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CHRONOMÈTRE SOUVERAIN
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20 years with the Chronomètre Souverain

Introduced in 2005, the Chronomètre Souverain is a time-only watch with a power reserve indicator. Designed with precision in mind, it combines a balanced asymmetrical dial with a movement developed for optimal performance, and reflects the challenges of a horology conceived with lightness.

Beneath its simple lines, this timepiece conceals mechanical expertise inspired by traditional marine chronometers. In the 18th century, the governments of Great Britain and France sought maritime supremacy. The two nations offered substantial rewards in order to incite the greatest horological minds to invent a method that would allow the determination of longitude at sea. Since the safety of ships and their crews was of the utmost importance, these mechanical instruments had to be extremely precise.

From the very start of his apprenticeship in Paris, François-Paul Journe developed a profound admiration for this historical pursuit of chronometric precision. One telling detail reveals that legacy: the reversed power reserve scale, directly inspired by marine chronometers that measured the time elapsed since the last winding. The hand indicates “0” when the mainsprings are fully wound and progresses as they unwind.

The Chronomètre Souverain is animated by the 18K rose Gold Calibre 1304, which is extra-flat - only 4 mm thick - and manually wound. The two parallel-mounted barrels deliver a highly linear force to the escapement for over 56 hours. Through the transparent caseback, the balance wheel and escapement seem detached, beating time without any apparent driving force. The gear train is placed beneath the dial, with only the centre wheel left visible, a design that accentuates the visual isolation of the balance.



Souverain

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Cal. 1301
Movement

18K Gold

Geneva Made

Adjusted
in 6
positions

Chronomètre

François-Paul Journe always begins designing his watches with the dial. By placing the power reserve indicator at 3 o'clock, a rare position that typically interferes with the time-setting mechanism, he had to devise an ingenious integration. A conventional approach would have made the movement too thick. Ultimately, he succeeded in reducing the mechanism to just 0.5 mm in height, notably by using ceramic ball bearings. This patented innovation, now used across all F.P.Journe calibres, allows the case to retain a total thickness of this model to just 8 mm.

F.P.Journe watches show longevity: they remain in production for several years, evolving only through small, targeted changes. To celebrate its 20th anniversary, the Chronomètre Souverain joins the Boutique Collection with two new exclusive blue guilloché Silver dials, featuring applied numerals in either 18K white Gold or 5N Gold, and matching rhodium-plated or 5N gilt Steel hands.

Twenty years after its creation, the Chronomètre Souverain - with its perfect architecture - remains true to François-Paul Journe's vision: chronometric precision, elegance, and innovation.



Platinum case
Whitened guilloché Silver dial



18K 6N Gold case
Whitened guilloché Silver dial



Platinum case
Whitened Silver dial with
18K white Gold applied numerals



18K 6N Gold case
Whitened Silver dial with
18K 5N Gold applied numerals



Platinum case
Havana guilloché Silver dial



18K 6N Gold case
Havana guilloché Silver dial



Platinum case
Blue guilloché Silver dial with
18K white Gold applied numerals



18K 6N Gold case
Blue guilloché Silver dial with
18K 5N Gold applied numerals



Calibre 1304

Movement

Calibre 1304
Manuel winding
18K rose Gold
22 Jewels

Dimensions of the movement

Overall diameter:	30.40 mm
Casing-up diameter:	29.60 mm
Overall height:	4.00 mm
Height of winding system:	2.30 mm
Diameter of stem thread:	S0.90 mm

Balance

Balance with 4 inertia weights
Flat Anachron microflamed spring
Mobile stud holder
Free-sprung
Nivatronic laser-welded to the collet
Pinned GE stud
Frequency: 21600 V/H, 3 Hz
Inertia: 10.10mg*cm²
Angle of lift: 52°
Amplitude: 0h dial up: 320°
24h dial up: 280°

Main Characteristics

Two barrels in parallel
Time setting via crown in position 2
In-line lever escapement, 15 teeth
Two position crown

Indications

Central hours and minutes
Small second at 7h30
Power reserve at 3h00

Autonomy

56 +/- 2 hours

Finishing

Mainplate with circular graining and barleycorn decoration
Bridges bevelled, circular grained, with Côtes de Genève
Steel mirror-polished, bevelled, satin finished, or circular grained,
depending on the component
Polished screw heads with chamfered slots
Pegs with polished rounded ends

Case

Platinum or 18K 6N Gold	
Diameter:	40.00 mm
Total height:	8 mm

Dial

Whitened guilloché Silver
Whitened Silver with 18K white Gold or 18K 5N Gold appliqué numerals
Havana Silver guilloché
Blue guilloché Silver with 18K white Gold or 18K 5N Gold appliqué numerals

Hands

Blued, rhodium-plated or 5N gilt Steel

Number of parts

Movement without dial:	161
Cased-up on leather strap:	198

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