

LE CHRONOMÈTRE BLEU “BYBLOS”

F.P.Journe Precision Chronometer in a Limited Series of 99 Examples

Byblos, located on the Lebanese coast a few kilometers north of Beirut, was the cradle of Euro-Mediterranean civilization. It is the world's oldest Phoenician port and by the 4th century B.C. it had become the most important commercial and cultural crossroads.

F.P.Journe has chosen the mythical name Byblos for his new chronometer, created specially for the opening of its 10th Boutique in Beirut. This limited series of 99 numbered pieces is yet another illustration of the exclusivity of F.P.Journe watches.

To showcase the beauty of its 18K rose Gold movements, for the first time F.P.Journe has used a cut out dial that reveals the unique mechanical movement with guilloché decoration. With its blue hour circle featuring Arabic numerals, the Chronomètre Bleu “BYBLOS” represents the sun of the Orient set in a Mediterranean blue sky. An unusual touch is the F.P.Journe logo engraved on the movement, in which the “J” is inscribed in the Phoenician alphabet. Representing the letter “yodh”, pronounced “j”, it represents the hand, thus emphasizing the importance of handcrafting in the F.P.Journe creations. The numerical value of “yodh” is 10; it is the tenth letter of the alphabet, and consequently has become the symbol of the F.P.Journe's 10th Boutique.

The case is made of Tantalum, a rare metal very rarely used in horology due to its hardness, which makes it difficult to work with. Tantalum is also frequently used in the medical field thanks to its total bio compatibility and in the aeronautics because it is extremely resistant to corrosion and wear.

The Chronomètre Bleu “BYBLOS” possesses a hand-wound mechanical movement oscillating at a speed of 21,600 vibrations per hour. Here, as in the traditional configuration of precision watches, two barrels operate in parallel to provide uniform power for most of its total autonomy of 56 hours. Marked with the “Invenit et Fecit” motto, F.P.Journe watches possess an exclusive calibre that is invented, produced, and assembled entirely in the Manufacture's workshops in the heart of Geneva.

The Chronomètre Bleu “BYBLOS” is available in the 10 F.P.Journe Boutiques - in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Peking, Paris, Geneva, New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Boca Raton and Beirut.

After over 30 years of exceptional horological creations, F.P.Journe has become a source of inspiration in the field of haute horology due to his constant search for precision and innovative calibres, as well as for his innate sense of horological aesthetics, blending harmony, simplicity, and elegance. His exclusive creations have earned him the most prestigious horological prizes throughout the world.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS _ CHRONOMÈTRE BLEU BYBLOS

Movement

Calibre 1304
Manually wound by 38 turns
Movement in 18K rose gold

Dimensions of the Movement

Overall diameter: 30.40 mm
Casing-up diameter: 29.60 mm
Overall height: 3.75 mm
Height of winding system: 2.10 mm
Diameter of stem thread: S0.90 mm

Balance

Four inertia weights
Flat Anachron microflamed spring
Mobile stud holders
Free-sprung
Nivatronic laser-welded to collet
Pinned GE stud
Frequency: 21,600 v / h, (3Hz)
Inertia: 10.10 mg /cm²
Angle of lift: 52°
Amplitude 0h dial up: > 320°
24h dial up: > 280°

Principal characteristics

Manual winding
Two mainspring barrels in parallel
Time adjustment via crown in position 2
Pallet escapement with 15-tooth escape wheel
Two position crown

Indications

Central hours and minutes
Small seconds at 7:30

Power reserve

56 hours +/- 2h

Decoration

High quality
Partly circular grained base plate, with barleycorn *guilloché*
Logo F.P.Journe engraved with a Phoenician alphabet "J"
Polished screw heads, chamfered slots
Pegs with polished rounded ends

Case

Tantalum
Diameter: 39 mm
Height: 8.60 mm

Dial Openwork with Mediterranean blue hour circle

Number of Pieces

Jewels 22
Movement without dial: 133
Cased-up on leather strap: 166