronograph buttons. Reference 6264 was available in stainless steel, as well as 14K and 18K gold. It has a bezel with black acrylic insert and white tachymetre graduation.

REF. 6264

*"The Paul Newman Tropical Lemon Dial"*



REF. 6264  
"Steel Paul Newman"



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**ROLEX. A VERY FINE, EXTREMELY RARE AND HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH PAUL NEWMAN DIAL, BRACELET AND BOX**

SIGNED ROLEX, COSMOGRAPH, DAYTONA, PAUL NEWMAN MODEL, REF. 6264, CASE NO. 2'372'828, CIRCA 1970

**Movement:** mechanical, cal. 727, 17 jewels

**Dial:** white, matte, applied square numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bezel with black insert featuring tachymetre scale graduated to 200 units per hour

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 37 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 195 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, deployant clasp, sale tag, green presentation box

CHF150,000-300,000

\$150,000-310,000

€150,000-280,000

When Rolex introduced their new chronographic calibre 727 in 1969, most of the Daytona line was upgraded. Reference 6239 – pump pushers and metal bezel – became reference 6262, and reference 6241 – pump pushers and black bezel – became the present reference 6264. Reference 6240, with black bezel and screw pushers, did not receive an immediate upgrade. This is probably because the market was originally quite wary of the screw pushers to the point of some customers complaining the prominent buttons would wear down shirt's cuffs. However, after few years, in 1972, the superior waterproof capabilities of the screw pushers case was fully recognized, and not only reference 6240 was upgraded with the new calibre – spawning two references: 6263 and 6265, with respectively black and metal bezels – but furthermore references 6262 and 6264 were at the same time discontinued. This decision resulted in these two references being the Daytona models with the shortest production run: only 4 year from '69 to '72, and consequently among the most difficult to obtain.

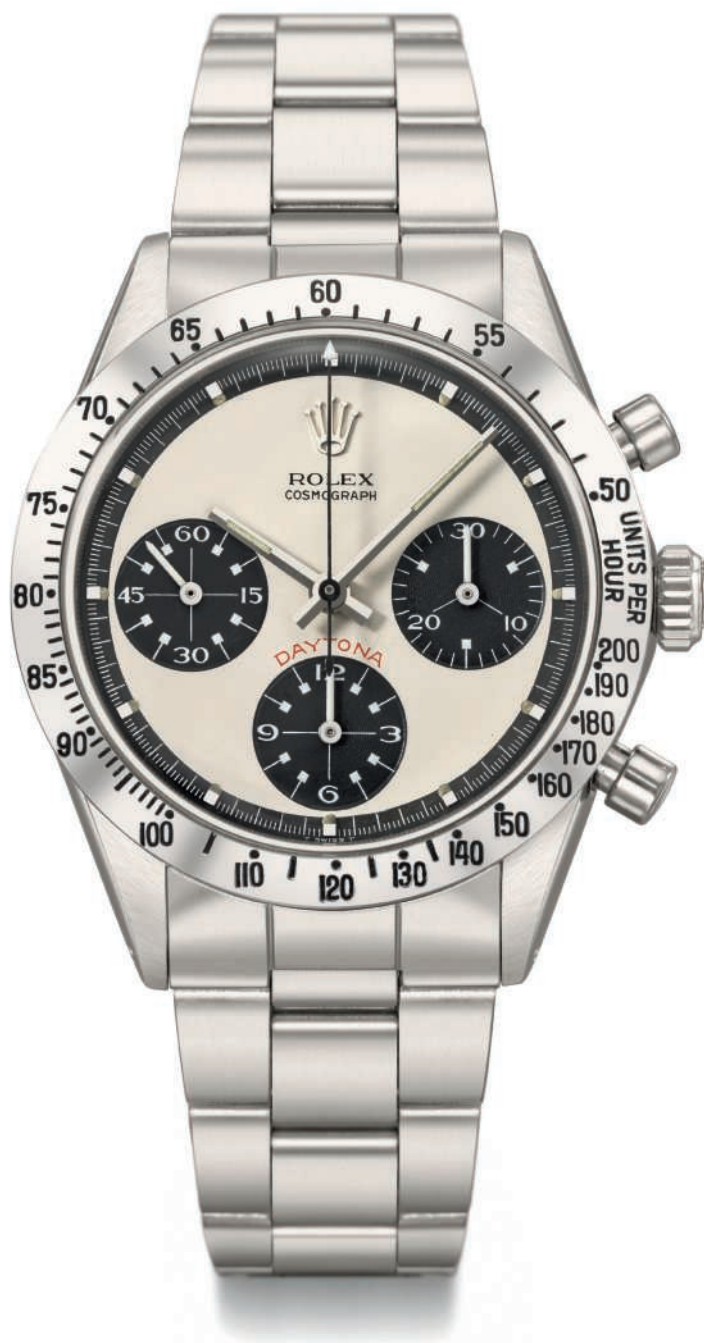
The present piece not only is an extremely well-preserved example of this highly collectible reference, but it furthermore features the hallowed "Paul Newman" dial – or "exotic", as it was at the time called by Rolex. It is interest to note how the dial correctly lacks the "Oyster" designation, as in fact the case is not an Oyster case due to the lack of screw pushers, and features a flat Swiss designation, as opposed to the sloped "sing-a-song" designation found on earlier Paul Newman versions.

The bracelet ref. 7835 with endlinks stamped 271 and clasp dated 2.71 is a perfectly correct match for the watch and adds a final layer of appeal to this already highly remarkable timepiece.

REF. 6264  
*"Steel Paul Newman"*



REF. 6262  
"Steel Paul Newman"



+220

**ROLEX. A VERY FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH PAUL NEWMAN DIAL, BRACELET AND BOX SIGNED ROLEX, COSMOGRAPH, DAYTONA, REF. 6262, CASE NO. 2'413'933, CIRCA 1970**

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 727, 17 jewels

**Dial:** white, matte, applied square numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bezel engraved with tachymetre scale graduated to 200 units per hour

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 37 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 200 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, deployant clasp, blank *Rolex* Guarantee, Service Estimate dated 19 September 2016, additional mark III bezel, case back sticker, product literature, and green presentation box

CHF140,000-200,000

\$140,000-200,000  
€140,000-190,000

Reference 6264 and 6262 are the standard Rolex Daytona references – not counting bejeweled versions – with the shortest production run, and consequently among the rarest. The present lot completes the set inaugurated with the previous watch. Christie's is excited to offer both these exclusive models, furthermore with matching Paul Newman dials: a more than exceptional occasion for the avid collector of vintage Daytonas.

The present piece shines not only for its overall condition, but also for the presence the Guarantee paper, additional bezel, and crystal clear provenance, having been sold in this same room in May 2016. Furthermore, the piece was serviced by Rolex just a few months ago, which did not touch any of the watch parts, but simply clean and oiled the movement, restoring it to its former glory.

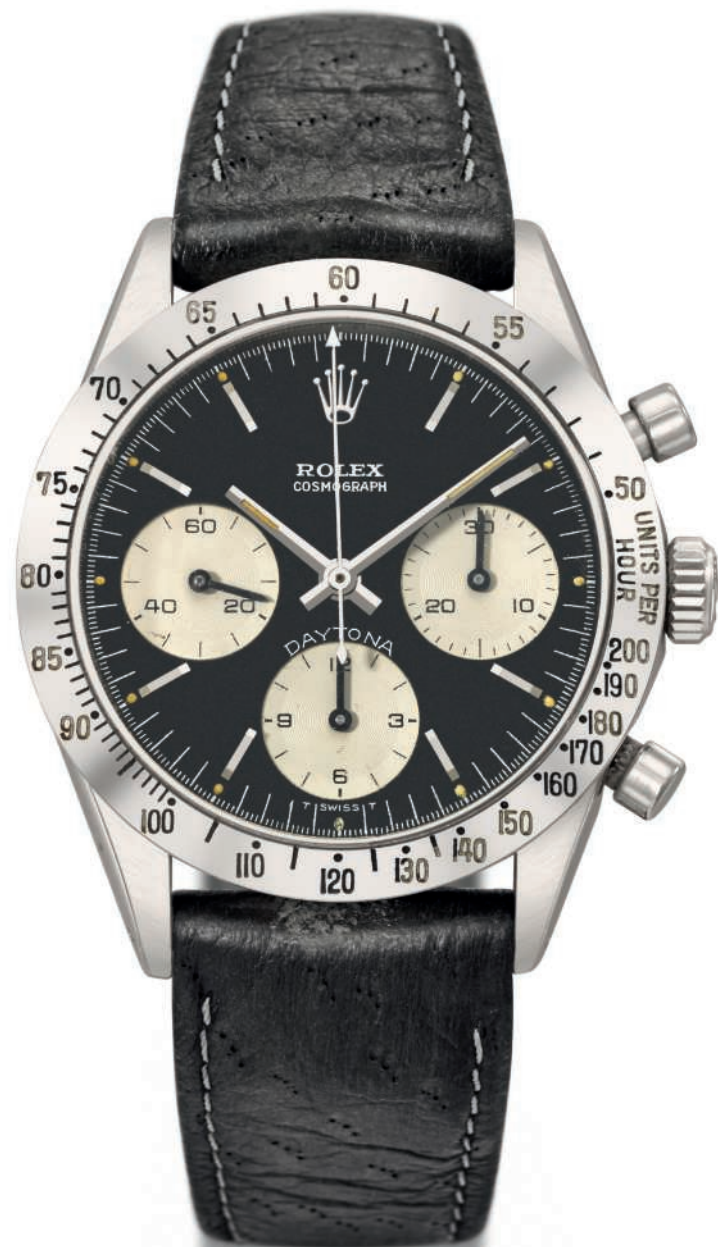
For a note on reference 6262 and 6264, see the previous lot.



REF. 6262  
"Steel Paul Newman"



REF. 6239  
"Steel Last Generation"



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**+221**

**ROLEX. A VERY FINE CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH LIGHT BLUE DAYTONA DIAL SIGNED ROLEX, COSMOGRAPH, DAYTONA, REF. 6239, CASE NO. 2'003'172, CIRCA**

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 722-1, 17 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, applied baton numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bezel engraved with tachymetre scaled graduated to 200 units per hour

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36.5 mm. diam.

CHF20,000-30,000

\$20,000-30,000

€22,000-32,000

Reference 6239 was in production from 1963 to 1969. It is the first "Cosmograph Daytona", the beginning of a legend which goes on today.

The present example is particularly interesting because of its dial layout: it bears a light blue Daytona signature. This kind of signature is usually found on reference 6262, which is nearly identical to 6239 but with an updated calibre 727. However, the very last pieces of reference 6239 were made virtually at the same time of the production of the first 6262s. These late models indeed can mount a 6262 dial, most probably because Rolex, having depleted the supply of proper dials, did not deem necessary to order a new batch just for the production tail, and instead adopted the new dials which were being made for the new reference.

The piece, beyond its rarity and unusual dial layout – in fact the light blue Daytona signature is incomparably rarer than the red one – offers an insight into the semi-industrial process watchmaking was at the time, and how Rolex approach was focalized on practical and effective solutions. Considering that the company marketed itself as the foremost maker of professional, reliable and efficient timepieces, one cannot avoid and point out how the same values were applied to their production methodology.

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**ROLEX. A FINE STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH  
WRISTWATCH WITH BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER, CHRONOGRAPH, DAYTONA,  
REF. 6263, CASE NO. 9'487'074,  
CIRCA 1986

**Movement:** mechanical, cal. 727, 17 jewels

**Dial:** silvered, brushed, applied baton numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 37.5 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 200 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, deployant clasp

CHF50,000-80,000

\$50,000-80,000  
€47,000-75,000

The present example of iconic reference 6263 is distinguished by its excellent overall condition. The case shows sharp edges and hardly any signs of wear, still retaining its green sticker to the back, and the dial as well is absolutely flawless. The luminous material has acquired a warm vanilla hue which emphasizes the vintage charm of the piece.



# REF. 6263

## "Paul Newman Oyster Sotto Mark I"

THE PROPERTY OF THE ORIGINAL OWNER

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**ROLEX. A VERY FINE AND EXCEPTIONALLY RARE, PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BLACK MARK 1 PAUL NEWMAN OYSTER SOTTO DAYTONA DIAL**

SIGNED ROLEX, COSMOGRAPH OYSTER DAYTONA, REF. 6263, CASE NO. 2'085'569, MANUFACTURED IN 1969

**Movement:** manual, cal. 727, 17 jewels

**Dial:** black matte dial, applied black enamelled square numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands, three white subsidiary engine-turned dials for constant seconds, 30 minutes and 12 hours registers, outer red fifth of a second and minute divisions on white chapter ring

**Case:** screw back, screw down crown, screw down chronograph buttons, black acrylic bezel calibrated for 200 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, reference 6263 between the lugs, caseback reference 6239

**Dimensions:** 37 mm. diam. Length of bracelet approximately 190 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, stamped 7835 and 19, endlinks stamped 571

CHF450,000-650,000

\$450,000-650,000

€430,000-610,000

The Paul Newman Oyster Sotto Daytona is unquestionably one of the ultimate goals for the Daytona collector. Amongst the extremely small number of such pieces produced, the watches with a Mark 1 dial are undeniably the rarest of the rare, near-unattainable trophies of the Rolex world.

Previously unknown to the auction market, the present Rolex reference 6263 Paul Newman Oyster Sotto Cosmograph Daytona is one of the most important examples of the model, furthermore, it is one of only three known Mark 1 Oyster Sotto watches and only the second example ever to be offered at auction.

Among the various versions of the Paul Newman exotic dial, the model sporting a black background is the most prestigious and sought after by collectors the world over. However, it is only ever found, with the exception of a handful of these "Oyster Sotto" examples, on the non-Oyster models such as references 6262 and 6264.

The present watch is one of that handful, probably less than 20 examples are known in total with Oyster "Sotto" designation whereby the "Oyster" designation is found below the word "Cosmograph" instead of above it. The Oyster "Sotto" (Italian for "Oyster underneath") dials were only fitted to a very, very few of the first reference 6263 water-resistant Oyster Cosmographs. The Paul Newman dial itself was discontinued relatively shortly after the introduction of reference 6263, so only low serial number watches were fitted with this style of dial presumably at the request of either clients or certain retailers.



Furthermore, some of these very special "first of the few" have dials with a distinctly different font type that can be classed as a "Mark 1" dial as they only appear on those watches with the very lowest serial numbers. Of all the Paul Newman Oyster Sotto watches publically known, only three examples including the present watch are publically known with Mark 1 dials. These watches were all manufactured in 1969 and, as would be expected, have serial numbers in extremely close proximity to each other in the 2'0855\*\* range, all are fitted with 6239 casebacks stamped C.R.S for the maker C.R. Spillmann S.A. and have caliber 727 movements.

The three known Oyster Sotto watches with Mark 1 dial are:

no. 2'085'563 - tropical dial

no. 2'085'569 - the present watch, black dial

no. 2'085'571 - black dial, illustrated in *100 Superlative Rolex Watches*, John Goldberger, pp. 260-261.

#### **Mark 1 Sotto Dial**

Only found on watches made in 1969 within the 2'0855\*\* serial number range, it is distinguishable by the very different font type for the "R" of Rolex which is wider and "fatter", the "G" in Cosmograph has a serif and shorter inward return and the "H" is more pronouncedly asymmetric.

#### **Mark II Sotto Dial**

Found on watches from the 2'1 million serial number range onwards, it is distinguishable by the very close legs of the "R" of Rolex with very pronounced serifs, the "G" of Cosmograph without serif and long return almost touching the inner curve, wider and more even "H".

#### **The "Sotto" Dial History**

The dials that have become legendary as the "Oyster Sotto" were originally intended for the non-waterproof references such as 6262 and 6264 which are signed "Rolex Cosmograph Daytona" only. When the new water-resistant "Oyster" case was introduced for the reference 6263 around 1969 it is clear that certain customers must have specifically requested that their watch should have an exotic dial of the type now known by collectors as the "Paul Newman". Of course no such dials existed yet specifically for the water-resistant Oyster model and therefore a small number of the already printed current non-Oyster dials were adapted with the addition of the word "Oyster" in plain font. As the dials were already pre-printed there was no option but to place the word "Oyster" below the words "Rolex Cosmograph". And thus an anomaly was created that exists in so few examples that it has become a pinnacle of desirability among Rolex Daytonas.



REF. 6263  
"Black Dial"



+224

**ROLEX. A FINE AND ATTRACTIVE  
STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH  
WRISTWATCH WITH BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER, COSMOGRAPH,  
DAYTONA, REF. 6263, CASE NO. 5'529'804,  
CIRCA 1978

**Movement:** mechanical, cal. 727, 17 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, applied baton numerals,  
luminous accents, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bezel with tachymetre scale  
graduated to 200 units per hour

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 37.5 mm. diam.; overall length  
approx. 190 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet,  
deployant clasp

CHF30,000-50,000

\$30,000-50,000

€29,000-47,000

# REF. 6263 "Steel Full Set"

THE PROPERTY OF A PRIVATE EUROPEAN COLLECTOR

+225

## ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BRACELET, ORIGINAL GUARANTEE AND BOX

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER COSMOGRAPH, DAYTONA, "BIG RED" MODEL, REF. 6263, CASE NO. 4'128'565, MANUFACTURED IN 1976

**Movement:** manual, cal. 727, 17 jewels

**Dial:** silvered, applied steel baton numerals and luminous accents

**Case:** screw back, screw down crown, black bezel calibrated for 200 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 37.5 mm. diam. overall length of bracelet approximately 195 mm.

**With:** stainless steel Rolex Oyster bracelet, stamped 78350 19, endlinks stamped 571, original Garantie stamped by *Begeer, van Kempen & Vos, Tilburg* and dated 14th June 1980, product literature and green Rolex box

CHF25,000-35,000

\$25,000-35,000

€25,000-34,000

The present watch is a well-preserved example of a "Big Red" Daytona reference 6263, the name derived from the bright red "Daytona" designation, a most popular model in today's market. Of private provenance it is furthermore distinguished by its very good overall condition and the presence of the original Guarantee.

Reference 6263 was introduced into the market in the early 1970s and was available in stainless steel, 14K and 18K gold. The model was fitted with the "Oyster" or "screw down" chronograph buttons and a bezel with black plastic insert, the tachymetre scale printed in white. The "Daytona" designation is found on examples from the mid-1970s onwards.

Different versions of the model are described and illustrated in: *Cronografi Rolex - La Leggenda, Pucci Papaleo Editore, pp. 328 - 335.*



# REF. 6265 "NOS Full Set"



+226

**ROLEX. A VERY RARE AND ATTRACTIVE STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BRACELET, GUARANTEE AND BOX**  
SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER, COSMOGRAPH, DAYTONA  
REF. 6265, CASE NO. R621'282, CIRCA 1988

**Movement:** mechanical, cal. 727, 17 jewels

**Dial:** silvered dial, baton numerals with luminous dots

**Case:** screw-down

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 37 mm. diam., overall bracelet length approx. 185 mm

With: stainless steel Rolex bracelet with folding clasp, guarantee stamped Orologeria Luigi Verga in Milan and stamped 8 March 1988, retailer receipt, product literature, presentation box with outer packaging

CHF80,000-120,000

\$80,000-120,000

€75,000-110,000

The present watch can be considered as one of the very last piece produced of reference 6265 bearing a case number starting with a R for the year 1988. Indeed, reference 6265 and 6263 (its black bezel sister) were introduced in the early '1970s until 1988. The clasp is stamped L7 which is dated 1987, denoting a perfectly appropriate production date just one year before the case. The bezel is a last series Mark III bezel, and the pusher with the wide ridge model 24-P302 with the Triplock 702 crown. Furthermore, the ultimate confirmation, the Rolex guarantee stamped Luigi Verga, is dated March 8th 1988, and is completely confirming all original pieces of the watch.

This 6265 R series can be considered as one of the very last manual winding Daytona produced by Rolex. As a matter of fact, the Geneva manufacture started to use the automatic caliber Zenith 4030 on model 16520 in 1988 the same year as the production of the 6263/ 6265 ceased. The fabrication of these two Daytona models overlapped in 1988. Therefore, the reference 6265 R series is very rare to find and can be considered as the very last manually wound Daytona manufactured.

On top of that, the condition of this reference 6265 is stunning. With its original green sticker noted 6265 in gilt on the back, sharp lugs, pristine dial and all original documents originally sold including the retailer receipt is the supreme confirmation of this watch authenticity and rarity that should delight all Rolex enthusiasts.

For detailed descriptions and illustrations of the different versions of reference 6265 see *I Cronografi Rolex - La Leggenda*, Pucci Papaleo Editore, pp. 336 - 349 and *Ultimate Rolex Daytona*, Pucci Papaleo Editore.



(detail of case back)



REF. 6265  
"NOS Full Set"



  
**ROLEX**  
OYSTER

6265-0



Montre No 6265/R/621282

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# REF. 6265

## "Yellow Gold Black Dial"



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### ROLEX. A RARE AND VERY FINE 18K GOLD CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BRACELET, BOX AND ORIGINAL GUARANTEE

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER, COSMOGRAPH, REF. 6265, CASE NO. 9'342'037, CIRCA 1986

**Movement:** manual, cal. 727, 17 jewels

**Dial:** black, applied baton numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands, three champagne engine-turned subsidiary dials

**Case:** screw back, screw down crown, two round screw down chronograph buttons in the band, bezel with tachymeter scale calibrated to a maximum of 200 units per hour

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 37 mm diam., overall length of bracelet approximately 180 mm

**With:** 18k gold Rolex Oyster riveted bracelet and deployant clasp, original Garantie stamped Roissard Gioielli and dated 26th July 1986, box and pouch

CHF80,000-120,000

\$80,000-120,000

€75,000-110,000

A very fine example of the reference 6265, furthermore the present watch is sold with the original Rolex certificate. The present example is the most lavish iteration of this model: in 18K gold with gold bracelet.

