

watching time

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Some people see watches as jewels and for some timepieces are functional objects of beauty. But there is a class of watchmakers who view the canvas of a watch as a way of expression for some real technology. A "time machine" would be an apt term to describe their view of watches. The timepieces featured here belong to the same spirit and take forward a mastery of the horological world into a new realm, which seeks inspiration from the future. Here are some HOT machines from Baselworld 2014.

HUBLOT MP-05 «LAFERRARI»

With references to the Ferrari, this watch also oozes the same sense of style and speed as the world's fastest car. An ode to the Ferrari, the watch comes in a microblasted titanium case which is the same as the original MP-05 LaFerrari watch. However it now features yellow accents instead of red, which is also popular Ferrari colour. The dial simply displays the hours and minutes on cylinders along with a power reserve

H1.6 calibre that contains the highest number of parts (637) so far for a Hublot movement. Its most impressive aspect and the main reason for its technical complexity is of course its phenomenal 50 day power reserve thanks to the 11 mainspring barrels, making it the longest in watchmaking. The watch exudes raw power and

of the greatest sports cars. The watch is a limited edition of 50 pieces.

DEVON TREAD 1 EXOSKELETON BLACK SWEEP

What can one say about a machine inspired by biology? This watch is designed and engineered with painstaking detail and requires considerable machining time to fashion. The bracelet and lug design of the watch gives it a high tech and futuristic appeal. Tread 1 Exoskeleton substitutes metal for translucent polycarbonate on the watch's end caps, master links, and crown thereby creating a panoramic window into the very heart of the movement's inner-workings, a fascination in itself. Advanced technology in the

armour plating that becomes the watch's most eye-catching design detail. Many movement parts such as motor housings and patented time

a metal multipart linked bracelet that contributes to the piece's futuristic character and blends well with the new design language. With just hints of black in the otherwise transparent body, this one clearly makes the big sweep!



MB&F STARFLEET MACHINE

Machine is engineered and crafted by L'Épée

high-end clock manufacture. This spaceship-cum-table clock features hours and minutes, double retrograde seconds and power reserve

minute dome are the double retrograde seconds in the form of turret-mounted laser cannons. These red-tipped cannons start in parallel and

out again thus providing an eye-catching visual animation, as if they are fending off attacks at the regulator below! The details of the polished movement, the gears and mainspring barrels are on full display thanks to the skeletonised main plate and concentric C-shaped external structure in stainless steel. It features components similar to the wristwatch, but only larger, which incidentally

Machine is limited to 175 pieces.



HAUTLENCE HL2.4

A big watch that incorporates intricate mechanisms is enough to titillate watch lovers. The large proportions of the skilfully crafted

attraction. The three dimensional view of the intricate mechanisms is an added bonus. The

been decorated and executed at the highest level of skill. The watch features hours, retrograde minutes, a power reserve of 45 hours and water resistance to a depth of 100 metres. A hand stitched Louisiana alligator leather strap completes the piece. The watch is limited to only