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Aquanaut and Aquanaut Luce

Patek Philippe is revisiting the collection known for its modern, sporty chic – and launching a new travel watch for women

Building on more than fifteen years' success, Patek Philippe is presenting a new development in the design of the ladies' Aquanaut Luce, namely a larger diameter (38.8 mm) and a new integrated strap in a composite material. This model of casual chic is available in steel (Reference 5267/200A) or in rose gold (5268/200R) with a choice of dial colors and coordinated straps. Also making its debut in the ladies' Aquanaut Luce line is a completely new travel watch, as elegant as it is practical, powered by a quartz Travel Time movement (Reference 5269/200R). The Aquanaut models for men, meanwhile, are enriched by the arrival of the first white-gold version of the Aquanaut Chronograph, with a color scheme of midnight blue or khaki green (Reference 5968G).

In 1976, Patek Philippe defined its own vision of casual elegance by launching the famous Nautilus. And having done so well, it did not stop there. In 1997, it reaffirmed its ability to innovate by unveiling another high-end sporty watch, the Aquanaut, this too destined to become a cult model.

With its modern, unexpected design and a character all its own, the Aquanaut created a sensation. And it remains every inch as daring today. The case and the rounded octagonal bezel, both inspired by the Nautilus, stand out by their instantly recognizable shapes and alternation of polished and satin-brushed finishes. The dial and strap in matching colors, embellished with an embossed checkerboard pattern, lend an original, dynamic touch.

The strap is a feature in its own right. It is a made of a high-tech water-resistant composite material that is supple, comfortable and pleasant to touch and noted for its extreme resistance to traction, wear, salt water and ultraviolet radiation. In short, it was made to partner the most active lifestyles.

The first Aquanaut was in steel with a black dial and strap. It was sought after by connoisseurs favoring a refined but relaxed approach to life. This atypical model also enabled a new, younger clientele to enter the rarefied world of Patek Philippe.

For women wishing to combine modern sporty chic with a touch of sparkle, Patek Philippe created a special version of the Aquanaut, lit by a circle of diamonds on the bezel and named Aquanaut Luce ("light" in Italian). This timepiece first appeared on the Italian and Spanish





markets in 2004 and then on all five continents in 2005. Since then, the Aquanaut Luce has offered a choice of steel case with a quartz movement (Reference 5067) or rose gold with a self-winding movement (Reference 5068), with dials and matching straps in a variety of colors. It is also available in an *Haute Joaillerie* version combining the most sophisticated gem-setting techniques (Reference 5062/450R-001) and another highly refined model, featuring a bezel set with baguette diamonds and a dial in lacquered, engraved mother-of-pearl presenting a subtle checkerboard effect (Reference 5072R-001).

Over the years, the men's Aquanaut collection has also increased in variety, so as to cater to every taste. In 2007, to mark the Aquanaut's tenth anniversary, Patek Philippe revised the basic model by reworking the relief pattern on the dial and strap for greater impact and fitting a new integrated strap that follows the curvature of the case between the two lugs. Powered by the caliber 324 S C self-winding movement, this Aquanaut Reference 5167 (40.8 mm in diameter) is now available in steel with a black dial and strap (5167A-001) and in rose gold with a brown dial and strap (5167R-001). It also comes in steel with a steel bracelet (51671A-001) and in a white-gold large-format model (42.2 mm in diameter) with a dial and strap in midnight blue (5168G-001) or khaki green (5168G-010).

Since 2011 Patek Philippe has also offered the men's Aquanaut in a model featuring its exclusive Travel Time mechanism, notable for the ease of use of its dual-time-zone function and its date indicator linked to local time. Powered by the caliber 324 S C FUS self-winding movement, this Aquanaut Travel Time Reference 5164 is available in steel with a black dial and strap (5164A-001) and in rose gold with a brown dial and strap (5164R-001). In 2018, the collection launched its first chronograph (Reference 5968) with a version in steel.

The very embodiment of modern Patek Philippe style, the Aquanaut and Aquanaut Luce combine seriously sporty performance (robust construction, water-resistance to 120 m for most models, legibility and ergonomic design) with the classic attributes of the manufacture's timepieces: unparalleled quality, accuracy and reliability together with devotion to fine workmanship at every stage of production and finish.

### NEW AQUANAUT LUCE MODELS IN 2021

For fifteen years, the Aquanaut Luce has enjoyed outstanding success with women, who delight in its unique style and the elegance that it brings to every occasion. It has become a cult watch and Patek Philippe is now adding to its allure. It is revisiting the original design of 2004 in a new generation of quartz-powered models in steel and a self-winding model in rose gold that together will take over from the previous models. The manufacture is also introducing the first additional function to join the Aquanaut Luce collection: the Travel Time dual time zone.