The reference 6265 is distinguished by its metal bezel with tachymeter scale, screw down chronograph buttons and caliber 727 movement. The bracelet itself is the rare version with riveted links and endlinks stamped 71, considered by the Rolex collecting community as a collectible in its own right. The alternation between the central polished link and outer brushed links adds flair and movement to the ensemble. A layer of historical appeal is given to this watch by its 9.3 million case back, denoting the production year 1986: this is the penultimate year that the manually wound Daytonas were manufactured. Indeed, a few months later in 1987, the manually wound Daytonas were discontinued in favor of the automatic versions.

As it often happens with Rolex, the case back bears a different reference number than the case: 6263. This is because the specifications of the case back for the two references are exactly the same, and thus the company was inclined to mount whatever case back was available during final assembly. The stamp CRS stands for the case maker Charles-René Spielmann.

REF. 6265

**"Yellow Gold Champagne Dial"****+228****ROLEX. A VERY RARE AND VERY FINE 18K GOLD CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER, COSMOGRAPH, REF. 6265, MOVEMENT NO. 17'347, CASE NO. 9'649'250, CIRCA 1987

**Movement:** manual, cal. 727, 17 jewels**Dial:** champagne, applied baton numerals, luminous accents, luminous hands  
**Case:** screw back, screw down crown and buttons, bezel with tachymeter scale calibrated to a maximum of 200 units per hour**Signed:** case, dial, movement**Dimensions:** 37.5mm diam. overall bracelet length approx. 195 mm.**With:** 18K gold riveted *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, end links stamped 71, 18K gold deployant clasp, punched Garantie stamped by Zurich retailer *S. Brunati Ag*, dated December 22nd 1987 and bearing country code 014 for Switzerland, *Rolex Service Centre Garantie* dated 28th April 2016, product literature and *Rolex* presentation box.

CHF60,000-100,000

\$60,000-100,000  
€57,000-94,000

Wonderfully preserved and recently serviced by Rolex, this is one of the very last manually wound Daytonas (of all references) to ever be manufactured. A layer of historical appeal is given to this watch by its 9.6 million case back, denoting the production year 1987: Indeed 1987 is the year the manually wound Daytonas were discontinued in favor of the automatic versions. Reference 6265 was launched around 1970, the majority were made in stainless steel. The present example is the most lavish iteration of the

model: in 18k gold with gold bracelet. Over a production period of about 17 years only up to 2000 examples were made in gold. Watches from the later production period, from the early 1980s and after have a movement number engraved on the plate beneath the balance. It is likely that this relates to the officially certified chronometer classification of the movement as it was during this period that the dials of the gold versions started to be printed with the legend: "Superlative Chronometer Officially Certified".

A cornerstone of a serious *Rolex* collection, reference 6265 is distinguished by its metal bezel with tachymeter scale, screw down chronograph buttons and caliber 727 movement. The bracelet is the rare version with riveted links and endlinks stamped 71, considered by the *Rolex* collecting community a collectible in its own right. The alternation between the central polished link and outer brushed links adds flair and movement to the ensemble.

The layer of oxidation noticeable between the chronograph pushers and crown, and also on some details of the bracelet, is the telltale mark of a watch which spent most of its life in a safety deposit box. Another testament to the care the present timepiece has seen throughout its life is the presence and extreme crispness of all the three stamps under the lugs. As often happens with Rolex, the case back bears a different reference number than the case: 6263. This is because the specifications of the case back for the two references are exactly the same, and thus the company was inclined to mount whatever case back was available during final assembly. The stamp CRS is the mark of the case maker Charles-René Spielmann.



REF. 16523  
"R-Series"



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**ROLEX. A FINE STAINLESS STEEL AND 18K GOLD AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH "FOUR-LINE" DIAL, BRACELET, ORIGINAL GUARANTEE AND BOX**  
SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH, DAYTONA, REF. 16523, CASE NO. R984139, CIRCA 1988

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4030, 31 jewels

**Dial:** black, "four-line", applied luminous gold numerals, three subsidiary dials with champagne chapter rings for constant seconds, 30 minutes and 12 hour registers

**Case:** screw back, 18K gold screw down crown and chronograph buttons, 18K gold bezel calibrated for 200 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 38.5 mm. diam.

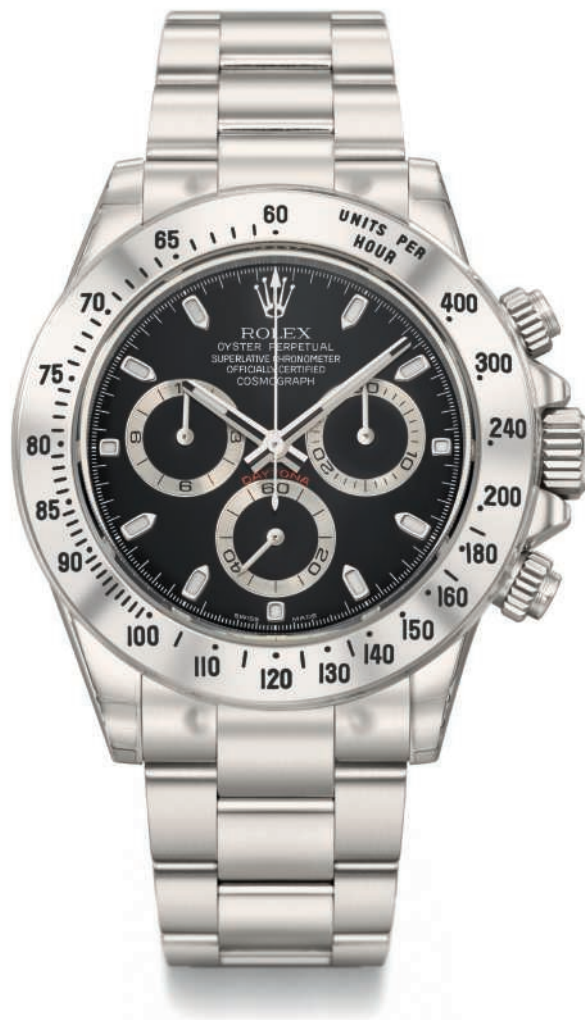
**With:** stainless steel and gold *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, deployant clasp, Garantie stamped *Watch Palace, Singapore* and dated 15th May 1989, chronometer tag, product literature, handkerchief, original wooden box and outer packaging

CHF12,000-18,000

\$12,000-18,000  
€12,000-17,000

The present watch is an example of the first automatic Cosmograph Daytona and presents a number of attributes that make it extremely appealing to the discerning collector.

Its overall condition is absolutely remarkable, close to new-old-stock. The dial presents the very attractive and unusual variation with "four line" text omitting the words "Officially Certified" even though the watch is of course chronometer rated, and the "inverted 6" on the hour counter dial. These features occurred together on some very early series watches although the "inverted 6" can be found on some watches up to about 1994-5. Furthermore, it features the highly sought-after "R serial", which classifies this timepiece as amongst the earliest production for the model. Last, but not least, it comes with its full sale kit. This is a rare opportunity for Rolex enthusiasts to acquire a very appealing specimen in nearly "time warp" condition.



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**ROLEX. A FINE NEW OLD STOCK STAINLESS STEEL  
 AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BRACELET,  
 BOX AND CERTIFICATE**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH, DAYTONA,  
 REF. 116520, CASE NO. V819884, CIRCA 2009

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4130, 44 jewels

**Dial:** black, luminous square and baton numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, screw down crown, two screw down chronograph buttons  
 in the band, bezel with tachymeter scale calibrated for 400 units per hour

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 39 mm. diam. overall length of bracelet approximately 190 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, deployant clasp, Garantie card  
 printed *Ferdinando Veronesi & F., Bologna* and dated 14th July 2010, product  
 literature, Official Chronometer tag, extra link, box and outer packaging

Preserved in exceptional unworn "new old stock" condition, retaining the  
 plastic bezel protection ring, all factory protective stickers and complete set  
 of accessories the present watch can be described as perfection for anyone  
 seeking an example of the steel Daytona 116520, one of the most sought  
 after modern Rolex watches.

The Cosmograph Daytona can be considered without a doubt among the  
 most successful and well known line of chronograph wristwatches ever  
 devised by any manufacturer. Introduced in 1963 with manually wound  
 reference 6239, it underwent through various evolutions before being  
 upgraded with an automatic movement around 1988 (reference 16520).  
 Reference 116520 was launched in 2000, the first Daytona equipped with a  
 fully in-house Rolex movement. In 2016 a new daytona version was launched,  
 ref. 116500LN, with black ceramic bezel.

CHF8,000-12,000

\$8,000-12,000

€7,500-11,000

# REF. 116519 "The Green Beach"

## DAYTONA BEACH AND THE DAYTONA EXOTICS

Rolex is a watch manufacturer who can alternate seamlessly from classic to avant-garde designs. This has been demonstrated numerous times over the decades. Introduced around the beginning of the new millennium, the *beach Daytonas* were available in four colors - green (lot 231), blue (lot 234), pink (lot 233) and yellow (lot 232) - the dials were made either in Chrysophrase (the blue and the green versions), or Mother-of-pearl (the yellow and the pink versions).

As Rolex is always looking for new, attractive and exotic materials from which to produce their dials, several other exceptionally beautiful Daytonas exist with sodalite dials (see lots 237 & 238), meteorite (lot 243) and the stunning diamond and sapphire model (lot 239).

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## ROLEX. A FINE NEW OLD STOCK 18K WHITE GOLD AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH CHRYSOPHRASE GREEN DIAL

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH DAYTONA, BEACH MODEL, REF. 116519, CASE NO. K636515, MANUFACTURED IN 2001

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4130, 44 jewels

**Dial:** green, applied roman numerals

**Case:** screw back, screw down chronograph buttons in the band, screw down crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** 18K white gold *Rolex* deployant clasp stamped 16519-D, Garantie dated 7th December 2005 and stamped by *Biondi Vercelli*, product literature and *Rolex* green fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF20,000-40,000

\$20,000-40,000

€19,000-37,000

This highly desirable *new old stock* white gold "Daytona Beach" with green dial is totally unworn, the factory seals are preserved intact as is the green hologram reference number sticker on the caseback. It is unusual to find such an exceptional unused example of this model, furthermore it is accompanied by the original certificate and box.



REF. 116519  
"The Yellow Beach"

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**ROLEX. A FINE 18K WHITE GOLD AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH YELLOW MOTHER OF PEARL DIAL**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH DAYTONA, BEACH MODEL, REF. 116519, CASE NO. D396839, CIRCA 2005

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4130, 44 jewels

**Dial:** yellow mother of pearl, applied roman numerals

**Case:** screw back, screw down chronograph buttons in the band, screw down crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** 18K white gold *Rolex* deployant clasp stamped 16519-D, Garantie dated 2nd May 2008 and stamped by *Luigi Verga, Milano*, product literature and *Rolex* green fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF20,000-40,000

\$20,000-40,000  
€19,000-37,000



# REF. 116519

## "The Pink Beach"

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### ROLEX. A FINE 18K WHITE GOLD AND PINK MOTHER OF PEARL AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH DAYTONA,  
BEACH MODEL, REF. 116519, CASE NO. P232627, CIRCA 2000

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4130, 44 jewels

**Dial:** pink mother of pearl, applied roman numerals

**Case:** screw back, screw down chronograph buttons in the band, screw down crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** 18K white gold Rolex deployant clasp stamped 16519-D, Garantie dated 21 October 2000 and stamped by *Oreficeria Luraghi, Saronno*, product literature and Rolex green fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF20,000-30,000

\$20,000-30,000

€19,000-28,000

The present watch is a lovely example of Daytona reference 116519.

Nicknamed the "Daytona Beach", possibly because of its playful looks, this model was available in 4 colors: green, blue, pink and yellow. The dials were made either of Chrysoptase (the blue and the green versions), or mother-of-pearl (the yellow and the pink versions), and the watches came with lizard straps matching the dial color. An instant classic, the Daytona Beach is one of the most collectible modern versions of the Daytona.





REF. 116519  
"The Blue Beach"

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**ROLEX. A FINE 18K WHITE GOLD AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH  
WITH TURQUOISE CHRYSOPHRASE DIAL**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH DAYTONA, BEACH MODEL,  
REF. 116519, CASE NO. Y402152, MANUFACTURED IN 2002

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4130, 44 jewels

**Dial:** turquoise, applied roman numerals

**Case:** screw back, screw down chronograph buttons in the band, screw down crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** 18K white gold Rolex deployant clasp stamped 16519-D, Garantie dated 29 May 2010 and stamped  
by La Montre Trieste, product literature and Rolex green fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF20,000-40,000

\$20,000-40,000

€19,000-37,000



REF. 116519

**"Diamond Indexes Yellow Mother-Of-Pearl Daytona"**

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**ROLEX. A FINE 18K WHITE GOLD AND DIAMOND-SET AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH YELLOW MOTHER OF PEARL DIAL**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH DAYTONA, REF. 116519, CASE NO. K894512, CIRCA 2001

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4130, 44 jewels

**Dial:** yellow mother of pearl, applied diamond-set square numerals

**Case:** screw back, screw down chronograph buttons in the band, screw down crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** 18K white gold Rolex deployant clasp stamped 16519, Garantie dated January 2003 and stamped by *Sironi Legnano*, product literature, sales tag and Rolex green fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF25,000-45,000

\$25,000-45,000

€24,000-42,000

Mother-of-Pearl has long been used on timepieces, but hardly ever as abundantly and as aesthetically effectively as on Rolex watches from the beginning of the century. Rolex had the simple and brilliant idea - in line with the brave and risk-taking market approach which gave birth to some exquisite gem-set timepieces such as lot 239 - of diversifying the raw material used and went beyond the usual white Mother-of-Pearl to pink and yellow variations as well, often underlining the dial color with a matching strap, such as in this case.

The present watch is one of the scarce models, such as its Yellow Beach brethren, to feature a yellow mother-of-pearl dial. Yellow mother of pearl does not only grant the piece a luxurious playfulness, but further amplifies its rarity as yellow mother-of-pearl is roughly twenty times as rare as the normal white quality. The addition of diamond-set numerals further boosts the exclusivity of the piece, and highlights its ineffable quality of fusing extreme luxury and importance with a light-hearted appeal. Few brands can be said to have achieved such a successful blend of what appear to be two diametrically opposite traits.



REF. 116519

*"Diamond Indexes White Mother-Of-Pearl Daytona"*

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**ROLEX. A FINE 18K WHITE GOLD AND DIAMOND-SET AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH YELLOW MOTHER OF PEARL DIAL**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH DAYTONA, REF. 116519, CASE NO. D877308, CIRCA 2005

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4130, 44 jewels

**Dial:** yellow mother of pearl, applied diamond-set square numerals

**Case:** screw back, screw down chronograph buttons in the band, screw down crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** 18K white gold Rolex deployant clasp stamped 24650, Garantie dated 2007 and stamped by *Gioielleria Santolini, San Marino*, product literature and Rolex green fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF25,000-45,000

\$25,000-45,000

€24,000-42,000

This watch allows us to see how Rolex continuously updates the design of their timepieces with the most subtle of changes. Details that are lost to the first or even the second glance, but which underline how, for the manufacturer, the search for the perfect legibility, the ultimate balance, the most appealing immediate effect is achieved also through the smallest details. Obviously, Rolex's quest for perfection is destined to remain unfulfilled, with the taste of the market ever changing, but it is most illuminating to see how this endless search is performed with minute incremental adjustments.

Less than five years have passed since the production of the past lot. That is not a long time for the horological field, where a model can remain in production for decades, but it is an even less important timeframe for a piece realized in such small amounts as the yellow mother-of-pearl 116519. And yet, even in such a short time, even on such a rarefied timepiece, we find a subtle dial evolution: the hands have become thicker, and the Daytona designation is now further removed from the edge of the subsidiary seconds dial. Of course, these are upgrades hardly noticed without in depth study, but it is precisely because of their apparent negligibility that they provide an insightful window into the mysterious universe of Rolex Design Department.



# REF. 116519

## “Diamond Indexes Sodalite Underline Daytona”

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### ROLEX. A FINE 18K WHITE GOLD AND DIAMOND-SET AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BLUE SODALITE “UNDERLINE” DIAL

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH DAYTONA, REF. 116519, CASE NO. K306618, CIRCA 2001

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4130, 44 jewels

**Dial:** blue sodalite, applied diamond-set square numerals

**Case:** screw back, screw down chronograph buttons in the band, screw down crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** 18K white gold Rolex deployant clasp stamped 16519, undated Garantie stamped by *Cerrod Joyeros, Mexico*, product literature and Rolex green fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF25,000-45,000

\$25,000-45,000

€24,000-42,000

The classic combination of the white gold case and blue sodalite hardstone dial is one of the most beautiful ever created for the Daytona line, but the present example pushes the boundaries of both rarity and attractiveness even further with the addition of the diamond-set numerals.

While the appearance of the blue sodalite dial material and the diamond-set numerals on the same watch is enough to have the heads of Daytona aficionados spin, a third detail propels this piece to new collectible heights: it bears an underline dial.

Underline dials are a very rare beast, and are known in at least two “flavors”. The first appearance of the underline is in the early 1960s on a number of Rolex models, not only the Daytona. It is accepted that that underline indicates the presence of tritium rather than radium on the dial, and it is considered one of the most appealing feature to have on a Rolex timepiece.

The present examples of underline is a completely different animal. In terms of rarity, it far surpasses its earlier sibling as it is known only on a handful of Daytona timepieces from the beginning of the century. The reason for its presence is still debated. Obviously, at this point in time it has no links whatsoever with radium or tritium: both compounds having been superseded by Luminova in 1998. The most probable explanation for it is that it is the result of a batch of dials with a printing mistake which eluded Rolex quality controls and made it to the market. Alternatively it has been hypothesized that the line served as an alignment guide for the lines of text, or that it might be an aesthetic detail tested on very few dials.

While the origin of this dial might be shrouded in mystery, on the contrary the rarity, appeal and collectability it grants to this timepiece are clear without the trace of a doubt. Considering that the watch is offered together with box and Guarantee, this might be a virtually unique opportunity for the collector of extraordinary timepieces.



REF. 116519

**"Arabic Numerals Sodalite Daytona"**

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**ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE 18K WHITE GOLD AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BLUE SODALITE DIAL SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH DAYTONA MODEL, REF. 116519, CASE NO. K999679, CIRCA 2001**

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4130, 44 jewels

**Dial:** sodalite, applied Arabic numerals, three subsidiary dials for seconds

**Case:** screw back, screw down crown, bezel calibrated for 400 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** 18K white gold Rolex deployant clasp, Garantie stamped by *Volta, Piacenza*, dated February 2003, product literature, box and outer packaging

CHF20,000-40,000

\$20,000-40,000

€19,000-37,000

The present watch is offered in excellent, almost "new old stock" condition. Most of the protective plastic seals are intact as is the *Rolex* hologram sticker on the back.

With the advent of the new millennium, Rolex decided to release a new version of their iconic Daytona chronograph. Introduced at the Basel fair in year 2000, the case had been redesigned with new glossy lugs and was manufactured with a bracelet with solid links. The chronograph was assembled with the new movement caliber 4130, which led the sub-register for running seconds to move from 9 to 6 o'clock.

Rolex has always been restless in regard to upgrading and perfecting their timepieces, and to testing different dial variations. Most often, such trial timepieces – which can for all intents and purposes be called prototypes – were actually commercialized, instead of being subject to focus groups and market tests, and then stored back in Rolex's vault in Geneva. After all, there is no best way to check market feedback than, well, place the watch on the market.

This policy is the "raison d'être" of some of the scarcest and most collectible timepieces the manufacturer ever produced, such as the present piece. Defined by the full Arabic radial five minutes divisions, furthermore in addition to the blue sodalite dial, it is known in extremely scarce quantities, so much that it is considered one of the rarest modern production Daytonas,



# REF. 116599 SA "Sapphire & Diamond"



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## ROLEX. A FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE 18K WHITE GOLD, SAPPHIRE AND DIAMOND-SET AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH

SIGNED ROLEX, COSMOGRAPH DAYTONA MODEL, REF. 116599, CASE NO. K567987, MANUFACTURED IN 2001

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4130, 44 jewels

**Dial:** pave-set with white diamonds, sapphire and Arabic numerals

**Case:** screw back and screw down crown, two screw down chronograph buttons in the band, diamond-set hooded lugs, calibre-cut blue sapphire-set bezel

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** 18K white gold *Rolex fliplock* deployant clasp, Garantie stamped by *Berger Joyeros, Mexico* and dated 14th May 2002, product literature, chronometer tag, leather notepad wallet, *Rolex* green fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF100,000-150,000

\$100,000-150,000  
€94,000-140,000

The present piece can without a doubt be classified among the most rare and mesmerizing of Rolex's modern creations. To properly understand its importance, one should reflect upon the market situation at its release, in 2001. It is a tipping point for the industry: the explosion of modern watchmaking is just a few years away; watch manufacturers have most probably already foreseen a market expansion, and are testing ways to appeal to the incoming additional customers. Rolex was already back then a pioneer of mixing utmost exclusivity with a sporty appeal: in the 1980s they had released the bejeweled manual Daytonas ref. 6269 and 6270, and over the 1990s some trials are made with the Zenith Daytonas as well. The market response to these pieces is lukewarm at best: a few dozen examples of bejeweled Daytonas are produced and sold overall but, as the present piece testifies, Rolex does not shy away from continuous testing and creates the present model, among the most luxurious and exquisite Daytona chronographs to date. It is extremely insightful to see how Rolex had understood the appeal this kind of bejeweled pieces would have in a few years – appeal later proved by the remarkable success of the Daytona Rainbow models – and persevered in this segment even though the market was less than receptive.

