

Two blue-dial models join the Villeret collection

This year, Blancpain's most classic collection pairs the purity of its lines with the infinity of blue. Intimately bound up with Blancpain's identity, this color is now available on two emblematic red gold timepieces from the Villeret line: the Quantième Complet and the Extraplate.

The Villeret collection is named after the village where Blancpain was founded in 1735. Villeret models are characterized by the purity of their lines, their timeless elegance and the technical sophistication of their manufacture-made movements. These undeniable assets are now highlighted by a stunning midnight blue dial adorning two of the collection's flagship timepieces.

The Villeret Quantième Complet model harmoniously combines a complete calendar and moon phases. Its dial features discreet apertures indicating the day of the week and month at 12 o'clock, a calendar with a serpentine hand and a moon-phase display with a mischievous face positioned at 6 o'clock. This timepiece is powered by the 6654 self-winding movement equipped with a safety system protecting it against any improper use of the functions. The watch owner is thus able to set the complete calendar at any time without any risk to the movement, unlike conventional calendar watches. The Villeret Quantième Complet model is also equipped with patented under-lug correctors, enabling all the information to be adjusted at the press of a finger and thereby eliminating the need for a pusher tool.

The elegant Villeret Extraplate features refined and contemporary expressions of the collection's aesthetic codes. The hour and minute display is complemented by a large central seconds hand and a date window at 3 o'clock, sized to ensure optimal visual balance and readability. This timepiece is driven by the self-winding movement 1151, which ensures a four-day power reserve thanks to the use of two series-coupled barrels and high-performance springs.

These new models pair a midnight-blue dial with a 40 mm red gold case for the first time. A symbol of nobility and refinement, blue exalts its depth and shimmer thanks to a sunburst dial finish. The blue face of this Villeret duo is embellished by applied hour-markers with Roman numerals crafted in red gold and slender matching hands. The hour and minute hands are shaped like cut-out sage leaves, while the seconds hands bear the initials of the House's founder, Jehan-Jacques Blancpain.

The charm of the new Villeret Quantième Complet and Villeret Extraplate watches is also evident on the reverse side. Visible through a sapphire crystal case-back, the movements feature carefully executed decorations, such as the Côtes de Genève motif adorning the bridges and the honeycomb pattern that can be admired on the red gold oscillating weights. These pure and elegant timepieces are teamed with a midnight-blue alligator strap in a shade as intense as that of their dial.