

Press Release

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Patek Philippe Calatrava "Timeless White" Ref. 7122 The "blanc de blanc" of feminine elegance

The new Calatrava "Timeless White" Ref. 7122 by Patek Philippe is a ladies' wristwatch that lives up to its name in every respect. It is timelessly elegant, timelessly seductive, timelessly precious. This modern, all-white diamond-set mechanical ladies' timepiece showcases a highly innovative design which even decades from now will retain its feminine grace when it is handed down to a granddaughter some day. It expresses the Patek Philippe philosophy which since 1839 has focused on indicating the time not just as accurately as possible but also in a timelessly beautiful way.

For the human eye, white is, quite simply, the absence of color. But for the soul, white is one of the special colors that directly and universally evoke emotions and are perceived as having strong symbolic meaning. While it is interpreted in different ways in different cultures, the disparities are marginal at second sight. Thus, white always stands for purity, integrity, tranquility in hectic surroundings.

Patek Philippe leveraged this symbolic eloquence a number of years ago and instantly won the hearts of many women with the Twenty~4® "Timeless White." Now, the "Timeless White" theme is being revisited in the Calatrava ladies' wristwatch family which due to its larger format offers even more space for this leitmotif. The new Patek Philippe Calatrava "Timeless White" Ref. 7122 is being presented in white and rose gold. Both versions feature a bright white dial, rare white flawless diamonds, and a nacre-white alligator leather strap.

Feminine elegance all in white

Patek Philippe's definition of "timeless" comes to the fore right away in the case with lucid and sleek contours inspired by the Ref. 96 proto-Calatrava launched in 1932. Nonetheless, it has an absolutely contemporary personality and future generations will be amazed at its persistently modern charisma. A totally new design was developed to create space for the flattering complement of diamonds and to extend the strap lugs into the circumference of the glass. Thus, the lugs now seem to flow into the case. Apart from added complexity in craftsmanship, this geometry calls for great expertise on the part of the artisan who polishes the surfaces, especially where they border on the tapered suites of diamonds. The diamond-set quadrants reflect the pinnacle of the jeweler's art: with flawless brilliant-cut diamonds of different sizes, the lateral strings can be set to the outermost tips, eliminating the need for gold filling grains generally used in such situations. This makes the watch all the more precious. As befits the "Timeless White" theme, all diamonds are graded rare white in the Top Wesselton category (also designated F or G on the international scale). The selection of the 44 diamonds totaling approx. 0.52 ct. is already a challenge, not to mention the work involved in setting the stones of different sizes. But this is exactly what makes the Calatrava "Timeless White" Ref. 7122 such a treasure that will delight many generations to come.

**A face like Snow White**

The sparkling diamonds frame a white lacquered and polished dial. Its smooth surface is as immaculate as its color. The dial takes several days to craft under rigorously controlled clean room conditions. Only a calm and experienced hand can apply the lacquer so uniformly that the result deserves to be called flawless. With its filigreed, printed minute scale, the applied gold hour markers, and the elegant leaf-shaped hands, the pure white dial is truly fascinating. Each of the gold hour markers is decorated with the hobnail pattern that connoisseurs automatically associate with Patek Philippe. After all, the Genevan manufacture breathed new life into this suave and discreet guilloché motif in the 1980s when it was chosen to adorn the bezel of a model of the Calatrava Ref. 3919. In the Calatrava "Timeless White," the hobnail pattern transforms the delicate hour markers into little pointed crowns that grace the noble dial.

Mechanical purity and elegance

The gleaming white dial framed by sparkling diamonds conceals the reliable mechanical caliber 215 PS movement that keeps the gold hands running with remarkable accuracy (with a tolerance of $-3/+2$ seconds per day, it clearly surpasses the conventional rate specifications for mechanical watches). It is manually wound, as preferred by more and more women with a penchant for timeless watches and an affinity with lasting value. They love the daily ritual of turning the crown before they put on the watch, providing their Calatrava "Timeless White" with energy for another day. A look at the movement through the sapphire-crystal case back reveals far more than the functional interaction of mechanical components. The caliber is a lavishly finished ensemble composed of individual parts that have been meticulously decorated by hand. Bridges with manually applied Geneva striping and polished chamfered edges. Brass wheels with a golden gloss and chamfered spokes. Circular-grained steel wheels for the winding train and the spring barrel. Screws with polished slots in polished countersunk bores. Deep red synthetic ruby bearing jewels deliver vibrant accents, as do Patek Philippe's proprietary Gyromax® balance with the patented Spiromax® balance spring that breathes even more precisely than conventional flat hairsprings. Numerous aesthetic and functional details require the utmost in artisanship and imbue the movement with some of the personality traits of the specialists who contribute to the making of this movement.

The Calatrava "Timeless White" Ref. 7122 is available in 18K white gold or rose gold. It is worn on a large-scaled iridescent white alligator strap secured with a prong buckle in the same 18K gold as the case.

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Technical data

Patek Philippe Ladies' Calatrava Ref. 7122

Movement:	Caliber 215 PS, manually wound
Diameter:	21.9 mm
Height:	2.55 mm
Number of parts:	130
Number of jewels:	18
Power reserve:	Min. 44 hours
Balance:	Gyromax®
Frequency:	28,800 semi-oscillations per hour (4 Hz)
Balance spring:	Spiromax®
Balance spring stud:	Adjustable
Functions:	2-position crown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pushed in: To wind the watch • Pulled out: To set the time
Displays:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hour hand • Minute hand • Seconds hand
Hallmark:	Patek Philippe Seal

Features

Case:	18K rhodiumed white gold (Ref. 7122/200G) or 18K rose gold 4N (Ref. 7122/200R) Sapphire-crystal case back Water resistant to 30 m (3 bar)
Case dimensions:	Diameter: 33 mm Diameter (3 to 9 o'clock incl. crown): 34.88 mm Length across lugs: 39.6 mm Thickness (crystal to display back): 7.19 mm
Dial:	White lacquered and polished Applied hour markers with hobnail pattern in 18K gold to match the case Leaf-shaped hour and minute hands in 18K gold to match the case Subsidiary seconds at 6 o'clock with leaf-shaped hands in 18K gold to match the case
Strap:	Alligator strap with square scales, hand-stitched, nacre white, 14-mm prong buckle in 18K gold to match the case