The consequence of this market situation is the extreme rarity of such bejeweled timepieces, now considered as the holy grail of modern Daytona collecting. This design with baguette-cut sapphire bezel and sapphire-set numeral had already been tested by Rolex on Zenith timepieces before being applied to the new in-house model, released in 2000. While both models are extremely rare, it would appear that the present version is even scarcer than the Zenith one. Only a handful such examples are thought to have been made, possibly less than five. It is highly probable that all of them were market tests: a proper production run was never set-up, and only the test models were eventually commercialized.

The aesthetic appeal of the piece fully matches its incredible rarity: the combination of the shiny but algid diamond-setting and white gold case is framed and counterbalanced by the deep blue sapphires, which add a touch of sophisticated playfulness to the final effect. Incredibly enough, Rolex achieved the remarkable goal of creating a 40 mm. gem-set timepiece which manages to convey its importance in an extremely elegant and sophisticated manner.

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*"Sapphire & Diamond"*



REF. 116519

**"Arabic Numerals Yellow Mother-Of-Pearl Daytona"**

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**ROLEX. A FINE 18K WHITE GOLD AND MOTHER OF PEARL AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BOX AND GUARANTEE**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH DAYTONA, REF. 116519, CASE NO. Y304567, MANUFACTURED IN 2002

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4130, 44 jewels

**Dial:** yellow mother of pearl, applied Arabic numerals

**Case:** screw back, screw down chronograph buttons in the band, screw down crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** 18k white gold Rolex deployant clasp stamped 24650, Garantie dated 25th December 2004 and stamped by *Severi Gioielli, Alassio*, product literature and Rolex green fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF20,000-40,000

\$20,000-40,000

€19,000-37,000

The Daytona 116519 with radial Arabic five minutes divisions is one of the most difficult to find modern Rolex Daytona variations. The production numbers are unknown for certain, but it is expected to have been made and truly limited numbers, probably only a few dozens.

The present example with yellow mother-of-pearl dial is the rarest representative of this already extremely rarefied family. Never before seen on the auction market, only another similar example present in a private collection is so far known.

This outstanding rarity is remarkable under any circumstance, but even more so when considering we are talking about modern Rolex production. It can be explained by considering that on this dial two features work together to ensure a limited output of such timepieces. The dial without hour markers and only five minutes divisions was most probably a test. The few trial pieces were eventually commercialized, but the dial never became the standard for any model, possibly because the five minutes divisions in lieu of the hour markers could be considered less immediately legible. Furthermore, the material used in this instance is yellow mother-of-pearl, the most difficult to obtain. Indicatively, yellow mother-of-pearl is twenty times rarer than the standard white variety. This combination of unusual trial layout with the scarcity of the material serendipitously commanded the birth of one of the rarest modern timepieces ever manufactured by Rolex.





REF. 116519

**"Arabic Numerals Pink Mother-Of-Pearl Daytona"**

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**ROLEX. A FINE 18K WHITE GOLD AND MOTHER OF PEARL  
AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH  
GUARANTEE AND BOX**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH DAYTONA,  
REF. 116519, CASE NO. P623500, MANUFACTURED IN 2000

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4130, 44 jewels

**Dial:** pink mother of pearl, applied Arabic numerals

**Case:** screw back, screw down chronograph buttons in the band, screw down crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** 18K white gold Rolex deployant clasp stamped 16519, Garantie dated 23rd December 2000 and stamped by *Serkos, Athens*, product literature and Rolex green fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF20,000-40,000

\$20,000-40,000

€19,000-37,000

The Arabic radial five minutes divisions Daytona 116519 is one of the rarest variations of the model – and one of the rarest Rolex timepieces overall – to be released on the market. It is known in three variations: blue sodalite, yellow mother-of-pearl and pink mother-of-pearl.

Rolex is proud to offer in the same sale – a worldwide first - all three variations of this rare dial, with this lot being the last of the three: the pink mother-of-pearl.

Of the three, this is the more understated iteration: the pink hue of the mother of pearl is an elegant touch which has the added benefit of being much more rare than the standard white version: it is estimated that for ten units of white mother of pearl, only one unit of the pink variety is produced.



REF. 116519

**"Diamond Indexes White Mother-Of-Pearl Daytona"**

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**ROLEX. A FINE 18K WHITE GOLD AND DIAMOND-SET AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH MOTHER OF PEARL DIAL**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH DAYTONA, REF. 116519, CASE NO. K456848, CIRCA 2001

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4130, 44 jewels

**Dial:** mother of pearl, applied diamond-set square numerals

**Case:** screw back, screw down chronograph buttons in the band, screw down crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** 18K white gold Rolex deployant clasp stamped 16519, punched Garantie, product literature, sales tag and Rolex green fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF20,000-40,000

\$20,000-40,000

€19,000-37,000

Offered in extremely attractive condition and complete of its original box, Guarantee and literature, this is an extremely attractive and well preserved example of the mother-of-pearl, diamond-set numerals variation of reference 116519.

The very elegant design of this watch plays with and emphasizes the two opposite natures of the Rolex Daytona: its heritage of sports watch and the acquired status of ultimate luxury timepiece. The case and brown leather bracelet are very somber and convey strength and utilitarianism, as appropriate for a sport's timepiece; only the different sheen of the metal gives away the fact that it is the most noble of materials. The dial instead would be not out of place on a high-end evening watch: the soft iridescence of the mother-of-pearl in dialogue with the sparkling diamond-set numerals. These two natures of the Daytona are masterfully put together by Rolex and instead of clashing, they mutually reinforce each other for a stunning final effect.



# REF. 116519 "Meteorite Dial Daytona"

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## ROLEX. AN 18K WHITE GOLD AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH METEORITE DIAL, BOX AND CERTIFICATE

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH DAYTONA, REF. 116519, CASE NO. K878647, MANUFACTURED IN 2001

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4130, 44 jewels

**Dial:** silvered meteorite, applied Roman and baton numerals

**Case:** screw back, screw down crown and pushers, bezel calibrated for 400 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** 18K white gold Rolex deployant clasp, Garantie stamped by *Dopperich, Reutlingen* and dated 24th November 2005, additional leather strap, product literature, cleaning cloth, sale tag, presentation box with outer packaging

CHF8,000-12,000

\$8,000-12,000

€7,500-11,000

Consigned by its original owner this white gold automatic Daytona reference 116519 is preserved in very good overall condition, still retaining the original guarantee and box.

It is one of the fascinating small series made with meteorite dials, finished with an acid wash to enhance the natural pattern of the meteorite known scientifically as the "Widmanstätten" pattern, the lustrous silvery effect perfectly complementing the white gold case.

Rolex obtained some of the famous Gibeon meteorite discovered in 1836 by Captain J. E. Alexander scattered along the banks of the Great Fish River in Namibia. The meteorite itself is millions of years old and believed to have fallen to earth in prehistoric times and spread over a wide area. Today, this historical deposit is protected by Namibian law.

In their use of this rare and very exclusive meteorite deposit to make the dials for a series of Daytona watches Rolex again demonstrate their innovation and constant quest to produce rare and exclusive luxury timepieces.



(detail of Rolex warranty)



# REF. 116509

## "White Gold Daytona"

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**+244**

**ROLEX. A FINE 18K WHITE GOLD AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BRACELET AND BOX**  
SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH, DAYTONA, REF. 116509, CASE NO. D120046, CIRCA 2005

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4130, 44 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, Arabic and luminous baton applied numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bezel engraved with tachymetre scale graduated to 400 units per hour

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 190 mm.

**With:** 18K white gold *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, product literature, sale tag, fitted wooden presentation box and outer packaging

CHF12,000-18,000

\$12,000-18,000

€12,000-17,000

Consigned by its original owner, present Cosmograph Daytona is offered in extremely attractive condition, still retaining the green holographic sticker to the case back.

In 2000 Rolex launched a new Daytona model featuring the first in-house calibre automatic chronograph movement. Ref. 116509, the first white gold Daytona with white gold bracelet, was introduced in 2004 at the Basel fair. It was available with silvered or black dial.



REF. 326139  
"White Gold SkyDweller"

~+245

**ROLEX. A FINE 18K WHITE GOLD DUAL TIME ANNUAL CALENDAR WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, GUARANTEE AND BOX**

SIGNED ROLEX, SKY-DWELLER, OYSTER PERPETUAL, REF. 326139, CASE NO. 486U6103, CIRCA 2014

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 9001, 40 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, applied Arabic numerals, luminous skeletonized hands

**Case:** screw back, semi-revolving bezel selecting the crown function

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 42 mm. diam.

**With:** Rolex 18K white gold deployant clasp, International Guarantee card stamped by Bangkok retailer *Time Midas* and dated 28 January 2015, green card holder, product literature, sale tags, green fitted presentation box and outer packaging

The present watch is offered in extremely good condition and complete of its original Guarantee, numbered sale tag and box.

Incorporating an annual calendar and dual time function, the SkyDweller is among the most complicated watches made by Rolex, and it is one of the very few forays into complicated timepieces for the company, known chiefly for sport and tool watches such as the Daytona or the Milgauss. Of particular ingenuity is the so-called "Ring Command" bezel: it can be turned to four positions, each one respectively selecting a different function for the crown: time setting, second time zone setting, calendar setting, and neutral. Few Rolex pieces can be compared to the SkyDweller for mechanical complexity: the modern regatta chronograph Yacht-master II, the vintage split-second pieces, and the vintage triple calendar with moon phases watches. It was launched in 2012.

CHF18,000-28,000

\$18,000-28,000

€17,000-26,000



# EXPLORER

## THE ROLEX EXPLORER

The model now known as the "Explorer I" is instantly recognizable by the distinctive and relatively minimalistic "3,6,9" dial introduced in 1953, the Explorer name itself was coined after the Hillary-Tenzing Everest expedition of the same year. Reference 6610 was introduced in 1955 (lot 246). In 1963 the reference 1016 became the standard Explorer model, it remained in production for 26 years.

The Explorer II reference 1655 (lots 248) is very different to its predecessor. Launched in 1971 and sometimes called the "Steve McQueen" it features a second time zone with orange hand, a true tool watch made to withstand the most extreme conditions. Reference 16570 (lot 249) was launched in 1989 and was the last of the "five digit" sports watch references.



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**+246**

### ROLEX. A VERY FINE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS AND BRACELET

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, EXPLORER, REF. 6610, CASE NO. 168'684, CIRCA 1956

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1030, 25 jewels

**Dial:** black, gloss turned matte, baton Arabic and dagger luminous numerals, luminous hands, "lollipop" sweep centre seconds

**Case:** screw back stamped II.56

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 35 mm. diameter, overall length approx. 200 mm.

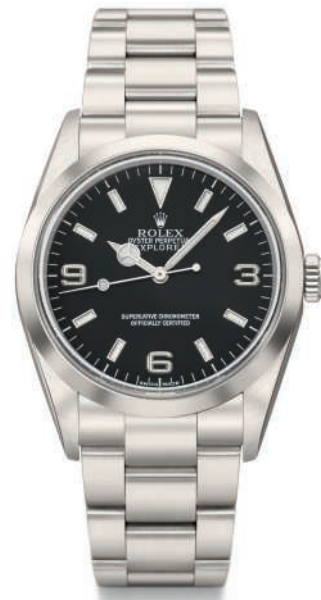
**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* extendable bracelet, deployant *Rolex U.S.A.* clasp

CHF15,000-25,000

\$15,000-25,000  
€15,000-23,000

Reference 6610 is launched in 1955 as an update of the previous Explorer models. The main novelty is the introduction of the new calibre 1030. This movement is much thinner than the previous calibre A.296, and thus the case back loses the "bubble back" domed looks and becomes flatter. The dial as well presents a new construction method, even though this appears to be an aesthetic modification unrelated to the new movement: the numerals are carved into the dial plate and then filled with radium.

The present examples not only impresses the beholder with its stunning condition, the dial especially well preserved and aged with a lovely matte finish, but it furthermore is distinguished by being an early example of this reference. In fact, the case back indicates it was manufactured in the third trimester of 1956: only a few months after the introduction of the reference to the market.



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**+247**

### ROLEX. A FINE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, BRACELET, GUARANTEE AND BOX

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, EXPLORER, REF. 114270, CASE NO. Y310597, CIRCA 2002

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3130, 31 jewels

**Dial:** black, gloss, applied luminous baton dagger and Arabic numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 190 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, deployant clasp, *Rolex* punched Garantie stamped by Riccione, Italy retailer *Tamburini A.* and dated 30 December 2002, green document holder, product literature, green fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF5,000-8,000

\$5,000-8,000  
€4,700-7,500

The present watch is offered by its original owner, an important Italian collector, in absolutely mint condition, still retaining the green sticker to the back and the protective plastic stickers to the case.

After more than 40 years of "service", reference 1016 is discontinued in 1990. Its legacy is picked up by reference 14270 and later the present 114710. The DNA of the model is undeniably present, albeit re-interpreted with a more modern twist, noticeable especially in the dial design, characterized by large, more angular applied numerals. The case instead remains extremely similar to the vintage model, with even the size remaining the same, remarkably eluding the influence of a trend that was already in the late 1990s beginning to be felt in watch designs.

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**ROLEX. A VERY FINE STAINLESS STEEL  
AUTOMATIC DUAL-TIME WRISTWATCH WITH  
CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, BRACELET, ORIGINAL  
GUARANTEE AND BOX**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE,  
EXPLORER II, STEVE MCQUEEN MODEL, REF. 1655,  
CASE NO. 7'431'939, CIRCA 1982

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1570, 26 jewels

**Dial:** black matte dial, luminous baton and square indexes,  
central orange luminous 24 hour hand

**Case:** screw-down back, brushed bezel calibrated for 24 hours

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 39 mm. diam.

**With:** stainless steel Rolex bracelet with folding clasp, Garantie stamped *Borquan Trading Est* and dated 18.11.1990, product literature, green folder with Official Chronometer Certification and 1982 calendar, 2 sales tag, presentation box with outer packaging

CHF12,000-18,000

\$12,000-18,000  
€12,000-17,000

Designed primarily for speleologists (cave explorers). The model features a fixed bezel with 24 hour display and a special 24 hour hand that can be set to distinguish day from night hours or to read the current time in different time zones. Reference 1655 is frequently referred to as the "Steve McQueen" or "Freccione", Italian for "big arrow" amongst collectors.



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**ROLEX. A FINE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC  
DUAL TIME WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE  
SECONDS, DATE, BRACELET, GUARANTEE AND  
BOX**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, EXPLORER  
II, REF. 16570, CASE NO. F594276, CIRCA 2005

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3185, 31 jewels

**Dial:** white, gloss, dot baton and dagger applied luminous  
numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, engraved bezel graduated for 24 hours

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam., overall length approx. 200 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, deployant clasp,  
punched Garantie stamped by Amsterdam retailer *Schaap &  
Citroen BV* and dated 9 August 2005, calendar card for the  
years 2005/2006, sale tags, anchor reading "Rolex Oyster  
Guaranteed 300 meters" (opposite side: "1000 ft. under  
water"), product literature, fitted presentation box and outer  
packaging

CHF3,000-5,000

\$3,000-5,000  
€2,900-4,700

In 1985 reference 16550 was introduced, with completely updated looks and movement, now allowing for independent regulation of the hour hand, thus permitting it to be used as a dual time wristwatch, and in 1988 reference 16570.



# ROLEX SERVICE APRÈS VENTE

## ROLEX SERVICE APRÈS VENTE

The following five lots 250-254 comprise a small and fascinating group of vintage Submariners and GMT-Masters from a private collection.

Presented in immaculate condition and interestingly, at the direct request of the present owner, all five watches have been fitted with Rolex service après vente cases, in addition, lots 250, 252 and 254 have Rolex après vente dials and bracelets.

The reason for this unusual and highly expensive refurbishment by Rolex of all five pieces was a purely practical one. Whilst the present owner loved the vintage Rolex sports watch look, he wished to use his Rolex watches for the purpose for which they were originally intended and therefore they had to be brought back up to modern standards. The ethos behind this is much the same as a ground-up rebuild of a classic car to be compliant with modern regulations and regularly used.

Now of interest in their own right, these watches are ideal for those seeking the vintage look combined with modern-day practicality – in other words a “new old Rolex”.

Service après vente cases from Rolex almost always have a 4 million serial number, no matter what the model. This enables Rolex Service Centres to immediately identify an authentic replacement case. The present group each have in addition to the 4 million serial number, the original serial number and reference engraved inside the caseback as a full record of the work done. For example, lot 250 is engraved: 5512 and “4745677, EX979250”, indicating that the original case had serial number 979’250

**+250**

## ROLEX. A FINE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC DIVER'S WATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, BRACELET AND BOX

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, SUBMARINER, 660FT = 200 M, REF. 5513, CASE NO. 4'745'677, CIRCA 1963

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1520, 26 jewels

**Dial:** black, gloss, dot baton and dagger applied luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bidirectional revolving bezel with black insert graduated for 60 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 39.5 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 205 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, extendable deployant clasp, International Service Guarantee card dated 13 May 2016, green presentation box and outer packaging

CHF3,000-5,000

\$3,000-5,000

€2,900-4,700





# ROLEX SERVICE APRÈS VENTE

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## ROLEX. A STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC DIVER'S WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS AND DATE

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, SUBMARINER, 660FT = 200M, REF. 1680, CASE NO. 4'723'630, CIRCA 1974

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1570, 26 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, dot baton and dagger luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bidirectional revolving bezel calibrated for 60 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam., overall length approx. 190 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, extendable deployant clasp, Service Guarantee card dated 29 April 2016, green leather presentation box and outer packaging

CHF3,000-5,000

\$3,000-5,000

€2,900-4,700



  
**ROLEX**  
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE GUARANTEE

**Serial number:**

4723630

**Model number:**

1680/0

**Date of Service:**

29 April 2016 /0091

# ROLEX SERVICE APRÈS VENTE

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**ROLEX. A FINE AND STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC DIVER'S WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, BRACELET, AND BOX**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, SUBMARINER, 660FT = 200M, REF. 1680, CASE NO. 4'723'635, CIRCA 1970S

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1570, 26 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, dot baton and dagger luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bidirectional revolving bezel with black insert graduated for 60 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 200 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, extendable deployant clasp, Service Guarantee card dated 10 October 2016 and signed by Istanbul retailer *Rhodium*, product literature, green document holder, green presentation box and outer packaging

CHF3,000-5,000

\$3,000-5,000

€2,900-4,700



+253

**ROLEX. A FINE AND ATTRACTIVE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC DUAL-TIME WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, BRACELET, BULLETIN DE MARCHE AND BOX**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, GMT-MASTER, REF. 1675, CASE NO. 4'723'140/EX1'982'672, CIRCA 1969

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1570, 26 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, dot baton and dagger luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bidirectional revolving bezel calibrated for 24 hours

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diameter, overall length approx. 200 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Jubilee* bracelet, *Rolex U.S.A.* deployant clasp, *Bureau Suisse de Controle Officiel de la Marche des Chronomètres* Certificate mentioning « Especially Good Results » dated 23 May 1969, *Rolex Service Guarantee* dated 15 November 1983, *Service Guarantee card* dated 3 May 2016, product literature, spare crystal, two green leather document holders, sale tag, box and outer packaging

CHF3,000-5,000

\$3,000-5,000

€2,900-4,700



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+254

**ROLEX. A FINE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC DUAL TIME WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, BRACELET, SERVICE GUARANTEE AND BOX**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, GMT-MASTER, REF. 1675, CASE NO. 4'711'062, CIRCA 1970S

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1570, 26 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, dot baton and dagger luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 39 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 205 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Jubilee* bracelet, deployant clasp, *Rhodium Service Guarantee Card* dated 25 May 2016, presentation box and outer packaging

CHF3,000-5,000

\$3,000-5,000

€2,900-4,700

The present timepiece is the perfect case study to observe the results of a modern and thorough modern Rolex service intervention. The watch was in fact completely serviced by Rolex – through their Istanbul retailer Rhodium – and was given a service case, service dial and service bracelet.



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REF. 5100  
"Beta 21 Yellow"

ROLEX REF. 5100

The following two lots present an almost unique opportunity to obtain both the yellow gold and white gold versions of the extremely rare Beta 21 quartz Rolex reference 5100. To find one such watch in this condition is a rare occurrence, to find one in each colour of gold offered at the same time is exceptional.



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**ROLEX. AN EXTREMELY RARE AND HEAVY 18K GOLD TONNEAU-SHAPED WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE AND BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, QUARTZ, REF. 5100, CASE NO. 025, CIRCA 1971

**Movement:** quartz, cal. Beta quartz 21, 13 jewels, hacking seconds feature

**Dial:** satine silvered, gold baton numerals, sapphire crystal

**Case:** snap on back with securing bars, faceted bezel

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, case numbered 025

**Dimensions:** 39 mm. wide. overall bracelet length approx.. 165 mm.

**With:** heavy 18K gold *Rolex* integrated link bracelet and deployant clasp, punched 3/71

CHF15,000-25,000

\$15,000-25,000

€15,000-23,000

For a note on Ref. 5100 please see next lot.

