

356 PILOT Classic Anniversary

The classic chronograph with bicomplex display.

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- Limited to 500 pieces
- Case made of stainless steel, satinized
- Anthracite electroplated dial
- Scale for displaying a quarter of a second for short-time measurement
- Crystal and transparent case back made of sapphire crystal glass
- Water-resistant and pressure-resistant to 10 bar
- Low pressure resistant

Whether it is the aesthetic appeal, technical finesse and the associated craft of watchmaking or the limited edition of 500 watches, the 356 PILOT Classic Anniversary embodies timekeeping in its own unique way – the ideal watch to celebrate the 25th anniversary of this model series.

Bicompax arrangement of the counters

Classic chronographs fascinate many watch lovers – not least because these timepieces often have a number of unique features. The same can certainly be said for our 356 PILOT Classic Anniversary model. For the first time in this model series, we have exquisitely decorated the dial at six o'clock with the unmistakable 'FLIEGER KLASSIK' lettering as a special tribute. As a counterpart to this, we attached the SINN logo as an appliqué at 12 o'clock.

Another novelty relates to a complication that is also unusual for this model series: the bicompax arrangement of the silver matt counters. For a balanced overall appearance, they harmoniously match the anthracite electroplated dial. In the interest of visual perfection, the hands for the hours, minutes and stopwatch seconds are rhodium-plated and lined with luminous paint, while the silky-matt anthracite-coloured design of the small seconds and 30-minute stopwatch are eye-catching. As a useful feature, we have equipped the dial with a fine-minute dial, divided into quarters of a second, for fast recording of short-time measurement.

High-domed sapphire crystal glass

The high-domed crystal featuring an anti-reflective coating on both sides ensures a clear view of the striking dial – even under extreme lighting conditions. In keeping with this, the case back – also made of sapphire crystal – makes it easy to catch sight of the limited-edition identifier on the rotor. To truly appreciate the value and quality of this special material, it is important to know that the glass is ground out of a solid blank that is around 5 mm thick with five different curvature radii and is then carefully polished. Connoisseurs are left impressed by the result, as the procedure preserves the classic appearance.

The 356 PILOT Classic Anniversary is powered by a high-precision mechanical movement that guarantees an improved power reserve of over 56 hours. Look forward to an extraordinary timepiece – available in a fine case with two locally manufactured straps made from nubuck boar leather.

A look back at history

The 356 PILOT Classic Anniversary model is a fine example of how every watch – or chronograph – tells a unique story. This timepiece, too, stands on the shoulders of an entire generation of successful watches from the 356 series.

It's worth taking a look back at history. At the very beginning, there was a special edition in an exclusive range of 300 pieces. Made especially for the Japanese market, we developed an elegant and slimmer version of our 256 pilot chronograph without a rotating bezel in 1996: the 356 with the characteristic 'FLIEGER' imprint on a matte black dial, bead-blasted stainless-steel case and shock-resistant acrylic glass. This first model was equipped with the Valjoux 7760 hand-wound movement.

Classically elegant appearance

The great success of this watch on the Japanese market prompted us to include the chronograph in our collection. In December 1998, the time had come: as expected, the 356 PILOT, now featuring an automatic movement, bead-blasted casing, acrylic glass and a solid back, was very popular. The fact that this watch is still one of our most popular chronographs worldwide shows how timeless it is. These first chronographs also defined the parameters that characterise this model series to this day: classically elegant, with a clear, aesthetic appearance, where nothing distracts you from the essentials, because form and design are subordinate to the reliable reading of the time and the stop times determined by the chronograph.

Technical details

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Mechanical Movement

- SW 510
- Self-winding mechanism
- 27 bearing jewels
- 28,800 semi-oscillations per hour
- Seconds stop function
- Anti-magnetic as per DIN 8309

Case

- Case made of stainless steel, satinized
- Sapphire crystal glass in front, anti-reflective on both sides
- Transparent case back made of sapphire crystal glass, anti-reflective on the interior
- Case back screw-fastened
- Crown screwable
- Meet the technical requirements for water-resistance, as set out in standard DIN 8310
- Water-resistant and pressure-resistant to 10 bar
- Low pressure resistant

Functions

- Hours, minutes, subsidiary seconds
- Chronograph
- Scale for displaying a quarter of a second for short-time measurement

Dimensions and Weight

- Case diameter: 38,5 mm
- Band lug width: 20 mm
- Case thickness: 15,0 mm
- Weight without strap: 75 gramme

Dial and Hands

- Anthracite electroplated dial
- Numbers coated with luminescent colour
- Hour, minute and stopwatch second hand coated with luminescent colour

Warranty

- 2 years