

The Paleograph from MeisterSinger

SalonQP sees UK launch of the Paleograph from MeisterSinger
A unique single-hand, one-button column-wheel chronograph

MeisterSinger, the German-owned, Swiss-made single-hand watch brand, has taken a look back at the origins of timekeeping with its new Paleograph, a single-hand column-wheel chronograph.



A major step forward for this award-winning, privately-owned watchmaker, the Paleograph from MeisterSinger is equipped with the MSYN13 manual winding system, a unit that has been developed in-house in collaboration with the talented young watchmaker Johannes Jahnke. This complex unit is based on the Uitas 6497 pocket watch movement.

As with the first chronographs, control of the start, stop and set-to-zero functions is performed with just one button which is integrated into the crown. The chronograph only received a second button for setting to zero between the two world wars.

Says Manfred Brassler, the founder and head designer of MeisterSinger: “To us, at MeisterSinger, the manufacture of a column-wheel chronograph and the return to the beginnings of timepieces with a stopwatch function was of particular interest. The Paleograph only became possible when the knowledge of experienced, older watchmakers of column-wheel chronographs merged with the enthusiasm of young watchmakers.”

The pleasingly symmetrical bi-compax dial is offered in two distinctive colours, sunburst blue and sunburst silver, and is immediately readable with a running seconds dial to the left and a minute counter on the right. The unique single hand moves majestically round the dial which is marked in five-minute increments.

The stainless steel case measuring 43mm has a sapphire exhibition back through which the beautifully finished engraved plates and blue steel column wheel can be enjoyed. The movement also boasts a wonderfully slow oscillating balance wheel and a graceful swan’s neck fine adjustment. Water-resistant to five bars, the MeisterSinger Paleograph has a 46-hour power reserve.

Continues Manfred Brassler: “The first 100 years of the intricacies of the chronograph are the starting point for our designs. It is only due to a stroke of luck that we are able to refer back to the technical know-how of the experienced watchmakers of the day that helped us to produce the movement exactly as it was done a century ago.”

The bridges and the steel parts of the MeisterSinger Paleograph are finished by hand with emery paper and then rhodium-plated. This creates a classic brush finish, which

produces a surface that is perfectly smooth. The main reason for doing this is that it helps to achieve the correct thickness of the parts. Polishing and embellishment do not only have a decorative effect; the primary reason is to enhance the durability of the components. MeisterSinger has deliberately chosen this original technique, as it represents high standards of manufacture.

Model	Paleograph
Movement	Hand-wound MSYN13, Basis Unitas with column wheel construction
Functions:	Hour and small seconds indicator, central seconds hand for the chronograph, plus minute counter (30 minutes)
Case size	43mm
Case	Steel with screwed-in case-back water resistant to 5 bars
Power reserve	46 Hours
Frequency:	18,000 oscillations per hour
Dial:	Sunburst blue and sunburst silver
Strap	Genuine croco-strap with double folding clasp
Limited to:	24 pieces
RRP	£5,250

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