REF. 5100  
*"Beta 21 White"*

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**256**

**ROLEX. A VERY FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE 18K WHITE GOLD TONNEAU-SHAPED QUARTZ WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, BRACELET, NUMBERED TAG AND ROLEX SERVICE INVOICE**

SIGNED ROLEX, QUARTZ, REF. 5100/9, CASE NO. 794, MANUFACTURED 1970-1972

**Movement:** quartz, cal. Beta-21, 13 jewels

**Dial:** grey satiné, applied white gold baton numerals, luminous accents, window for date

**Case:** massive tonneau-shaped case, fluted bezel

**Signed:** dial and movement signed, case numbered 794

**Dimensions:** 37 mm. diam. overall length of bracelet approximately 180 mm

**With:** heavy 18K white gold *Rolex* link bracelet and concealed deployant clasp, green tag with sticker typed number 794 and *Rolex*, Genève service invoice dated 2nd June 1986

CHF100,000-150,000      \$100,000-150,000  
 €94,000-140,000



(detail of case back)

The present watch can be described as being in truly exceptional condition, almost "new old stock". The case as crisp and sharp as the day it was made with completely visible and totally pristine hallmark on the band. The special bracelet made only for this reference is equally well preserved as is the beautifully understated grey dial with luminous accents.

The white gold reference 5100 housing the famous Beta 21 quartz movement is one of the rarest and most unusual Rolex watches of the 1970s, only 100 pieces were ever produced and of those 100, only 8 examples including the present watch have been offered at auction in the last twenty years. The present example is perhaps in the best condition of all the publically known reference 5100 in white gold, without doubt a highly prized collector's piece. It may well be many years, if ever, that a comparable example becomes available again.

Rolex reference 5100 is a historic milestone in the development of the quartz watch. It was launched on 5th June 1970 but Rolex had underestimated demand, the initial pilot series production was completely sold out prior to delivery. In fact the

entire limited series of 1000 watches (900 yellow gold and 100 white gold) were sold between 1970 and 1972.

Model 5100 was the first Rolex to have a sapphire crystal and a seconds hand being run by a pallet wheel to give a true "sweep" centre seconds unlike modern quartz movements. It was also revolutionary for the new case design, much more angular in its shape than the Oyster case. Designed to be made in very limited quantities only, each Rolex Quartz is engraved with the limited edition number, the present watch is number 794.

The Beta-21 is a 13 jewel, 8Khz quartz module first seen in prototype form in 1967. In 1968 it was agreed by 20 Swiss watch houses to produce 6,000 of these movements. In 1969, a few hundred of the Beta-21 watches were released at Basel, setting a new record at the Fair. The Beta-21 movement was accurate to 5 seconds per month, which was far superior to any automatic and manual-winding watch at the time. The design for the Beta-21 watches was a triumph and also very characteristic of the era - they were generally thick, angular and even chunky (partly

out of necessity as the first generation of quartz movements were comparatively large.) Rolex's reference 5100 was essentially designed around the Beta 21 movement.

In 1972, Rolex left the CEH (Centre Electronique Horloger) to go on and develop their own in-house quartz movements, later named the "Oysterquartz".



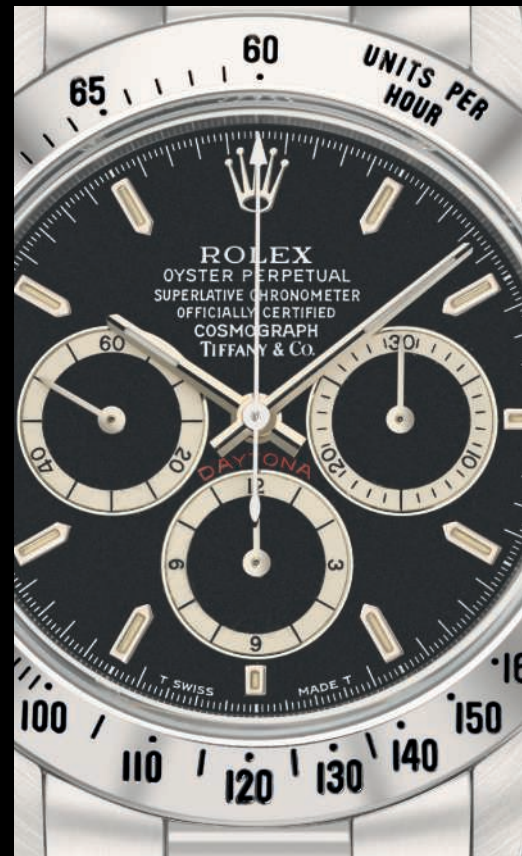
(detail of original Rolex invoice)

**ROLEX RETAILED BY TIFFANY AND CO.**

The legendary New York jewellers Tiffany & Co. were, along with Cartier, the last retailer names ever to appear as a co-brand on a Rolex dial. Both companies officially ceased to be Rolex agents in the early 1990s.

Rolex sports watches fortunate enough to have been sold by Tiffany & Co. featuring the prestigious signature on the dial are now highly sought after trophies for watch collectors around the world. Only a handful of each model is known which makes the following selection most remarkable in bringing together at one time such a wide selection of different models including: Submariner, Sea-Dweller, GMT-Master, Explorer and Daytona. Furthermore, the majority of these watches are consigned from an important private collector and, where stated in the description, have been fully serviced by Rolex in the last few months and are sold with Rolex service certificate.

**TIFFANY & Co.**  
**GMT-MASTER**  
**SUPERLATIVE CHRONOMETER**  
**OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED**





REF. 6610

*"Retailled by Tiffany & Co."*



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**+259**

**ROLEX. A VERY FINE AND RARE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS AND BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, EXPLORER, RETAILED BY TIFFANY, REF. 6610, CASE NO. 168'428, CIRCA 1956

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1030, 25 jewels

**Dial:** black, gloss, baton Arabic and dagger luminous numerals, luminous hands, "lollipop" sweep centre seconds

**Case:** screw back stamped II.56

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, dial additionally signed by Tiffany e6

**Dimensions:** 35 mm. diameter, overall length approx. 195 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, deployant clasp

CHF20,000-30,000

\$20,000-30,000

€19,000-28,000

Only the most cursory of glances will be sufficient to the connoisseur of vintage watches to fall under the spell of the incredibly well preserved black gloss dial of the present piece. The gloss finish is virtually unperturbed by the passage of time and the luminous material acquired a captivating chestnut tonality. The Tiffany signature - among the most coveted in the world of vintage watch collecting - further boosts the appeal and collectability of this superb timepiece.



REF. 1675

"Retailled by Tiffany & Co."

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+260

**ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE, STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC TWO TIME-ZONE WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, BLACK 24 HOUR BEZEL, DATE AND BRACELET AND BOX**

SIGNED ROLEX, RETAILED BY TIFFANY & CO., OYSTER PERPETUAL, GMT-MASTER, SUPERLATIVE CHRONOMETER OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED, REF. 1675, CASE NO. 6'004'948, CIRCA 1979

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1575, 26 jewels

**Dial:** matte black, luminous dot, baton and dagger numerals, window for date

**Case:** screw back and screw down crown, black 24 hour bezel

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, dial additionally signed by Tiffany & Co.

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam. overall length of bracelet approximately 180 mm.

**With:** stainless steel Rolex Oyster bracelet stamped 78360, endlinks stamped 580, deployant clasp, Garantie Internationale de Service dated 24th February 2017, Rolex, Genève service invoice of the same date, Rolex USA service warranty dated 18th April 2008, factory service booklet and associated Tiffany & Co. sales receipt dated 8th August 1977 and presentation box.

CHF20,000-40,000

\$20,000-40,000

€19,000-37,000

The present watch was fully serviced by Rolex, Genève this year and is offered in superb condition, still retaining the protective service stickers to the sides and back.

A highly rare and attractive example of the legendary 1675 model, distinguished by the retailer's signature *Tiffany & Co.* printed just above the GMT-Master designation. The "all black" version of the reference 1675 such as the present watch was first introduced in the early 1970s. Now iconic, the 1675 model was manufactured over a period of just over twenty years between 1959 and 1980.



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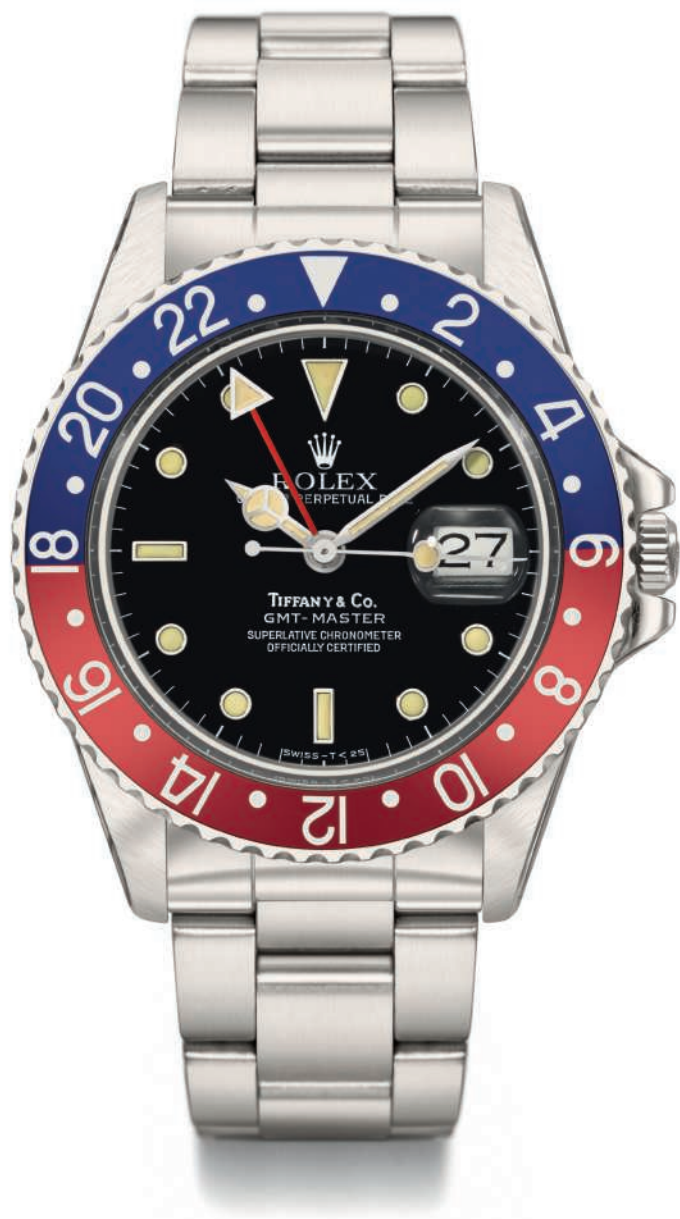
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- Original Rolex Warranty
- Original Service Warranty
- Payment Receipt
- Previous Bill of Repair(s)

Consumer's Name Mr. Joseph

One Year Service Warranty

REF. 16750  
 Retailed by Tiffany & Co.  
 "Transitional"



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+261

**ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE, STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC TWO TIME-ZONE WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, 24 HOUR BEZEL, DATE AND BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, RETAILED BY TIFFANY & CO., OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, GMT-MASTER, SUPERLATIVE CHRONOMETER OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED, REF. 16750, CASE NO. 8'711'651, CIRCA 1985

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3075, 27 jewels

**Dial:** black gloss, luminous dot, baton and dagger numerals, window for date

**Case:** screw back and screw down crown, red and blue 24 hour bezel

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, dial additionally signed by Tiffany & Co.

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam. overall length of bracelet approximately 180 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet stamped 78360, endlinks stamped 580, deployant clasp, Garantie Internationale de Service dated 28th January 2017 and *Rolex, Genève* service invoice of the same date

CHF15,000-25,000

\$15,000-25,000

€15,000-23,000

The present watch was fully serviced by *Rolex, Genève* this year and is offered in superb condition, still retaining the protective service stickers to the sides and back.

The first GMT model, Reference 6542, was launched in 1954 and is immediately recognizable by the bright acrylic or "bakelite" bezel insert with the twenty-four hour markings printed on its underside.

Next came the now iconic reference 1675, made from 1959 to 1980. Reference 16750 (the present watch) followed in 1981 introducing the quickset feature and a new higher beat caliber 3075 movement. With this update the order of the hands changed from GMT/Hour/Minute/second on reference 1675 to Hour/GMT/Minute/Second on the new model.

Much to the delight of collectors, the 16750 retained some of the character of the 1675 with the continued use of an acrylic crystal. Discontinued in 1988, the 16750 is now a highly desirable model, the present watch even more so with the highly coveted *Tiffany & Co.* signature.



(detail of Rolex service guarantee card)

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**+262**

**ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE STAINLESS STEEL  
 AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE  
 SECONDS, DATE AND BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, RETAILED BY TIFFANY & CO., OYSTER  
 PERPETUAL DATE, SEA-DWELLER, 4000FT=1220M,  
 SUPERLATIVE CHRONOMETER OFFICIALLY  
 CERTIFIED, REF. 16660, CASE NO. 9'312'849, CIRCA 1986

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3035, 27 jewels

**Dial:** black gloss, luminous dot, baton and dagger numerals,  
 window for date

**Case:** screw back and screw down crown, gas escape valve in  
 the band

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, dial additionally signed by  
 Tiffany & Co.

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam. overall length of bracelet  
 approximately 180 mm.

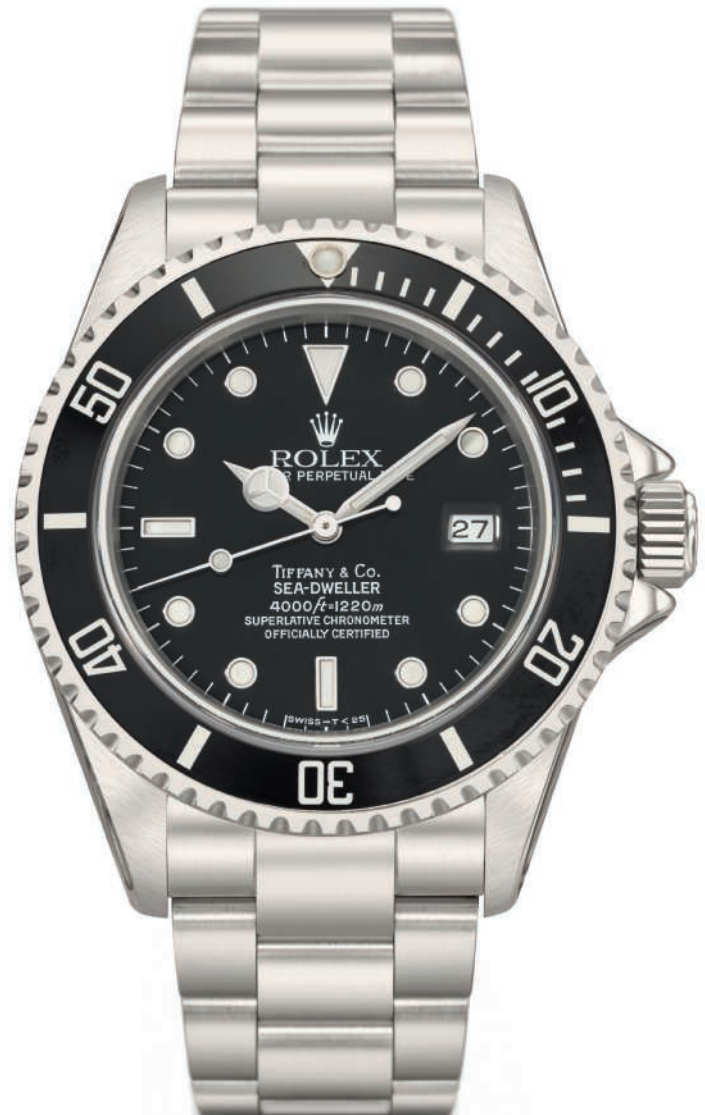
**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet with deployant clasp  
 stamped 93160A, E06, Garantie Internationale de Service  
 dated 28th January 2017 and *Rolex, Genève* service invoice of  
 the same date

CHF15,000-25,000

\$15,000-25,000  
 €15,000-23,000

The present watch was fully serviced by *Rolex, Genève* this  
 year and is offered in superb condition, still retaining the  
 protective service stickers to the sides and back. It offers a  
 rare opportunity for a collector seeking a special *Rolex* dive  
 watch of tremendous rarity.

The Sea-Dweller, ref. 16660, also known as the "Triple Six",  
 was introduced in 1978 and made until 1988. It replaced the  
 reference 1665 with an increased depth rating of 1220 metres  
 instead of the previous 610 metres, sapphire crystal, larger  
 helium escape valve and caliber 3035 movement. Over the  
 course of its brief ten year production run there were a total  
 of five different dial evolutions. The first two were matte  
 with luminous indexes directly on the surface. Those dials  
 later evolved to gloss with luminous indexes in white metal  
 surrounds as in the present watch. It was replaced in 1988 by  
 the reference 16600.



(detail of Rolex service guarantee card)

REF. 16610  
"Retailled by Tiffany & Co."



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**ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE STAINLESS STEEL  
AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE  
SECONDS, DATE AND BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, RETAILED BY TIFFANY & CO., OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, SUBMARINER, 1000FT=300M, SUPERLATIVE CHRONOMETER OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED, REF. 16610, CASE NO. L595755, CIRCA 1989

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3135, 31 jewels

**Dial:** black gloss, luminous dot, baton and dagger numerals, window for date

**Case:** screw back and screw down crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, dial additionally signed by Tiffany & Co.

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam. overall length of bracelet approximately 195 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Oyster* bracelet with deployant clasp stamped 93150, AD4, Garantie Internationale de Service dated 28th January 2017 and *Rolex, Genève* service invoice of the same date

CHF15,000-25,000

\$15,000-25,000  
€15,000-23,000

The present watch was fully serviced by *Rolex, Genève* this year and is offered in superb condition, still retaining the protective service stickers to the sides and back. An excellent example of the Submariner 16610 retailed by Tiffany & Co.

Submariner reference 16610 was launched in 1989, replacing the reference 1680, it features a depth rating of 300 metres or 1000 feet, sapphire crystal and caliber 3135 movement.



(detail of Rolex service guarantee card)



REF. 16520  
Retailed by Tiffany & Co.

TIFFANY & CO.

THE TIFFANY FULL ONE YEAR WARRANTY

Tiffany & Co. warrants to the owner that this watch is free from defects in materials and craftsmanship under normal conditions of use for one full year from date of original purchase. The watch bracelet and crystal are excluded from this warranty. If, within the warranty period, this watch is found to be defective in workmanship or materials for normal use, Tiffany & Co. will repair or replace the defective part without charge, upon presentation with proof of purchase. This warranty affords you specific legal rights. You may also have other rights, which vary from state to state.

Country of purchase U.S.A. Serial 16520  
Number X661279

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**ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH BRACELET, TIFFANY & CO CERTIFICATE AND BOX**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, COSMOGRAPH, RETAILED BY TIFFANY & CO, REF. 16520, CASE NO. X661279, CIRCA 1991

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 4030, 31 jewels

**Dial:** black gloss dial, luminous square and baton numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, dial additionally signed by Tiffany e6

**Dimensions:** 39 mm. diam., overall length approx. 180 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex* bracelet, deployant clasp, *Tiffany & Co.* Warranty, presentation box and turquoise outer packaging

CHF30,000-50,000

\$30,000-50,000

€29,000-47,000

This remarkable chronograph reference 16520 from 1991 is retailed by *Tiffany & Co.*: the dial feature the retailer signature and is accompanied by the prestigious retailer's turquoise warranty and box. This special feature demonstrate a great charisma to this iconic sports model and its undeniable aesthetic appeal is certain to captivate Rolex aficionados.

# REF. 6205 "Submariner"

## THE ROLEX SUBMARINER

Immortalised by Sean Connery's James Bond in the 1960s, the Submariner is a very special Rolex model with unique multi-layered appeal - serious technical innovation, a long and fascinating history, rugged practicality and glamour. This is a model that can truly be said to have that indefinable quality - style.

In 1950, Rolex director Rene Jeanneret encouraged the company to make a diver's watch. By 1953, the new model 6200 had been tested by Auguste Piccard and his son on a world-record diving attempt and deemed successful.

In 1964 the new "Submariner" was launched at the Basel Fair, it was waterproof to 200 metres (660 feet), at the time a new achievement for any watch.

In common with all Rolex models, the submariner has undergone several incarnations over the years, all naturally very desirable - from the early references of the 1960s and the great rarities such as the 5512 "Explorer Dial" (Lot 268), the white gold 1680 prototype (Lot 272) and the Everest Comex (Lot 273) to the modern 50th anniversary model (Lot 275).



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**+265**

**ROLEX. A FINE AND VERY RARE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS AND TROPICAL BEZEL**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, SUBMARINER, REF. 6205, CASE NO. 21'488, CIRCA 1954

**Movement:** automatic, jeweled

**Dial:** black, gloss, dot baton and dagger luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bidirectional revolving tropical brown bezel graduated for 60 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 37.5 mm. diam.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex* buckle, additional stainless steel deployant clasp.

