

Blancpain presents a new edition of the Fifty Fathoms Tourbillon 8 Jours model

The Fifty Fathoms Tourbillon 8 Jours diver's watch epitomises the encounter between horological complexity and high performance. Its flying tourbillon whirls inside a dedicated opening in the refined blue dial. This new model comes in a surprisingly light titanium version, as well as a red gold version ensuring a striking presence on the wrist.

Introduced in 2007 with the launch of the contemporary Fifty Fathoms collection, the Fifty Fathoms Tourbillon 8 Jours is a symbiosis of Blancpain's savoir faire in the realm of diver's watches and its expertise in horological complications. Tried and tested for more than a decade, it has established itself as a superlative timepiece, enabling the beauty of the tourbillon mechanism to be admired even at great depths.

The two new versions of this prestigious diver's watch showcase this sophisticated complication through a refined blue dial graced with a sunburst finish. The tourbillon, referred to as "flying" because it has no upper bridge to drive its cage, appears to be floating in a large round opening at 12 o'clock. The technical complexity of this watch construction contrasts with the sporty style of the hour-markers, hands and bezel. The latter remains a key element of the watch, with its notched edge giving added grip, its unidirectional rotation system and its slightly domed scratch-resistant sapphire insert.

The 45 mm-diameter case of this new Fifty Fathoms is available in two materials: grade 23 titanium and red gold, both satin-finished. A bold choice for a highly complicated watch, titanium is notable for its lightness – ensuring excellent wearer comfort – as well as its resistance to shocks, pressure and corrosion. Red gold offers a more conventional setting for the tourbillon and radiates an aura of timeless nobility.

Water-resistant to 30 bar (approximately 300 metres), the Fifty Fathoms Tourbillon 8 Jours houses self-winding Calibre 25C, a movement finished with a Côtes de Genève motif and circular graining in the noblest watchmaking tradition. Its gold oscillating weight is satin-brushed and openworked to provide the most open possible view of the movement.

The titanium timepiece is available with a blue NATO or sailcloth strap, as well as a titanium bracelet; the red gold watch comes with a blue NATO or sailcloth strap. For both models, the sailcloth strap can be combined with a pin buckle or folding clasp, as desired.

This new model is a welcome addition to the Fifty Fathoms collection, embodying Blancpain's passion for the underwater world which was initially expressed in 1953 with the launch of the first modern diver's watch. Created by Jean-Jacques Fiechter, Blancpain's co-CEO at the time and a pioneer of scuba diving, the Fifty Fathoms represented a turning point in the watch industry by setting the standard for diver's watches.