CHF18,000-25,000

\$18,000-25,000

€17,000-23,000

The 1950s saw the birth of a number of extremely rare Rolex references. This is most probably due to Rolex fine tuning its products for the professional market, and thus we can see models in production for a very short time, and soon upgraded to a new version. Reference 6205, for example, was in production only from 1954 to 1955. It is the evolution of reference 6205, and it presents a sturdier case design with a more domed case back. The crown as well increases in size, from 5.3 mm. of ref. 6205 to 6 mm., in order to offer an easier time-setting procedure. Interestingly, the new case design does not impact on the depth rating, which remains 100m/330ft



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### ROLEX. A VERY FINE AND RARE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC DIVER'S WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, AND BRACELET

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, 100M = 330FT,  
SUBMARINER, REF. 6536-1, CASE NO. 306'594,  
CIRCA 1957

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1030, 25 jewels

**Dial:** black gloss

**Case:** screw back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 37 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 190 mm

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* expandable bracelet,  
deployant clasp, *Jim Gerber* service invoice dated 3 July 2015

CHF16,000-26,000

\$16,000-26,000

€15,000-24,000

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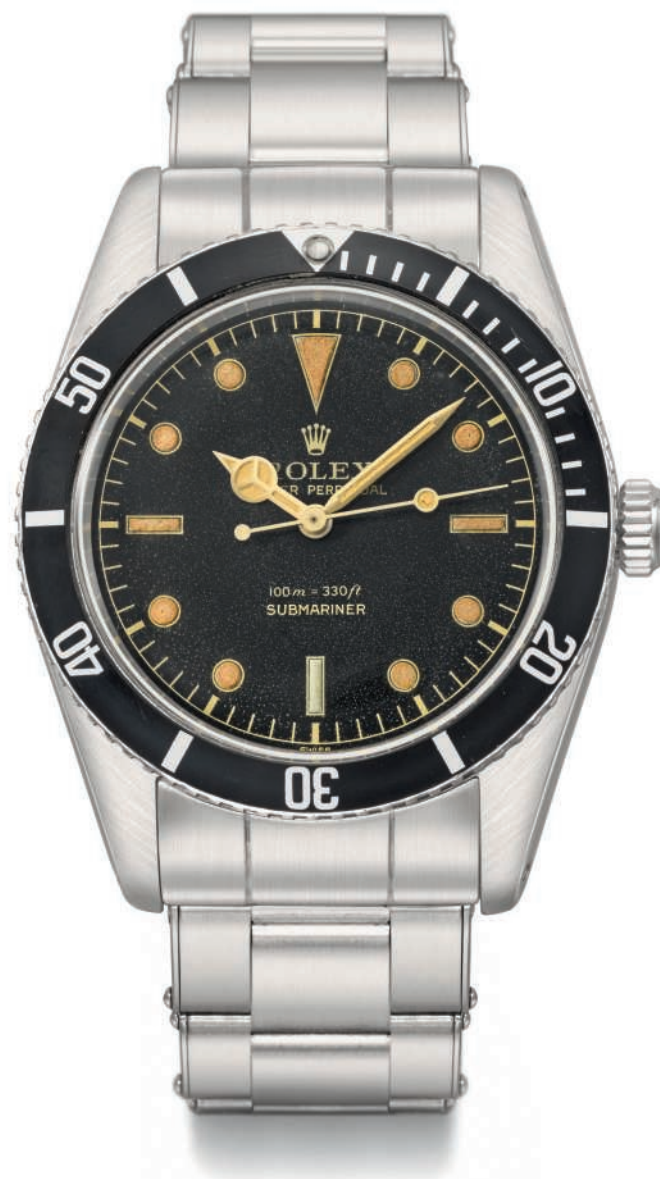
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The present watch is distinguished by its spectacularly well preserved dial, the beautifully aged black gloss wonderfully harmonizing with the gilt printing and the caramel colour of the luminous numerals and hands. The case has never been subject to careless polishing and impresses by its full proportions and the well-defined fluting of the lugs.

The combination of superb overall condition and provenance render this extremely charismatic watch one of the finest ref. 6536/1 offered in recent years.

#### Reference 6536/1

Reference 6536/1, successor of reference 6536, was introduced in 1955 and remained in production until 1959. Essentially identical to its predecessor it was also available with the chronometer version of calibre 1030, a case without crown guard and a 6 mm. crown with the small line below the Rolex logo. The black laquer dials show the white printed depth rating "100m=330ft", gilt printed "Submariner" and gilt Mercedes hands. The bezel of early models had minute markers in 10-minute intervals and a red triangle, later series the minute markers for the first 15 minutes.



# REF. 5513

## "Explor Underline Dial"

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**ROLEX. AN EXTREMELY RARE AND ATTRACTIVE STAINLESS STEEL WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, POINTED CROWN GUARDS, "TROPICAL" UNDERLINE EXPLORER DIAL AND BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, 200M=600FT, SUBMARINER, REF. 5513, CASE NO. 1'000'111, CIRCA 1963

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1030, 26 jewels

**Dial:** "tropical" black, Arabic 3/6/9 numerals

**Case:** screw back numbered III.63, screw down crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 35 mm. diam., overall length of the bracelet approx. 200 mm.

**With:** Rolex stainless steel riveted Oyster bracelet, clasp stamped 3.64

CHF120,000-200,000

\$120,000-200,000

€120,000-190,000

The present watch is an exceedingly rare example of a reference 5513 made in 1963 featuring pointed crown guards and an exceptional "Explor 3-6-9" dial variation. This dial features three rarities, hardly ever seen combined on the market before:

- "underline" version with gold printing, a 1963 singularity
- Explorer layout with the Arabic 3/6/9 indexes
- extremely rare narrow Rolex coronet variation

A further layer of attraction is added by the "tropicalization" of the dial, the black lacquer now showing a hue of dark chocolate and fine spotting, beautifully harmonizing with the gilt printing of signature and scales and the beige colour of the strikingly aged indexes and hands.

Fresh to the market and having spent the last four decades in the same family, the watch is a true "barn find", still retaining the original bezel, a rarity by itself, and the period riveted bracelet ref. 7206.

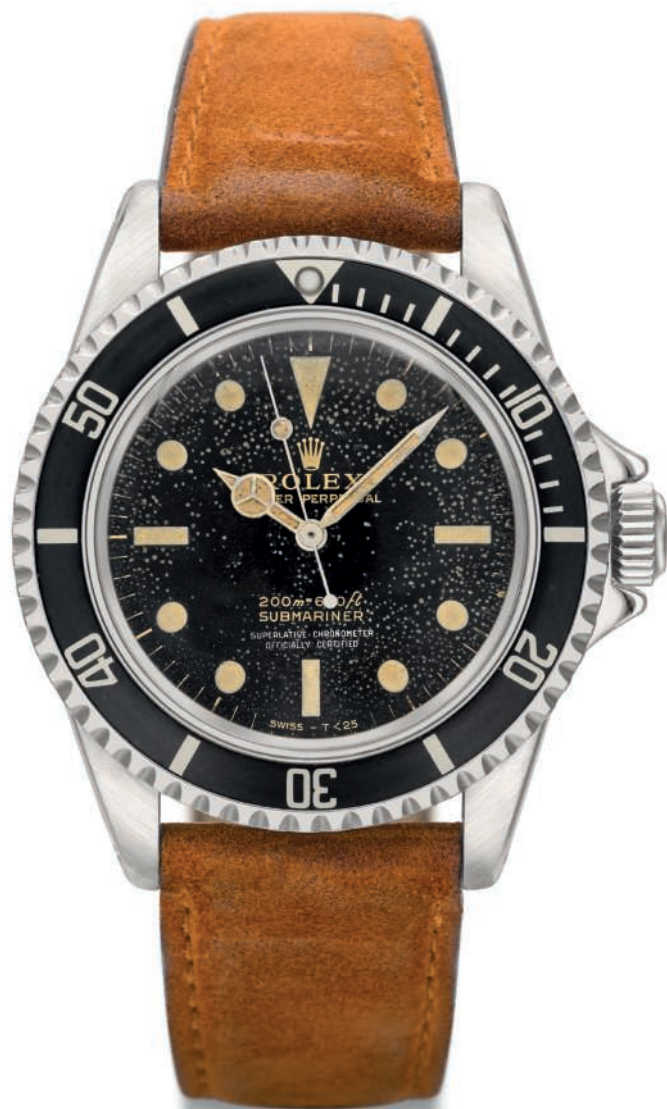
Provenance, superb looks and rarity render the present ref. 5513 a trophy for the collector of exceptional timepieces.







REF. 5512  
"5 Lines Stardust Spider Dial"



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**ROLEX. A STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS AND FOUR-LINE STARDUST SPIDER DIAL**

SIGNED ROLEX, REF. 5512, OYSTER PERPETUAL, SUBMARINER, 660FT=200M, CASE NO. 1'261'460, CIRCA 1965

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1570, 26 jewels

**Dial:** black with dot, baton and dagger numerals

**Case:** screw back, revolving black bezel calibrated for 60 units, pointed crown guards, stamped 5513 and 1.65 inside the caseback, 5512 between the lugs

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 39 mm. diam.

CHF12,000-18,000

\$12,000-18,000

€12,000-17,000

The present watch is an extremely attractive and very rare example of the popular Submariner reference 5512 "pointed crown guards" featuring the much sought-after "four-line" dial whereby the gilt depth rating and "SUBMARINER" and silver "SUPERLATIVE CHRONOMETER OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED" are split across four lines of text. Furthermore, the dial has developed a beautiful and even "stardust" patina that in combination with the rare "spider" effect gives the watch a remarkable vintage look. The "spider" dial is defined by the crisscrossing of light cracks throughout the entire surface of the dial. Like the color shift of tropical dials, this characteristic is due to ageing and it amplifies the collectability and esthetic impact of the timepiece. For *Rolex* collectors, this is certainly one of the rarest and most desirable variations of the reference 5512.

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**ROLEX. A FINE AND HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, TROPICAL DIAL AND BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, 200M = 660FT, SUBMARINER, REF. 5513, CASE NO. 1'218'041, CIRCA 1965

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1520, 26 jewels

**Dial:** tropical brown, gloss, dot baton and dagger luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back stamped I.65, bidirectional revolving bezel calibrated for 60 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 215 mm.

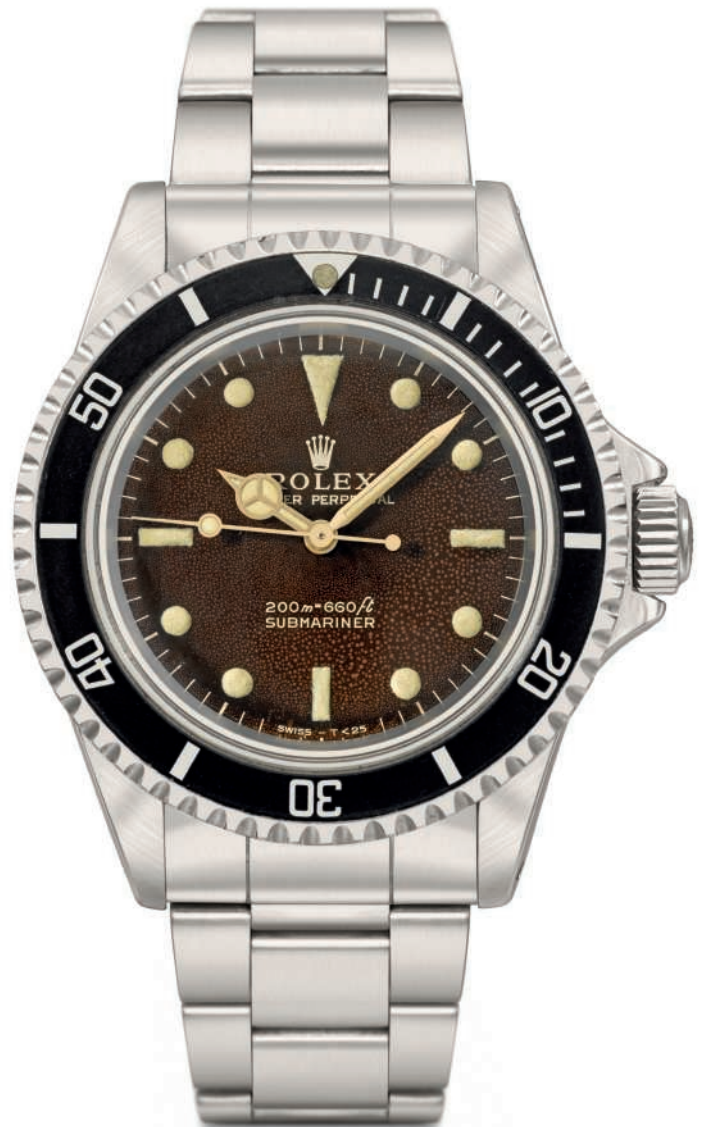
**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, extendable deployant clasp and fitted green presentation box

CHF20,000-30,000

\$20,000-30,000

€19,000-28,000

The present example of reference 5513 is highlighted by the highly unusual and attractive tropicalization of its dial. Not only it acquired a brown tonality, but it also sports a highly appealing and hardly ever seen "leopard spots" pattern in lighter, reddish tones. The resulting aesthetic effect is simply striking.



REF. 1680

*“The Mystery Transitional Red Sub”*



**+270**

**ROLEX. A FINE AND UNUSUAL STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS AND DATE**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, SUBMARINER, 660FT = 200M, "RED SUBMARINER" MODEL, REF. 1680, CASE NO. 3'422'421, CIRCA 1972

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1570, 26 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, dot baton and dagger luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bidirectional revolving bezel with black insert graduated for 60 minutes

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 39 mm. diam.

**With:** Rolex Service Invoice dated 15 March 2016

CHF15,000-25,000

\$15,000-25,000

€15,000-23,000

This wristwatch is highlighted not only by its extremely attractive condition, but especially by its dial layout. Close examination shows that the present Red Submariner dial does not fit in any of the canon "mark" classifications accepted by collectors. The dial was subject to close scrutiny by many scholars and every single detail of it – from the opacity of the paint to the texture and ageing of the lumes, passing by the black finish and dial backplate – appears to be absolutely Rolex quality and without any sign of restoration. The fonts used for the realization of this dial are however a mystery: all of them are absolutely correct for a Mark II white submariner dial with the exception of the red Submariner designation, which not only is red, but furthermore features different fonts than anything seen so far. Furthermore, the Red Sub is painted red over white, but as no known White Submariner dial version features this font, apparently a different pad has been used both for the white backing and then for the red finish of the Submariner signature.

Many theories have been proposed about the genesis of such an unusual creature – ranging from prototype dial, to one off service creation possibly to accommodate the request of an important customer – but no conclusive explanation has been found. This – considered the fully original Beyeler/Rolex nature of the dial – simply amplifies the mystery and allure of this timepiece, and leaves an open challenge to all Rolex scholars and collectors.

REF. 1680  
*"White Gold Submariner Prototype"*



REF. 1680  
"White Gold Submariner Prototype"



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**ROLEX. A FINE AND VERY IMPORTANT 18K WHITE GOLD AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, NIPPLE DIAL, DATE AND 18K WHITE GOLD BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, SUBMARINER, 660FT=200M, REF. 1680, WITHOUT SERIAL NUMBER, CIRCA 1973

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1570, 26 jewels

**Dial:** blue gloss, yellow gold luminous "nipple", baton and triangular numerals, magnified date window

**Case:** screw back, revolving all white gold calibrated bezel

**Signed:** case, dial and movement, inside caseback with stamped with the mark of *Genex S. A.* and gold marks

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.

**With:** 18K white gold *Rolex President* bracelet, endlinks stamped 54 and concealed deployant clasp

CHF250,000-500,000

\$250,000-500,000

€240,000-470,000



(detail of case back)



(detail of inside case back)

A very exciting and important discovery, fresh to the market, this prototype watch, one of only three known examples, is a solid 18K white gold version of the Submariner reference 1680. Furthermore, it has been in the hands of the same private collector for over 30 years.

Including the present watch, only three examples of these extraordinary prototypes are known to exist, one other with blue dial and one with black dial. They represent the only surviving record of a never-realized early 1970s design for a white gold Submariner.

The watch's striking and dramatic good looks further enhance this remarkable piece of Rolex history.

The Submariner reference 1680 was launched in the late 1960s, it was the first Submariner model to have a version cased in precious metal and the first to have a date function. However, the model was only ever made in either stainless steel or yellow gold, no examples are known in white gold except the three prototype watches. In fact the Submariner was not officially produced in white gold until the launch of the reference 116619 in 2014.

As a prototype, the present watch is not engraved with a serial number between the lugs at 6 o'clock, only the reference number between the lugs at 12 o'clock. It is therefore impossible to date precisely, however, several details in the construction and design would point to a date of somewhere around 1973.

The rich blue Submariner dial is the so-called "nipple" dial due to the shape of the circular luminous indexes. It is a "feet first" designated dial introduced after about 1971, the earlier type was designated "meters first".

The case, in common with most gold reference 1680 Submariners of the period was made by *Genex S.A.*, who specialized in making Oyster cases, most famously for the reference 6062, their maker's mark of a number 12 in a key is engraved on the inside of the caseback.

Apart from the white gold Oyster case itself, what makes this watch particularly striking is the style of the bezel. Bidirectional rotating, it is milled or serrated only in two areas of the edge, the insert itself, cast and finely machined, is very reminiscent of the "thunderbird" bezels of the 1950s.

The watch is fitted to a white gold *President* bracelet with concealed deployant clasp, the endlinks numbered 54, dating from about 1973 it is a classic 1970s bracelet with central bark-effect links.

Although this incredibly eye-catching watch is designated as reference 1680, it is obvious that had a white gold model been developed from the prototype its appearance would have been markedly different to the reference 1680 as we know it.

It can only be speculated as to why the model never went into production, perhaps rising costs and an uncertain market during the economic turbulence and oil crisis of the early 1970s made Rolex exercise caution and as time passed the moment had gone.

The present watch gives collectors the opportunity to obtain a quite extraordinary and important part of the Rolex story.



REF. 16610

**"Comex Operation Everest"**



Photographs from "Operation Everest" training

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**ROLEX. A FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, ENGRAVED CASE BACK, BRACELET, "OPERATION EVEREST" DOCUMENTATION, BOX AND GUARANTEE. MADE FOR THE COMEX "OPERATION EVEREST" EXPERIMENT**  
SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, SUBMARINER, 1000FT = 300M, REF. 16610, CASE NO. T686486, CIRCA 1997

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3135, 31 jewels

**Dial:** black, gloss, dot baton and dagger applied luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back engraved "Everest 8848m, Comex, 1997", unidirectional revolving bezel graduated for 60 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 39.5 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 185 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, extendable deployant clasp, "Operation Everest" documentation including press clips, press release, dvd and pictures, punched Garantie dated 09 June 2001 and stamped by Toulouse, France retailer *Les Salons Gerbe d'Or*, additional bracelet link, sale tag, fitted green presentation box and outer packaging

CHF35,000-55,000

\$35,000-55,000

€33,000-51,000

Rolex and Comex are one of the most legendary "couples" in watchmaking. It is on Comex request and with Comex's help that one of the most iconic diver's watch models ever, the SeaDweller, was born in the early 1970s. The link between the two companies however continued well beyond those first days, always with the goal of pushing the boundaries of research further.

The present piece exemplifies this continued effort to achieve new heights in scientific research and in what is considered humanly possible. In fact, it is a relic and first-hand witness to the "Operation Everest" experiment, led by Comex in 1997. For one month, a group of volunteers – among which Mr. Despiau, the consignor of this timepiece, at the time a 25 years old student – was sealed in an artificial environment simulating the oxygen concentration, pressure, and similar parameters of an ascent to Mount Everest. The group experienced a simulated altitude of 5000 meters above sea level for the first week, 6000 meters for the second week, 7000 meters on the third week followed by a two days "recovery period" at 5000 m., and eventually the last week was spent between 7000 and 8848 meters (the tip of Mount Everest). In the meanwhile a range of physical tests and analysis were performed to evaluate the adaptivity of the human body to such high altitudes, for such a long time, under physical stress. The experiment was extremely taxing on the participants so much that, after reaching 7000 m., three volunteers had to give up due to hypoxia and similar issues.

The watches were presented to the volunteers by Comex patron, Henri Delauze, before the beginning of the experiment and were on the wrists of the participants for the whole time, as documented in many of the pictures and in the video provided with the lot. In fact, the watch will remain on the wrist of Mr. Despiau for years to come, climbing together with his owner – a professional climber and later mountain rescue operator – to the top of many Andean summits, and taking part to rescue missions in the Pyrenees. In fact, the crack present on the bezel occurred during a climbing incident. Mr. Despiau never wanted to have the part exchanged, the crack reminding him of his adventure.

Interestingly, this might be the only one of the "Operation Everest" watches to have a Guarantee. Mr. Despiau explained how in 2001 he decided to go to a Rolex retailer, explain the origin of the watch, and ask for a Guarantee. After checking with Rolex, his request was granted and a punched guarantee was issued.



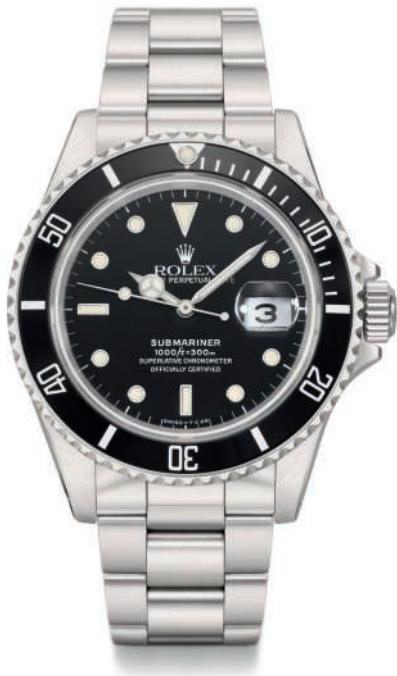
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REF. 16610  
*"Comex Operation Everest"*



REF. 16610  
**"Submariner Date"**



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**ROLEX. A STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, ADDITIONAL BLUE DIAL, BLUE BEZEL, GARANTIE AND BOX**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, SUBMARINER, 1000FT=300MT, REF. 16610, CASE NO. L438126, CIRCA 1989

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3135, 31 jewels

**Dial:** black gloss with applied luminous dot, baton and dagger numerals

**Case:** screw back, unidirectional revolving bezel graduated for 60 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

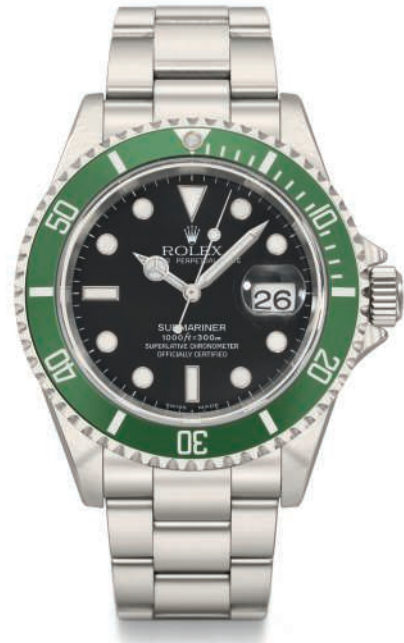
**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam., overall bracelet length approx. 190 mm

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, extendable deployant clasp, Garantie stamped by München retailer *Andreas Huber* and dated 4 October 1989, additional blue dial and blue bezel insert, sale tag, product literature, *Rolex* green fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF4,000-6,000

\$4,000-6,000  
 €3,800-5,600

The present reference 16610 is offered in very good condition, complete with all its accessories as well as an additional blue dial and blue bezel insert.



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**ROLEX. A FINE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC DIVER'S WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, BRACELET, GREEN BEZEL, GUARANTEE AND BOX**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, SUBMARINER, 1000FT = 300M, REF. 16610LV, CASE NO. F320908, CIRCA 2004

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3135, 31 jewels

**Dial:** black, gloss, dot baton and dagger applied luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, bidirectional revolving bezel with green insert graduated for 60 minutes

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 195 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, deployant clasp, punched Garantie stamped by Soria, Spain retailer *Monjoy, S.L.* and dated 18 May 2004, product literature, 2004/2005 calendar card, sale tags, fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF5,000-7,000

\$5,000-7,000  
 €4,700-6,500

Consigned by its first owner the present ref. 16610LV is offered in absolutely new-old-stock condition, complete with all of its original sale accessories and still retaining the absolutely unspoiled protective green sticker to the case back.

The Submariner ref. 16610LV for "lunette verte", featuring the distinctive green bezel, was launched in 2003 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the celebrated model.

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**ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE NEW OLD STOCK 18K GOLD AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH DATE, BRACELET AND CERTIFICATE**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, SUBMARINER, 1000FT=300M, REF. 16618, CASE NO. Z693133, CIRCA 2007

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3135, 31 jewels

**Dial:** applied luminous numerals, magnified window for date

**Case:** screw back, screw-down crown

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 40 mm. diam. overall length of bracelet approximately 190 mm.

**With:** 18K gold *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, deployant clasp, Garantie stamped *Auron Merano* and dated August 2008 and sales tags

CHF22,000-30,000

\$22,000-30,000

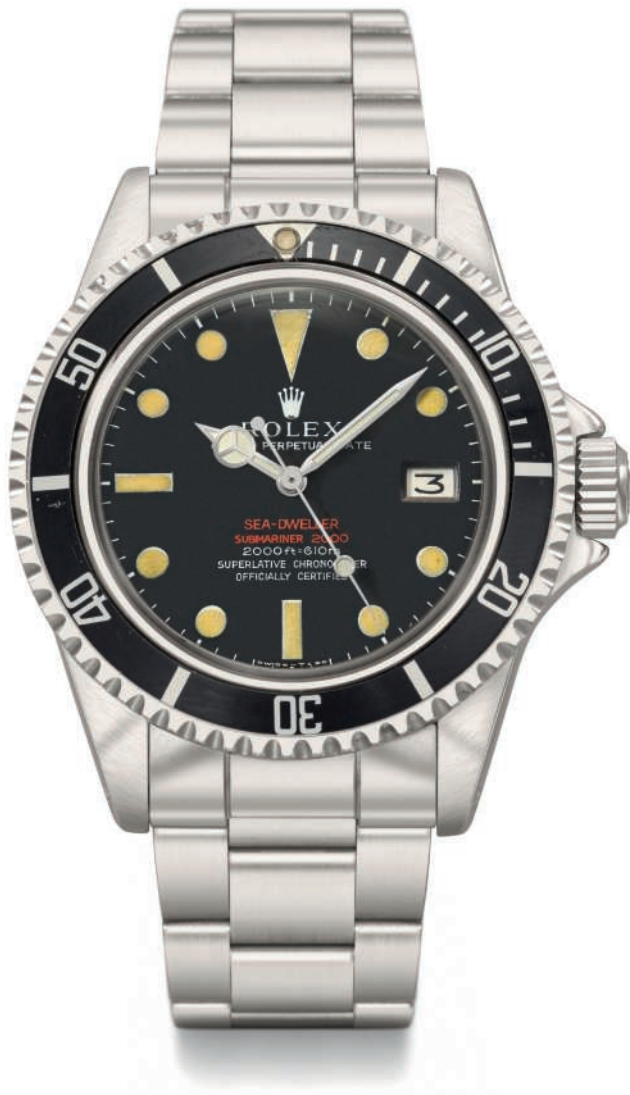
€21,000-28,000

The present watch is a superb example of the classic and ever-popular gold and blue Submariner, it has remained totally unworn for almost ten years and can be truly called "new old stock". The plastic protective seals are still intact on both the watch and bracelet clasp as is the reference number sticker on the back.

Reference 16618, the all-gold Submariner, was launched in the mid-1980s, fitted with the caliber 3135 movement and quick-set calendar functions.



# REF. 1665 "Sea-Dweller Mark II"



## 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROLEX SEA-DWELLER

2017 is the 50th anniversary of the Rolex Sea-Dweller, a true tool watch. The Sea-Dweller was originally designed for professional deep-sea divers, it has an underwater diving depth rating of 610 metres (2,000 ft) for the vintage models and up to 1220 metres (4,000 ft) for the most recent Sea-Dweller Deep Sea models. Technically advanced, the Sea-Dweller is equipped with the "helium escape valve", patented by Rolex in 1967. This ingenious escape valve preserves the waterproofness of the watch whilst regulating the pressure accumulated inside the case during deep-water dives.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary, this year at Basle, Rolex has unveiled a new version of the Sea-Dweller. This updated model features a 43mm case, new calibre 3235 movement and for the first time on the Sea-Dweller, a cyclops lens over the date. The dial bears the name Sea-Dweller in red in homage to the first model.

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### ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC DIVER'S WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, GAS ESCAPE VALVE, DRSD DIAL, TWO BRACELETS AND SPARE PARTS

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, SEA-DWELLER, SUBMARINER 2000, 200FT = 610M, REF. 1665, CASE NO. 1'759'646, CIRCA 1967

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1570, 26 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, dot baton and dagger luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back engraved "ROLEX, Rolex patent . Gas escape valve . OYSTER"

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 39.5 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 195 mm.

**With:** two stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelets, two extendable deployant clasps, additional bezel, two extra links, additional crown, additional mainspring, additional gears

CHF22,000-32,000

\$23,000-33,000

€21,000-30,000

The present lot is a lovely example of the rare and attractive Double Red Sea-Dweller (DRSD) dial. It is defined by the two first lines of text at 6 o'clock being red rather than white.

These DRSD dials were available only during the early years of the Sea-Dweller, up until circa serial number 5 million. They were then dropped in favor of full white graphics.

The present dial features one of the most scarce – and at the same time most peculiar and recognizable – versions: the Mark II. Mark II dials are defined by at least three features: the second red line of text presents fonts smaller than the first; the red fonts are bright red and very crisp with neatly defined serifs (especially on the last "E" of "dweller"); and – and this is the most immediately recognizable feature – the Rolex coronet is not at all well-defined, with the spikes somewhat blurry and imprecise and the opening at the bottom nearly nonexistent.

Most possibly, this less-than-perfect quality is the reason why Rolex very soon dismissed this version of the Double Red dial. In fact, it is found only around serial numbers 1.7 Million.

Additionally, it is worth mentioning that this piece comes with the Oyster bracelet model. 9315 with endlinks stamped 285 – absolutely correct for this model and period – and a cornucopia of additional parts – including additional bezel, bracelet, crown, mainspring and gears.



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**ROLEX. A FINE AND RARE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC DIVER'S WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, DOUBLE RED SEADWELLER DIAL, GAS ESCAPE VALVE AND BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, SEA-DWELLER, 2000FT = 610M, REF. 1665, CASE NO. 5'193'297, CIRCA 1977

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1570, 26 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, dot, baton and dagger luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back engraved "Rolex, Oyster, Gas Escape Valve, Rolex patent", bidirectional revolving bezel graduated for 60 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 39.5 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 190 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet and extendable deployant clasp

CHF20,000-30,000

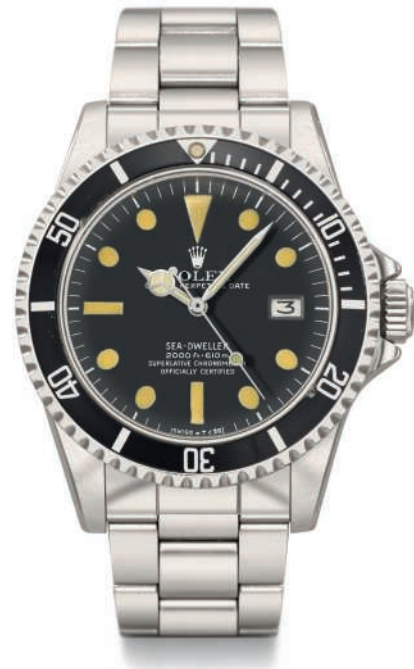
\$20,000-30,000

€19,000-28,000

An icon among diver's timepieces, the double red SeaDweller is defined by the two red lines of text at 6 o'clock, instead of full white graphics. This apparently simple difference has instead an enormous impact on the entire look of the dial, making it sportier but at the same time adding also a bit of levity and playfulness to the ensemble. Interestingly, a Single Red Sea-Dweller model was introduced this year to Rolex collection, a testament to how appealing a touch of red on the dial is to collectors.

Four production versions of this dial are known, in addition to some early prototype variations and later service examples. The present watch features the final version of the double red dial, the "Mark IV". It is most easily distinguished by the grainy texture of the red designations, which appear at high magnification as if it were made of many small dots. Other characteristic traits are the much bigger fonts of the first line of text compared to the second, and a very well defined, clear crown with a large opening at the base.

The present specimen of this legendary model is offered in absolutely excellent condition. Not only the dial appears to be untouched, the luminous material now sporting an extremely attractive light vanilla tonality, but the case as well is remarkably well-preserved, with full lugs featuring pinholes well distanced for the edges.



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**ROLEX. A VERY FINE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC DIVER'S WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, GAS ESCAPE VALVE AND BRACELET**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, SEA-DWELLER, 2000FT = 610M, REF. 1665, CASE NO. 5'491'478, CIRCA 1978

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1570, 26 jewels

**Dial:** black, matte, dot baton and dagger luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back engraved "ROLEX, Rolex patent Oyster Gas escape valve"

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 39.5 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 200 mm

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, extendable deployant clasp, two additional links in *Rolex* paper bag

CHF8,000-12,000

\$8,000-12,000

€7,500-11,000

In 1977 Rolex substantially modifies the dial of the SeaDweller, discontinuing the DRSD dial (last examples seen at around 5.2M serial) and introducing a new full white dial, which is now known as the "Great White", and is first seen on cases as low as 5.0M. As for the DRSD, also the Great White presents an evolution, with at least five versions identified as Mark 0 to Mark 4.

The first two series are very rare and can be recognized by the straight "ft" and "m" in the depth rating. All the later Marks will instead present italic fonts for these designations. Furthermore, Mark 1 dials – such as the present one – are distinguishable by the very small hole at the base of the Rolex crown.

Mark1 dials can be found approximately up to serial number 6.2 M.

REF. 16600

Sea-Dweller

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**PROJECT X DESIGNS. A VERY RARE BLACK DLC COATED STAINLESS STEEL LIMITED EDITION AUTOMATIC DIVER'S WRISTWATCH WITH GAS ESCAPE VALVE, SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, HACK FEATURE, BLACK DIAL WITH DOUBLE RED "SEA-DWELLER 4000FT=1220M" PRINTING, LIMITED EDITION CERTIFICATE, ORIGINAL ENVELOPE, GUARANTEES, SALES TAGS AND PRESENTATION BOX**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, SEA-DWELLER, 4000FT=1220M, SUPERLATIVE CHRONOMETER, OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED, REF. 16600, CASE NO. V444660, PROJECT X DESIGNS SIR ROGER MOORE EDITION, NO. 02/02, MANUFACTURED IN 2009

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3135, 27 jewels

**Dial:** black with luminous dot, baton and triangular numerals

**Case:** screw back with engraved and inlaid white enamel inscription Project X Designs Sir Roger Moore Edition 02/02 and Rolex Oyster Original Gas Escape Valve, unidirectional revolving bezel calibrated for the decompression times, helium gas escape valve in the case band, fixed bar lugs

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 39.5 mm diam.

**With:** With Project X Designs original Certificate signed by Sir Roger Moore confirming that the present Rolex Sea-Dweller Ref. 16600, Serial V444660, was redesigned as Sir Roger Moore Edition 02/02 for Sir Roger Moore and listing the specifications of the watch. Furthermore delivered with Project X Designs original black envelope and Guarantee, a Project X Designs watch roll and polishing cloth, Rolex Garantie Internationale Attestation de Chronomètre card, pouch with a Bühlmann Dive Time-Table, product literature, sale tags and fitted green presentation box. Furthermore delivered with Sir Roger Moore's original letter dated 12th November 2010 confirming that the present watch was commissioned by him via Project X Designs in 2009, as part of two special watch editions and a signed photograph.

CHF20,000-40,000

\$20,000-40,000  
 €19,000-37,000

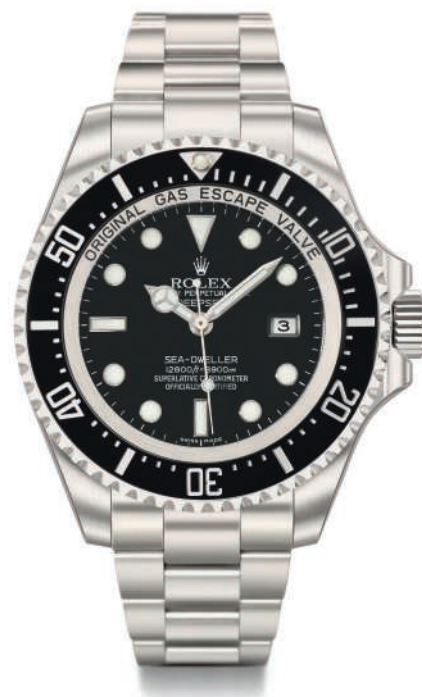
The present watch is the second out of only 2 pieces commissioned by ex 007 actor, Sir Roger Moore to the English company Project X Designs. It was auctioned for charity in Novembre 2011 at Christie's International, Geneva for a total of CHF 75'000. All sale proceeds were donated to UNICEF of which Mr Moore is a Goodwill Ambassador. The second watch, a customized Rolex Submariner n° 01/02, remains in his possession.

Since its purchase in 2011 the watch was never worn and remains in excellent condition. This very unusual piece is a unique opportunity to acquire a sports wristwatch combining a legendary Hollywood provenance with exceptional rarity both engraved on the back of the watch.



(detail of case back)

Left: Signed Roger Moore photograph, included in lot 279



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**ROLEX. A FINE AND LARGE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC DIVER'S WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, GAS ESCAPE VALVE, BRACELET, GUARANTEE AND BOX**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL DATE, DEEPSSEA, REF. 116660, CASE NO. V146504, CIRCA 2008

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 3135, 31 jewels

**Dial:** black, gloss, dot baton and dagger applied luminous numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back, unidirectional revolving bezel graduated for 60 units

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 44 mm. diam.; overall length approx. 210 mm.

**With:** stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet, extensible deployant clasp, Garantie Internationale card stamped by Milan retailer *F.lli Pisa* and date December 2008, two green document holders, product literature, fitted presentation box and outer packaging

CHF4,000-6,000

\$4,000-6,000  
 €3,800-5,600

The present ref. 116660 is offered in absolutely mint, new-old-stock condition, still retaining the original guarantee and box. It is consigned by its first owner who purchased it at the prestigious retailer Fratelli Pisa in Milan.

An evolution of the celebrated Sea-Dweller model, the DeepSea pushes the boundaries of water resistance even further than its hallowed parent, achieving an astounding depth rate of 3900 meters (or 12800 ft.). The pressure at that depth is simply enormous, even difficult to imagine. It amounts roughly to 390 times the pressure at sea level: 390 ATM, which is equal approximately to 400 kg per square centimeter (5730 pound per square inch). In order to withstand it, the entire case – and the crystal as well – had to be re-engineered, a process which resulted in the largest case ever seen on a standard production Rolex timepiece. A similar size can be found on the intellectual predecessor of this watch: the Deep Sea Special which was sent down to 11'000 meters below sea level, to the bottom of the Mariana trench – the deepest part of the ocean – in 1960, strapped to the outside of Jacques Piccard's bathyscaphe Trieste.

REF. 1803  
Day-Date  
"Green Khanjar"



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**ROLEX. A VERY FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE 18K GOLD AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE SECONDS AND ARABIC CALENDAR. MADE FOR THE SULTANATE OF OMAN**

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, DAY-DATE, REF. 1803, CASE NO. 3'392'365, CIRCA 1973

**Movement:** automatic, cal. 1556, 26 jewels

**Dial:** champagne, brushed, green Khanjar, applied baton numerals, luminous hands

**Case:** screw back

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 36 mm. diam.

**With:** Rolex gold plated buckle

CHF12,000-18,000

\$12,000-18,000

€12,000-17,000

In production from 1959 to 1977, reference 1803 can be considered the most classical of all the day-date references: its case strikes the perfect balance between sporty and elegant, and the ribbed bezel has grown to become the bezel collectors think of when imagining a Day-Date. It is the chef d'oeuvre against which all day-date models are weighted.

When such a landmark model comes blessed with one of the most appealing and collectible traits to possibly be found on a Rolex - or any - timepiece: a Khanjar dial, it is obvious we are in front of a watch whose importance cannot be underestimated. The presence of the Arabic calendar discs - a trait which boosts the allure and exotic vibe of the Middle Eastern personalization, and found only on a minority of the Omani timepieces - further amplifies the collectability of the piece.



REF. 6263  
Daytona  
"Green Khanjar"



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**ROLEX. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH GREEN « KHANJAR » SYMBOL, PRESENTED BY THE SULTAN OF OMAN TO THE CURRENT OWNER IN 1974, SOLD WITH THE ORIGINAL SALES TAG, BOX, PERIOD BLANK GUARANTEE AND BROCHURES ROLEX, OYSTER COSMOGRAPH, DAYTONA MODEL, REF. 6263, CASE NO. 3'048'293, CIRCA 1972**

**Movement:** manual, cal. 727, 17 jewels

**Dial:** silvered, applied baton numerals, luminous dots, green "Khanjar" symbol below 12, three black sunken subsidiary dials

**Case:** black bezel, screw back numbered 6262, screw down crown and chronograph buttons

**Signed:** case, dial and movement

**Dimensions:** 37.5 mm. wide, overall bracelet length approx. 200 mm.

With: stainless steel *Rolex Oyster* bracelet and clasp, original sales tag, period blank guarantee and brochures, original presentation box and outer packaging. Furthermore delivered with copies of the 28 March 1974 page from the current owner's original Personal Flying Log Book, photograph and UK customs declaration and receipt

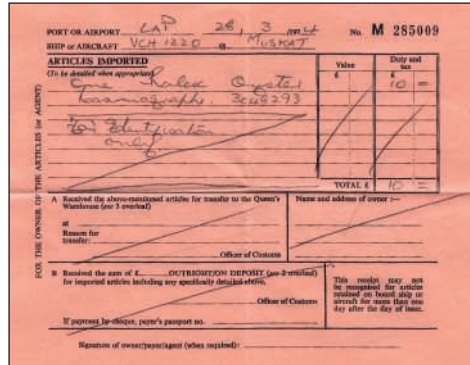
CHF320,000-420,000

\$320,000-420,000  
€300,000-390,000





The original owner wearing the present watch, during his last flight in 1989.



(details of import duties to Great Britain from 1974)



The present watch is from the exceedingly small series of so-called “Green Khanjar” Daytonas made for the Sultan of Oman, to be presented as token of appreciation. To date, less than 10 examples of this model in stainless steel are known to exist, references 6263 and 6265, featuring silvered or black dials. The present specimen bearing serial number 3’048’923 is believed to be the earliest known “Green Khanjar” Daytona known to date.

Very recently discovered and one of the exceedingly few true “hidden treasures” to appear in public in recent years, this ref. 6263 is distinguished by a variety of rare features. Most remarkable and noticeable is doubtlessly the prominent green “Khanjar” symbol to the upper half of its dial, the emblem of the Sultanate of Oman, a distinctive characteristic of watches presented by the Sultan as a gift – in this instance to the present owner, a now retired British Airways pilot who flew the Sultan and his entourage on one of his first state visits on a charter flight from Muscat to Rome’s Ciampino Airport on 28 March 1974, the airline at the time still called BOAC. Shortly before the landing, one of the Sultan’s ministers entered the cockpit offering a cream/green box to the captain with the words “a little present from the Sultan”. The pleasantly surprised pilot took possession of the gift, delivered his passengers safely to Ciampino and returned to London the same time where upon arrival he declared the watch at customs and paid the amount of £10 for duty and tax. He carefully kept the original declaration and receipt dated 28 March 1974, now illustrated in this catalogue. His flight from Muscat to Ciampino and then to London on this day is registered in his Personal Flying Log Book, the relevant page published in the illustration. A professional pilot/captain from his beginnings in 1956 at BOAC (which became British Airways coincidentally also in 1974) he retired in 1989, the published image showing him in the cockpit during his last flight wearing his “Green Khanjar” Daytona.

Safely stored away until January 2017 when it was consigned for this auction, this sensational discovery impresses with its superb, unspoilt condition. The full bodied case has most likely never been polished, over time the colour of the luminous dots on the untouched dial has changed to a uniform cream tone, matching the luminous material on the hands. The presence of the original accessories such as the sales tag, the box marked with the reference number 6263, a/b for “acier/bracelet”, “steel/bracelet”, and a small white dot indicating a silvered dial, period guarantee form and brochures enhance the overall appeal of this watch.

Utmost rarity combined with private provenance and a captivating history render this “Green Khanjar” a superb trophy for the connoisseur of exceptional timepieces.

For an illustration of a “Green Khanjar” reference 6265 with black dial see *The Ultimate Rolex Daytona*, Pucci Papaleo Editore, pl. 497.

**Qaboos bin Said (born 18 November 1940, Muscat and Oman), Sultan of Oman**

The 14th-generation descendant of the founder of the Al Bu Sa’idi dynasty, Qaboos bin Said Al Said was educated at Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk, England, and at Sandhurst, the Royal Military Academy, in Berkshire. In 1970 Qaboos took over the palace in a coup with British support and exiled his father. He immediately undertook a range of ambitious modernization projects, including constructing roads, hospitals, schools, communications systems, and industrial and port facilities. He abrogated his father’s moralistic laws and established a Council of Ministers (cabinet). He also made considerable progress in ending Oman’s isolation by joining the Arab League and the United Nations, aligning his country with the moderate Arab powers.

The collaboration between Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said and Rolex started in the early 1970s with the Sultan’s wish to show his gratitude to the members of the British Special Forces, SAS, who had successfully assisted him in his fight against rebels from 1970 to 1976. In the years to come he regularly ordered various Rolex models which were presented as gifts in recognition of a service rendered. The dials of these watches featured the Khanjar symbol predominantly in colours red and white, few examples in gold or green.

REF. 6263  
Daytona  
"Green Khanjar"



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We may at our option ask you for current identification as described in paragraph B1(a) above, a financial reference or a deposit as a **condition of allowing you to bid**. If you have not bought anything from any of our salerooms in the last two years or if you want to spend more than on previous occasions, please contact Client Services on +41 22 319 1766.

### 3 IF YOU FAIL TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT DOCUMENTS

If in our opinion you do not satisfy our bidder identification and registration procedures including, but not limited to completing any anti-money laundering and/or anti-terrorism financing checks we may require to our satisfaction, we may refuse to register you to bid, and if you make a successful bid, we may cancel the contract for sale between you and the seller.

### 4 BIDDING ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON

(a) As authorised bidder: If you are bidding on behalf of another person, that person will need to complete the registration requirements above before you can bid, and supply a signed letter authorising you to bid for him/her.

(b) As agent for an undisclosed principal: If you are bidding as an agent for an undisclosed principal (the ultimate buyer(s)), you accept personal liability to pay the **purchase price** and all other sums due. Further, you warrant that:

(i) you have conducted appropriate customer due diligence on the ultimate buyer(s) of the **lot(s)** in accordance with any and all applicable anti-money laundering and sanctions laws, consent to us relying on this due diligence, and you will remain for a period of not less than 5 years the documentation and records (including originals) evidencing the due diligence;

(ii) you will make such documentation and records (including originals) evidencing your due diligence promptly available for immediate inspection by an independent third-party auditor upon our written request to do so. We will not disclose such documentation and records to any third-parties unless (1) it is already in the public domain, (2) it is required to be disclosed by law, or (3) it is in accordance with anti-money laundering laws;

(iii) the arrangements between you and the ultimate buyer(s) are not designed to facilitate tax crimes;

(iv) you do not know, and have no reason to suspect, that the funds used for settlement are connected with, the proceeds of any criminal activity including tax crimes, or that the ultimate buyer(s) are under investigation, charged with or convicted of money laundering, terrorist activities or other money laundering predicate crimes.

A bidder accepts personal liability to pay the **purchase price** and all other sums due unless it has been agreed in writing with Christie's before commencement of the auction that the bidder is acting as an agent on behalf of a named third party acceptable to Christie's and that Christie's will only seek payment from the named third party.

## 5 BIDDING IN PERSON

If you wish to bid in the saleroom you must register for a numbered bidding paddle at least 30 minutes before the auction. You may register online at [www.christies.com](http://www.christies.com) or in person. For help, please contact Client Services on +41 22 319 1766.

## 6 BIDDING SERVICES

The bidding services described below are a free service offered as a convenience to our clients and Christie's is not responsible for any error (human or otherwise), omission or breakdown in providing these services.

### (a) Phone Bids

Your request for this service must be made no later than 24 hours prior to the auction. We will accept bids by telephone for **lots** only if our staff are available to take the bids. If you need to bid in a language other than in English, you must arrange this well before the auction. We may record telephone bids. By bidding on the telephone, you are agreeing to us recording your conversations. You also agree that your telephone bids are governed by these Conditions of Sale.

### (b) Internet Bids on Christie's Live™

For certain auctions we will accept bids over the Internet. Please visit [www.christies.com/livebidding](http://www.christies.com/livebidding) and click on the 'Bid Live' icon to see details of how to watch, hear and bid at the auction from your computer. As well as these Conditions of Sale, internet bids are governed by the Christie's LIVE™ terms of use which are available on [www.christies.com](http://www.christies.com).

### (c) Written Bids

You can find a Written Bid Form at the back of our catalogues, at any Christie's office or by choosing the sale and viewing the **lots** online at [www.christies.com](http://www.christies.com). We must receive your completed Written Bid Form at least 24 hours before the auction. Bids must be placed in the currency of the saleroom. The auctioneer will take reasonable steps to carry out written bids at the lowest possible price, taking into account the **reserve**. If you make a written bid on a **lot** which does not have a **reserve** and there is no higher bid than yours, we will bid on your behalf at around 50% of the **low estimate** or, if lower, the amount of your bid. If we receive written bids on a **lot** for identical amounts, and at the auction these are the highest bids on the **lot**, we will sell the **lot** to the bidder whose written bid we received first.

## C AT THE SALE

### 1 WHO CAN ENTER THE AUCTION

We may, at our option, refuse admission to our premises or decline to permit participation in any auction or to reject any bid.

### 2 RESERVES

Unless otherwise indicated, all **lots** are subject to a **reserve**. We identify **lots** that are offered without **reserve** with the symbol - next to the **lot** number. The **reserve** cannot be more than the **lot's low estimate**.

### 3 AUCTIONEER'S DISCRETION

The auctioneer can at his sole option:

- refuse any bid;
- move the bidding backwards or forwards in any way he or she may decide, or change the order of the **lots**;
- withdraw any **lot**;
- divide any **lot** or combine any two or more **lots**;
- reopen or continue the bidding even after the hammer has fallen; and
- in the case of error or dispute and whether during or after the auction, to continue the bidding, determine the successful bidder, cancel the sale of the **lot**, or reoffer and resell any **lot**. If any dispute relating to bidding arises during or after the auction, the auctioneer's decision in exercise of this option is final.

### 4 BIDDING

The auctioneer accepts bids from:

- bidders in the saleroom;
- telephone bidders, and internet bidders through 'Christie's LIVE™' (as shown above in Section B6); and
- written bids (also known as absentee bids or commission bids) left with us by a bidder before the auction.

### 5 BIDDING ON BEHALF OF THE SELLER

The auctioneer may, at his or her sole option, bid on behalf of the seller up to but not including the amount of the **reserve** either by making consecutive bids or by making bids in response to other bidders. The auctioneer will not identify these as bids made on behalf of the seller and will not make any bid on behalf of the seller at or above the **reserve**. If **lots** are offered without **reserve**, the auctioneer will generally decide to open the bidding at 50% of the **low estimate** for the **lot**. If no bid is made at that level, the auctioneer may decide to go backwards at his or her sole option until a bid is made, and then continue up from that amount. In the event that there are no bids on a **lot**, the auctioneer may deem such **lot** unsold.

### 6 BID INCREMENTS

Bidding generally starts below the **low estimate** and increases in steps (bid increments). The auctioneer will decide at his or her sole option where the bidding should start and the bid increments. The usual bid increments are shown for guidance only on the Written Bid Form at the back of this catalogue.

### 7 CURRENCY CONVERTER

The saleroom video screens (and Christie's LIVE™) may show bids in some other major currencies as well as Swiss francs. Any conversion is for guidance only and we cannot be bound by any rate of exchange used. Christie's is not responsible for any error (human or otherwise), omission or breakdown in providing these services.

## 8 SUCCESSFUL BIDS

Unless the auctioneer decides to use his or her discretion as set out in paragraph C3 above, when the auctioneer's hammer strikes, we have accepted the last bid. This means a contract for sale has been formed between the seller and the successful bidder. We will issue an invoice only to the registered bidder who made the successful bid. While we send out invoices by post and/or email after the auction, we do not accept responsibility for telling you whether or not your bid was successful. If you have bid by written bid, you should contact us by telephone or in person as soon as possible after the auction to get details of the outcome of your bid to avoid having to pay unnecessary storage charges.

## 9 LOCAL BIDDING LAWS

You agree that when bidding in any of our sales that you will strictly comply with all local laws and regulations in force at the time of the sale for the relevant sale site.

## D THE BUYER'S PREMIUM AND TAXES

### 1 THE BUYER'S PREMIUM

In addition to the **hammer price**, the successful bidder agrees to pay us a **buyer's premium** on the **hammer price** of each **lot** sold. On all **lots** we charge 25% of the **hammer price** up to and including CHF 150,000, 20% on that part of the **hammer price** over CHF 150,000 and up to and including CHF 2,500,000, and 12% of that part of the **hammer price** above CHF 2,500,000.

### 2 TAXES

The successful bidder is responsible for any applicable tax including any VAT, sales or compensating use tax or equivalent tax wherever they arise on the **hammer price** and/or the **buyer's premium**. It is the buyer's responsibility to ascertain and pay all taxes due. You can find details of how VAT and VAT refunds are dealt with in the section of the catalogue headed 'VAT Symbols and Explanation'. VAT charges and refunds depend on the particular circumstances of the buyer so this section, which is not exhaustive, should be used only as a general guide. In all circumstances EU and Swiss law takes precedence. If you have any questions about VAT, please contact Client Services on +41 22 319 1766.

For **lots** Christie's ships to the United States, a state sales or use tax may be due on the **hammer price**, **buyer's premium** and shipping costs on the **lot**, regardless of the nationality or citizenship of the purchaser. Christie's is currently required to collect sales tax for **lots** it ships to the state of New York. The applicable sales tax rate will be determined based upon the state, county, or locale to which the **lot** will be shipped. Successful bidders claiming an exemption from sales tax must provide appropriate documentation to Christie's prior to the release of the **lot**. For shipments to those states for which Christie's is not required to collect sales tax, a successful bidder may be required to remit use tax to that state's taxing authorities. Christie's recommends you obtain your own independent tax advice with further questions.

## E WARRANTIES

### 1 SELLER'S WARRANTIES

For each **lot**, the seller gives a **warranty** that the seller:

- is the owner of the **lot** or a joint owner of the **lot** acting with the permission of the other co-owners or, if the seller is not the owner or a joint owner of the **lot**, has the permission of the owner to sell the **lot**, or the right to do so in law; and
  - has the right to transfer ownership of the **lot** to the buyer without any restrictions or claims by anyone else.
- If either of the above warranties are incorrect, the seller shall not have to pay more than the **purchase price** (as defined in paragraph F1(a) below) paid by you to us. The seller will not be responsible to you for any reason for loss of profits or business, expected savings, loss of opportunity or interest, costs, damages, **other damages** or expenses. The seller gives no **warranty** in relation to any **lot** other than as set out above and, as far as the seller is allowed by law, all warranties from the seller to you, and all other obligations upon the seller which may be added to this agreement by law, are excluded.

### 2 OUR AUTHENTICITY WARRANTY

We warrant, subject to the terms below, that the **lots** in our sales are **authentic** (our 'authenticity **warranty**'). If, within 5 years of the date of the auction, you satisfy us that your **lot** is not **authentic**, subject to the terms below, we will refund the **purchase price** paid by you. The meaning of **authentic** can be found in the glossary at the end of these Conditions of Sale. The terms of the authenticity **warranty** are as follows:

- It will be honoured for a period of 5 years from the date of the auction. After such time, we will not be obligated to honour the authenticity **warranty**.
- It is given only for information shown in UPPERCASE type in the first line of the **catalogue description** (the '**Heading**'). It does not apply to any information other than in the **Heading** even if shown in UPPERCASE type.
- The authenticity **warranty** does not apply to any **Heading** or part of a **Heading** which is **qualified**. **Qualified** means limited by a clarification in a **lot's catalogue description** or by the use in a **Heading** of one of the terms listed in the section titled **Qualified Headings** on the page of the catalogue headed 'Important Notices and Explanation of Cataloguing Practices'. For example, use of the term 'ATTRIBUTED TO...' in a **Heading** means that the **lot** is in Christie's opinion probably a work by the named artist but no **warranty** is provided that the **lot** is the work of the named artist. Please read the full list of **Qualified Headings** and a **lot's full catalogue description** before bidding.
- The authenticity **warranty** applies to the **Heading** as amended by any **Saleroom Notice**.

(e) The authenticity **warranty** does not apply where scholarship has developed since the auction leading to a change in generally accepted opinion. Further, it does not apply if the **Heading** either matched the generally accepted opinion of experts at the date of the sale or drew attention to any conflict of opinion.

(f) The authenticity **warranty** does not apply if the **lot** can only be shown not to be **authentic** by a scientific process which, on the date we published the catalogue, was not available or generally accepted for use, or which was unreasonably expensive or impractical, or which was likely to have damaged the **lot**.

(g) The benefit of the authenticity **warranty** is only available to the original buyer shown on the invoice for the **lot** issued at the time of the sale and only if the original buyer has owned the **lot** continuously between the date of the auction and the date of claim. It may not be transferred to anyone else.

(h) In order to claim under the authenticity **warranty** you must:

- give us written details, including full supporting evidence, of any claim within 5 years of the date of the auction;
- at Christie's option, we may require you to provide the written opinions of two recognised experts in the field of the **lot** mutually agreed by you and us in advance confirming that the **lot** is not **authentic**. If we have any doubts, we reserve the right to obtain additional opinions at our expense; and
- return the **lot** at your expense to the saleroom from which you bought it in the **condition** it was in at the time of sale.

(i) Your only right under this authenticity **warranty** is to cancel the sale and receive a refund of the **purchase price** paid by you to us. We will not, in any circumstances, be required to pay you more than the **purchase price** nor will we be liable for any loss of profits or business, loss of opportunity or value, expected savings or interest, costs, damages, **other damages** or expenses.

## F PAYMENT

### 1 HOW TO PAY

(a) Immediately following the auction, you must pay the **purchase price** being:

- the **hammer price**; and
- the **buyer's premium**; and
- any amounts due under section D2 above; and
- any duties, goods, sales, use, compensating or service tax or VAT.

Payment is due no later than by the end of the 7th calendar day following the date of the auction (the '**due date**').

(b) We will only accept payment from the registered bidder. Once issued, we cannot change the buyer's name on an invoice or re-issue the invoice in a different name. You must pay immediately even if you want to export the **lot** and you need an export licence.

(c) You must pay for **lots** bought at Christie's in Switzerland in the currency stated on the invoice in one of the following ways:

- Wire transfer  
You must make payments to:  
Crédit Suisse, Case Postale 100, 1211 Geneva 70, Switzerland,  
Account number: 161766 - 41, Clearing: 4835, Swift code: CRESCHZZ12A, IBAN (international bank account number): CH30 0483 5016 1766 4100 0.
- Credit Card.  
We accept most major credit cards subject to certain conditions and fees. To make a 'cardholder not present' (CNP) payment, you must complete a CNP authorisation form which you can get from our Cashiers Department. You must send a completed CNP authorisation form by fax to +41 22 319 1767 or by post to the address set out in paragraph (d) below. If you want to make a CNP payment over the telephone, you must call +41 22 319 1740. CNP payments cannot be accepted by all salerooms and are subject to certain restrictions. Details of the conditions and restrictions applicable to credit card payments are available from our Cashiers Department, whose details are set out in paragraph (d) below.

If you pay for your purchase using a credit card issued outside the region of the sale, depending on the type of credit card and account you hold, the payment may incur a cross-border transaction fee. If you think this may apply to you, please check with your credit card issuer before making the payment. We reserve the right to charge you any transaction or processing fees which we incur when processing your payment. Please note that for sales that permit online payment, certain transactions will be ineligible for credit card payment.

(iii) Cash  
We accept cash subject to a maximum of CHF. 12,500 per buyer per year at our Cashier's Department only (subject to conditions).

(iv) Banker's draft  
We do not accept banker's drafts for sales in Switzerland.

(v) Cheque  
We do not accept personal or company cheques for sales in Switzerland.

(d) You must quote the sale number, your invoice number and client number when making a payment. All payments sent by post must be sent to: Christie's, Cashiers Department, 8 Place de la Taconnerie, 1204 Geneva, Switzerland.

(e) For more information please contact our Cashiers Department by phone on +41 22 319 1740 or fax on +41 22 319 1767.

### 2 TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP TO YOU

If you make the highest bid accepted by the auctioneer, you will be the buyer of the **lot**. The striking of the auctioneer's hammer marks the conclusion of a contract of sale between the seller and you pursuant to which ownership in the **lot** will transfer from the seller to you. The **lot** will not be released to you until we have received full and clear payment of the **purchase price**.

## 3 TRANSFERRING RISK TO YOU

The risk in and responsibility for the **lot** will transfer to you from whichever is the earlier of the following:

- When you collect the **lot**; or
- At the end of the 90th day following the date of the auction or, if earlier, the date the **lot** is taken into care by a third party warehouse as set out on the page headed 'Storage and Collection', unless we have agreed otherwise with you in writing.

## 4 WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DO NOT PAY

(a) If you fail to pay us the **purchase price** in full by the **due date**, we will be entitled to do one or more of the following (as well as enforce our rights under paragraph F5 and any other rights or remedies we have by law):

- to charge interest from the **due date** at a rate of 1% per month on the unpaid amount due;
- we can cancel the sale of the **lot**. If we do this, we may sell the **lot** again, publicly or privately on such terms we shall think necessary or appropriate, in which case you must pay us any shortfall between the **purchase price** and the proceeds from the resale. You must also pay all costs, expenses, losses, damages and legal fees we have to pay or may suffer and any shortfall in the seller's commission on the resale;
- we can pay the seller an amount up to the net proceeds payable in respect of the amount bid by your default in which case you acknowledge and understand that Christie's will have all of the rights of the seller to pursue you for such amounts;

(iv) we can hold you legally responsible for the **purchase price** and may begin legal proceedings to recover it together with other losses, interest, legal fees and costs as far as we are allowed by law;

(v) we can take what you owe us from any amounts which we or any company in the **Christie's Group** may owe you (including any deposit or other part-payment which you have paid to us);

(vi) we can, at our option, reveal your identity and contact details to the seller;

(vii) we can reject at any future auction any bids made by or on behalf of the buyer or to obtain a deposit from the buyer before accepting any bids;

(viii) to exercise all the rights and remedies of a person holding security over any property in our possession owned by you, whether by way of pledge, security interest or in any other way as permitted by the law of the place where such property is located. You will be deemed to have granted such security to us and we may retain such property as collateral security for your obligations to us; and

(ix) we can take any other action we see necessary or appropriate.

(b) If you owe money to us or to another **Christie's Group** company, we can use any amount you do pay, including any deposit or other part-payment you have made to us, or which we owe you, to pay off any amount you owe to us or another **Christie's Group** company for any transaction.

(c) If you make payment in full after the **due date**, and we choose to accept such payment we may charge you storage and transport costs from the date that is 90 calendar days following the auction in accordance with paragraphs Gd(i) and (ii). In such circumstances paragraph Gd(iv) shall apply.

## 5 KEEPING YOUR PROPERTY

If you owe money to us or to another **Christie's Group** company, as well as the rights set out in F4 above, we can use or deal with any of your property we hold or which is held by another **Christie's Group** company in any way we are allowed to by law. We will only release your property to you after you pay us or the relevant **Christie's Group** company in full for what you owe. However, if we choose, we can also sell your property in any way we think appropriate. We will use the proceeds of the sale against any amounts you owe us and we will pay any amount left from that sale to you. If there is a shortfall, you must pay us any difference between the amount we have received from the sale and the amount you owe us.

## G COLLECTION AND STORAGE

(a) We ask that you collect purchased **lots** promptly following the auction (but note that you may not collect any **lot** until you have made full and clear payment of all amounts due to us).

(b) Information on collecting **lots** is set out on the 'storage and collection' section of the 'Important Notices' page at the back of the auction catalogue.

(c) If you do not collect any **lot** promptly following the auction we can, at our option, remove the **lot** to another **Christie's** location or an affiliate or third party warehouse.

(d) If you do not collect a **lot** within the period set out in the storage and collection page then, unless otherwise agreed in writing:

- we will charge you storage costs from that date.
- we can, at our option, move the **lot** to or within an affiliate or third party warehouse and charge you transport costs and handling fees for doing so.
- we may sell the **lot** in any commercially reasonable way we think appropriate.
- the storage terms shall apply.
- (Nothing in this paragraph is intended to limit our rights under paragraph F4.

## H TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING

### 1 TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING

We will enclose a transport and shipping form with each invoice sent to you. You must make all transport and shipping arrangements. However, we can arrange to pack, transport and ship your property if you ask us to and pay the costs of doing so. We recommend that you ask us for an **estimate**, especially for any large items or items of high value that need professional packing before you bid. We may also suggest other handlers, packers, transporters or experts if you ask us to do so. For more information, please contact Christie's Art Transport on +41 (0)22 319 1717. See the information set out at [www.christies.com/shipping](http://www.christies.com/shipping) or contact us at [shippinggeneva@christies.com](mailto:shippinggeneva@christies.com). We will take reasonable care when we are handling, packing, transporting and shipping a **lot**. However, if we recommend another company for any of these purposes, we are not responsible for their acts, failure to act or neglect.

### 2 EXPORT AND IMPORT

Any **lot** sold at auction may be affected by laws on exports from the country in which it is sold and the import restrictions of other countries. Many countries require a declaration of export for property leaving the country and/or an import declaration on entry of property into the country. Local laws may prevent you from importing a **lot** or may prevent you selling a **lot** in the country you import it into.

(a) You alone are responsible for getting advice about and meeting the requirements of any laws or regulations which apply to exporting or importing any **lot** prior to bidding. If you are refused a licence or there is a delay in getting one, you must still pay us in full for the **lot**. We may be able to help you apply for the appropriate licences if you ask us to and pay our fee for doing so. However, we cannot guarantee that you will get one. For more information, please contact Christie's Art Transport on +41 (0)22 319 1717. See the information set out at [www.christies.com/shipping](http://www.christies.com/shipping) or contact us at [shippinggeneva@christies.com](mailto:shippinggeneva@christies.com).

#### (b) Lots made of protected species

**Lots** made of or including (regardless of the percentage) endangered and other protected species of wildlife are marked with the symbol - in the catalogue. This material includes, among other things, ivory, tortoiseshell, crocodile skin, rhinoceros horn, whalebone certain species of coral, and Brazilian rosewood. You should check the relevant customs laws and regulations before bidding on any **lot** containing wildlife material if you plan to import the **lot** into another country. Several countries refuse to allow you to import property containing these materials, and some other countries require a licence from the relevant regulatory agencies in the countries of exportation as well as importation. In some cases, the **lot** can only be shipped with an independent scientific confirmation of species and/or age and you will need to obtain these at your own cost. If a **lot** contains elephant ivory, or any other wildlife material that could be confused with elephant ivory, (for example, mammoth ivory, walrus ivory, helmeted hornbill ivory) please see further important information in paragraph (c) if you are proposing to import the **lot** into the USA. We will not be obliged to cancel your purchase and refund the **purchase price** if your **lot** may not be exported, imported or it is seized for any reason by a government authority. It is your responsibility to determine and satisfy the requirements of any applicable laws or regulations relating to the export or import of property containing such protected or regulated material.

#### (c) US import ban on African elephant ivory

The USA prohibits the import of ivory from the African elephant. Any **lot** containing elephant ivory or other wildlife material that could be easily confused with elephant ivory (for example, mammoth ivory, walrus ivory, helmeted hornbill ivory) can only be imported into the US with results of a rigorous scientific test acceptable to Fish & Wildlife, which confirms that the material is not African elephant ivory. Where we have conducted such rigorous scientific testing on a **lot** prior to sale, we will make this clear in the **lot** description. In all other cases, we cannot confirm whether a **lot** contains African elephant ivory, and you will buy that **lot** at your own risk and be responsible for any scientific test or other reports required for import into the USA at your own cost. If such scientific test is inconclusive or confirms the material is from the African elephant, we will not be obliged to cancel your purchase and refund the **purchase price**.

#### (d) Lots of Iranian origin

Some countries prohibit or restrict the purchase and/or import of Iranian-origin "works of conventional craftsmanship" (works that are not by a recognized artist and/or that have a function, for example: carpets, bowls, ewers, tiles, ornamental boxes). For example, the USA prohibits the import of this type of property and its purchase by US persons (wherever located). Other countries, such as Canada, only permit the import of this property in certain circumstances. As a convenience to buyers, Christie's indicates under the title of a **lot** if the **lot** originates from Iran (Persia). It is your responsibility to ensure you do not bid on or import a **lot** in contravention of the sanctions or trade embargoes that apply to you.

#### (e) Gold

Gold of less than 18ct does not qualify in all countries as 'gold' and may be refused import into those countries as 'gold'.

### (f) Watches

Many of the watches offered for sale in this catalogue are pictured with straps made of endangered or protected animal materials such as alligator or crocodile. These **lots** are marked with the symbol - in the catalogue. These endangered species straps are shown for display purposes only and are not for sale. Christie's will remove and retain the strap prior to shipment from the sale site. At some sale sites, Christie's may, at its discretion, make the displayed endangered species strap available to the buyer of the **lot** free of charge if collected in person from the sale site within 1 year of the date of the sale. Please check with the department for details on a particular **lot**.

For all symbols and other markings referred to in paragraph H2, please note that **lots** are marked as a convenience to you, but we do not accept liability for errors or for failing to mark **lots**.

### I OUR LIABILITY TO YOU

(a) We give no **warranty** in relation to any statement made, or information given, by us or our representatives or employees, about any **lot** other than as set out in the authenticity **warranty** and, as far as we are allowed by law, all warranties and other terms which may be added to this agreement by law are excluded. The seller's warranties contained in paragraph E1 are their own and we do not have any liability to you in relation to those warranties.

(b) (i) We are not responsible to you for any reason (whether for breaking this agreement or any other matter relating to your purchase of, or bid for, any **lot**) other than in the event of fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by us or other than as expressly set out in these conditions of sale; or

(ii) give any representation, **warranty** or guarantee or assume any liability of any kind in respect of any **lot** with regard to merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, description, size, quality, **condition**, attribution, authenticity, rarity, importance, medium, **provenance**, exhibition history, literature, or historical relevance. Except as required by local law, any **warranty** of any kind is excluded by this paragraph.

(c) In particular, please be aware that our written and telephone bidding services, Christie's LIVE™, condition reports, currency converter and saleroom video screens are free services and we are not responsible to you for any error (human or otherwise), omission or breakdown in these services.

(d) We have no **responsibility** to any person other than a buyer in connection with the purchase of any **lot**.

(e) If, in spite of the terms in paragraphs (a) to (d) or E2(i) above, we are found to be liable to you for any reason, we shall not have to pay more than the **purchase price** paid by you to us. We will not be responsible to you for any reason for loss of profits or business, loss of opportunity or value, expected savings or interest, costs, damages, or expenses.

### J OTHER TERMS

#### 1 OUR ABILITY TO CANCEL

In addition to the other rights of cancellation contained in this agreement, we can cancel a sale of a **lot** if we reasonably believe that completing the transaction is, or may be, unlawful or that the sale places us or the seller under any liability to anyone else or may damage our reputation.

#### 2 RECORDINGS

We may videotape and record proceedings at any auction. We will keep any personal information confidential, except to the extent disclosure is required by law. However, we may, through this process, use or share these recordings with another **Christie's Group** company and marketing partners to analyse our customers and to help us to tailor our services for buyers. If you do not want to be videotaped, you may make arrangements to make a telephone or written bid or bid on Christie's LIVE™ instead. Unless we agree otherwise in writing, you may not videotape or record proceedings at any auction.

#### 3 COPYRIGHT

We own the copyright in all images, illustrations and written material produced by or for us relating to a **lot** (including the contents of our catalogues unless otherwise noted in the catalogue). You cannot use them without our prior written permission. We do not offer any guarantee that you will gain any copyright or other reproduction rights to the **lot**.

#### 4 ENFORCING THIS AGREEMENT

If a court finds that any part of this agreement is not valid or is illegal or impossible to enforce, that part of the agreement will be treated as being deleted and the rest of this agreement will not be affected.

#### 5 TRANSFERRING YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

You may not grant a security over or transfer your rights or responsibilities under these terms on the contract of sale with the buyer unless we have given our written permission. This agreement will be binding on your successors or estate and anyone who takes over your rights and responsibilities.

#### 6 TRANSLATIONS

If we have provided a translation of this agreement, we will use this original version in deciding any issues or disputes which arise under this agreement.

### 7 PERSONAL INFORMATION

We will hold and process your personal information and may pass it to another **Christie's Group** company for use as described in, and in line with, our privacy policy at [www.christies.com](http://www.christies.com).

### 8 WAIVER

No failure or delay to exercise any right or remedy provided under these Conditions of Sale shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy, nor shall it prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.

### 9 LAW AND DISPUTES

This agreement, and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this agreement, or any other rights you may have relating to the purchase of a **lot** will be governed by Swiss law. Before we or you start any court proceedings (except in the limited circumstances where the dispute, controversy or claim is related to proceedings brought by someone else and this dispute could be joined to those proceedings), we agree we will each try to settle the dispute by mediation following the Swiss Rules of a Commercial Mediation of the Swiss Chambers of Commerce and Industry (SCCI). We will use a mediator affiliated with SCCI who we and you agree to. If the dispute is not settled by mediation, you agree for our benefit that the dispute will be referred to and dealt with exclusively in the courts of the Canton of the sale location subject to any appeal to the Federal Tribunal. However, we will have the right to bring proceedings against you in any other court.

### 10 REPORTING ON WWW.CHRESTIES.COM

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### K GLOSSARY

**authentic**: a genuine example, rather than a copy or forgery of:

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(ii) a work created within a particular period or culture, if the **lot** is described in the **Heading** as a work created during that period or culture;

(iii) a work for a particular origin source if the **lot** is described in the **Heading** as being of that origin or source; or

(iv) in the case of gems, a work which is made of a particular material, if the **lot** is described in the **Heading** as being made of that material.

**authenticity warranty**: the guarantee we give in this agreement that a **lot** is **authentic** as set out in section E2 of this agreement.

**buyer's premium**: the charge the buyer pays us along with the **hammer price**.

**catalogue description**: the description of a **lot** in the catalogue for the auction, as amended by any **saleroom notice**.

**Christie's Group**: Christie's International Plc, its subsidiaries and other companies within its corporate group.

**condition**: the physical condition of a **lot**.

**due date**: has the meaning given to it in paragraph F1(a).

**estimate**: the price range included in the catalogue or any **saleroom notice** within which we believe a **lot** may sell.

**Low estimate** means the lower figure in the range and **high estimate** means the higher figure. The **mid estimate** is the midpoint between the two.

**hammer price**: the amount of the highest bid the auctioneer accepts for the sale of a **lot**.

**Heading**: has the meaning given to it in paragraph E2.

**lot**: an item to be offered at auction (or two or more items to be offered at auction as a group).

**other damages**: any special, consequential, incidental or indirect damages of any kind or any damages which fall within the meaning of 'special', 'incidental' or 'consequential' under local law.

**purchase price**: has the meaning given to it in paragraph F1(a).

**provenance**: the ownership history of a **lot**.

**qualified**: has the meaning given to it in paragraph E2 and **Qualified Headings** means the section headed **Qualified Headings** on the page of the catalogue headed 'Important Notices and Explanation of Cataloguing Practice'.

**reserve**: the confidential amount below which we will not sell a **lot**.

**saleroom notice**: a written notice posted next to the **lot** in the saleroom and on [www.christies.com](http://www.christies.com), which is also read to prospective telephone bidders and notified to clients who have left commission bids, or an announcement made by the auctioneer either at the beginning of the sale, or before a particular **lot** is auctioned.

**UPPER CASE type**: means having all capital letters.

**warranty**: a statement or representation in which the person making it guarantees that the facts set out in it are correct.

## VAT SYMBOLS AND EXPLANATION

You can find a glossary explaining the meanings of words coloured in bold on this page at the end of the section of the catalogue headed 'Conditions of Sale'

### VAT payable

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<b>No Symbol</b>	No VAT will be charged on the <b>hammer price</b> . VAT at 8% will be charged on the <b>buyer's premium</b> .
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### VAT Exemptions/Refunds on Export

1. If you appoint Christie's Art Transport or one of our authorised shippers to arrange export/shipping of your purchased **lots** out of the Swiss customs territory (being Switzerland and the principality of Liechtenstein), we will issue you an export invoice exempt from Swiss VAT. If you later cancel or change the shipment we will issue a revised invoice charging you all applicable tax charges.

2. If you wish to arrange your own export of your purchased **lots** out of the Swiss Customs territory either:

a) using your own shipper or by hand carrying your purchase out of the Swiss customs territory; or

b) if you request us to deliver your purchase to a Freeport in Switzerland (for non-Swiss resident buyers only);

then you must pay all applicable Swiss VAT charges in full, before we release or deliver the **lots** to you or your authorised agents.

3. Please note that Christie's is only able to issue refunds of the applicable Swiss VAT charged in the circumstances outlined in paragraph 2 above, if we receive the following:

a) satisfactory evidence of a definitive export of the purchased **lots** out of the Swiss customs territory (e.g. a customs stamped Swiss export assessment) demonstrating a correct export of the purchased **lots** within

(i) three months of the date of the auction for direct exports (not via the Freeport); or (ii) six months from the date of the auction for exports via the Freeport;

b) your written confirmation that you have not used the **lot** in Switzerland prior to its export; and

c) your written confirmation that you have not and will not request a refund of the Swiss VAT from the Swiss VAT authority.

4. If you have any questions about VAT please contact Post-Sale Services on +41 22 319 1780 or PostSaleSwiss@christies.com.

## SYMBOLS USED IN THIS CATALOGUE

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◦  
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**Lot** incorporates material from endangered species which could result in export restrictions. See Section H2(b) of the Conditions of Sale.

+  
See VAT Symbols and Explanation.

Please note that **lots** are marked as a convenience to you and we shall not be liable for any errors in, or failure to, mark a **lot**.



# IMPORTANT NOTICES

## CHRISTIE'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY CONSIGNED FOR AUCTION

### △ Property Owned in part or in full by Christie's

From time to time, Christie's may offer a **lot** which it owns in whole or in part. Such property is identified in the catalogue with the symbol △ next to its **lot** number.

### ◦ Minimum Price Guarantees

On occasion, Christie's has a direct financial interest in the outcome of the sale of certain lots consigned for sale. This will usually be where it has guaranteed to the Seller that whatever the outcome of the auction, the Seller will receive a minimum sale price for the work. This is known as a minimum price guarantee. Where Christie's holds such financial interest we identify such **lots** with the symbol ◦ next to the **lot** number.

### ◊ Third Party Guarantees/Irrevocable bids

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In most cases, Christie's compensates the third party in exchange for accepting this risk. Where the third party is the successful bidder, the third party's remuneration is based on a fixed financing fee. If the third party is not the successful bidder, the remuneration may either be based on a fixed fee or an amount calculated against the final **hammer price**. The third party may also bid for the **lot** above the written bid. Where the third party is the successful bidder, Christie's will report the final **purchase price** net of the fixed financing fee.

Third party guarantors are required by us to disclose to anyone they are advising their financial interest in any **lots** they are guaranteeing. However, for the avoidance of any doubt, if you are advised by or bidding through an agent on a **lot** identified as being subject to a third party guarantee you should always ask your agent to confirm whether or not he or she has a financial interest in relation to the **lot**.

### Other Arrangements

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## Bidding by parties with an interest

In any case where a party has a financial interest in a **lot** and intends to bid on it we will make a saleroom announcement to ensure that all bidders are aware of this. Such financial interests can include where beneficiaries of an Estate have reserved the right to bid on a **lot** consigned by the Estate or where a partner in a risk-sharing arrangement has reserved the right to bid on a **lot** and/or notified us of their intention to bid.

Please see <http://www.christies.com/financial-interest/> for a more detailed explanation of minimum price guarantees and third party financing arrangements.

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## STORAGE AND COLLECTION

Buyers are advised that all purchases not collected on the day of the auction will be held for collection at no charge for twenty-eight days.

## SELLERS

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## CULTURAL PROPERTY

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### Gold

Gold of less than 18ct does not qualify in all countries as 'gold' and may be refused import into those countries as 'gold'.

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Many of the watches offered for sale in this catalogue are pictured with straps made of endangered or protected animal materials such as alligator or crocodile. These **lots** are marked with the symbol - in the catalogue. These endangered species straps are shown for display purposes only and are not for sale. Christie's will remove and retain the strap prior to shipment from the sale site. At some sale sites, Christie's may, at its discretion, make the displayed endangered species strap available to the buyer of the lot free of charge if collected in person from the sale site within 1 year of the date of the sale. Please check with the department for details on a particular **lot**.

## CONDITION

Almost all clocks and watches are repaired in their lifetime and may include parts which are not original. We do not give a warranty that any individual component part of any watch is authentic. Watchbands described as "associated" are not part of the original watch and may not be authentic. Clocks may be sold without pendulums, weights or keys.

As collectors' watches often have very fine and complex mechanisms, a general service, change of battery or further repair work may be necessary, for which you are responsible. We do not give a warranty that any watch is in good working order. Certificates are not available unless described in the catalogue.

Most wristwatches have been opened to find out the type and quality of movement. For that reason, wristwatches with water resistant cases may not be waterproof and we recommend you have them checked by a competent watchmaker before use.

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MONDAY 15 MAY 2017 AT 10 AM & 3 PM

Auction:

Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues  
33 Quai des Bergues, 1201 Geneva

CODE NAME: CROWNED

SALE NUMBER: 14212

(Dealers billing name and address must agree with tax exemption certificate. Invoices cannot be changed after they have been printed.)

**BID ONLINE FOR THIS SALE AT CHRISTIES.COM**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The attention of the potential Buyer is drawn to the fact that Christie's needs to verify the identity of the Buyer with a passport (individual) or a document of incorporation (company/corporation). It is also essential that the Buyer discloses the identity of the beneficial owner of the funds transferred to Christie's for lots bought in the auction.

Please fax the relevant document together with this bid form to our bid department.

### BIDDING INCREMENTS

Bidding generally starts below the **low estimate** and increases in steps (bid increments) of up to 10 per cent. The auctioneer will decide where the bidding should start and the bid increments. Written bids that do not conform to the increments set below may be lowered to the next bidding interval.

CHF 1,000-2,000	in 100's
CHF 2,000-3,000	in 200's
CHF 3,000-5,000	200, 500, 800
CHF 5,000-10,000	in 500's
CHF 10,000-20,000	in 1,000's
CHF 20,000-30,000	in 2,000's
CHF 30,000-50,000	2,000, 5,000, 8,000
CHF 100,000 +	Auctioneer's discretion

The auctioneer may vary the increments during the course of the auction at his or her own discretion.

- I request Christie's to bid on the stated **lots** up to the maximum bid I have indicated for each **lot**.
- I understand that if my bid is successful, the amount payable will be the sum of the **hammer price** and the **buyer's premium** (together with any taxes chargeable on the **hammer price** and **buyer's premium** and any applicable Artist's Resale Royalty in accordance with the Conditions of Sale - Buyer's Agreement). The **buyer's premium** rate shall be an amount equal to 25% of the **hammer price** of each **lot** up to and including CHF150,000, 20% on any amount over CHF150,000 up to and including CHF2,500,000 and 12% of the amount above CHF2,500,000. For wine and cigars there is a flat rate of 17.5% of the **hammer price** of each **lot** sold.
- I agree to be bound by the Conditions of Sale printed in the catalogue.
- I understand that if Christie's receive written bids on a **lot** for identical amounts and at the auction these are the highest bids on the **lot**, Christie's will sell the **lot** to the bidder whose written bid it received and accepted first.
- Written bids submitted on 'no reserve' **lots** will, in the absence of a higher bid, be executed at approximately 50% of the **low estimate** or at the amount of the bid if it is less than 50% of the **low estimate**.

I understand that Christie's written bid service is a free service provided for clients and that, while Christie's will be as careful as it reasonably can be, Christie's will not be liable for any problems with this service or loss or damage arising from circumstances beyond Christie's reasonable control.

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To allow time for processing, written bids should be received at least 24 hours before the sale begins and the form needs to be duly filled in. Please note that bids in foreign currencies will be converted into Swiss Francs at the approximate prevailing rate in effect the working day before the sale.

Bids can be sent by post or fax:

Christie's Bid Department Tel: +41 (0)22 319 1766 Fax: +41 (0)22 319 1767 on-line: www.christies.com

Contracting Party		Client Number (if applicable)
Address		
City	Zip Code	Country
Daytime Telephone	Evening Telephone	Mobile
Fax (Important)	Email	
<input type="radio"/> Please tick if you prefer not to receive information about our upcoming sales by email		

**The contracting party is the beneficial owner of the funds to be used for purchasing lots in the auction.**

(The beneficial owner should not be an offshore or a domiciliary company)

Yes

No **Beneficial owner**

Address

If you have not previously bid or consigned with Christie's, please attach copies of the following documents. **Individuals:** government-issued photo identification (such as a photo driving licence, national identity card, or passport) and, if not shown on the ID document, proof of current address, for example a utility bill or bank statement. **Corporate clients:** a photocopy of the company register. **Other business structures** such as trusts, offshore companies or partnerships: please contact the Credit Department at +41 (0)22 319 1740 for advice on the information you should supply. If you are registering to bid on behalf of someone who has not previously bid or consigned with Christie's, please attach identification documents for yourself as well as the person/entity on whose behalf you are bidding, together with a signed letter of authorisation from the person/entity. New clients, clients who have not made a purchase from any Christie's office within the last two years, and those wishing to spend more than on previous occasions will be asked to supply a bank reference. We also request that you complete the section below with your bank details:

Name of Bank(s)	Account Number(s)	
Address of Banks(s)		
Telephone	Fax	Email
Person of contact	Direct Telephone Number	

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTER

Lot number (in numerical order)	Maximum Bid CHF (excluding buyer's premium)	Lot number (in numerical order)	Maximum Bid CHF (excluding buyer's premium)

I am aware of the general Conditions of Sale and notices printed in the catalogue and hereby accept to be bound by them, as well as by changes made to them either by notices posted in the saleroom or by saleroom announcements made prior to or during the auction.

Signature

Date