## The Aquanaut Luce quartz in steel, Reference 5267/200A: a larger case with a new integrated strap in black, white or khaki green

Since its launch in 2004, the ladies' quartz-driven Aquanaut Luce in steel Reference 5067 has appeared in a range of colors (including black, safari brown, pearly white and blue-gray). Patek Philippe is giving fresh allure to this flagship model of modern sporty chic by endowing it with an enlarged diameter of 38.8 mm (previously 35.6 mm) and an integrated strap whose contours follow the curvature of the case and the lugs. From now on a new, larger case and an integrated strap will equip every Aquanaut Luce (except the *Haute Joaillerie* models).

The new Aquanaut Luce Reference 5267/200A comes with matching dial and strap in a choice of three colors: eternally elegant black (5267/200A-001), a very feminine matt white (5267/200A-010) and an audacious khaki green (5267/200A-011). This new shade of khaki green is identical to the color introduced on the men's Aquanaut Reference 5168G-010 in 2019 and seen this year on the new Aquanaut Chronograph Reference 5968G-010. It is also a nod to the original model of 2004, "Adventurous Khaki", a slightly different shade, which created such a stir with its unexpected alliance of steel, diamonds and zest of daring.

The dials are remarkable for their blend of sportiness and refinement. Their embossed Aquanaut decoration throws into relief the white-gold applied Arabic numerals and the large white-gold baton-style hands with their luminescent coating. On the model with a matt-white dial (5267/200A-010) black numerals and a date printed in white on a black ground in the aperture at 3 o'clock strengthen the legibility.

The steel case is adorned with a polished finish on the flat surfaces and a satin-brushed finish on the flanks. Water-resistant to 120 m, notably thanks to its screw-down crown, it houses a Patek Philippe caliber E 23-250 S C quartz movement finished with the same meticulous care as the manufacture's mechanical movements. The bezel has polished beveled edges and is lit by a circle of 48 round-cut Top Wesselton Pure diamonds (~1.11 ct). The integrated strap made of an ultra-resistant composite material features a patented fold-over clasp secured by four independent catches. The new Aquanaut Luce References 5267/200A replace all the previous Reference 5067 models.

## Aquanaut Luce automatic Reference 5268/200R-001: a larger diameter and a new integrated matt-white strap

The Aquanaut Luce with a self-winding mechanical movement was launched in 2010 by a rose-gold model with a chocolate brown dial and strap (5068R-001), joined in 2013 by a version in white (5068R-010). Today it affirms its feminine take on sporty chic with a new model measuring 38.8 mm in diameter (up from the previous 35.6 mm) on an integrated strap that continues the visual harmony of the design.

The rose-gold case, water-resistant to 120 m, contrasts the polished finish on its flat surfaces with a satin-brushed finish on the flanks. The emblematic rounded octagonal bezel has a



polished beveled edge and sparkles with 48 Top Wesselton Pure diamonds (~1.11 ct) set with textbook precision.

A dial in matt white with the embossed Aquanaut motif forms a luxurious backdrop to rose-gold applied Arabic numerals and rose-gold baton-style hour and minute hands with a luminescent coating. A slender rose-gilt sweep-seconds hand completes the time display, while the date appears in an aperture at 3 o'clock.

This sporty, elegant timepiece is powered by the caliber 26-330 S C self-winding movement. Introduced in 2019, this caliber is endowed with a number of technical innovations and optimizations (two of which are patented) relating particularly to the winding system. The presence of a stop-seconds device, which stops the balance when the crown is pulled out, enables the user to set the time to the second. A sapphire-crystal back reveals the movement's architecture and flawless hand-finish. The watch is worn on an integrated matt-white strap made of an ultra-resistant composite material with a patented fold-over clasp secured by four independent catches. The new Aquanaut Luce Reference 5268/200R-001 replaces the two previous 5068 references in the collection.

## Aquanaut Luce Travel Time Reference 5269/200R: a new practical and elegant travel watch for women

Reliable, accurate and dynamic, the Aquanaut Luce is renowned for its special brand of casual chic, an asset on every occasion. To be the perfect travel companion for today's active, cosmopolitan woman it lacked only the display of a second time zone. That wish has been granted with the new Aquanaut Luce Travel Time Reference 5269/200R.

In developing this globetrotting Aquanaut Luce, Patek Philippe drew inspiration from the manufacture's ingenious Travel Time dual-time-zone mechanism. This exclusive system is already a feature of the men's Aquanaut Reference 5164, where two push-pieces on the left flank of the case set the local time. But to retain all the elegance and finesse that women love in the Aquanaut Luce, the manufacture reinterpreted this useful, user-friendly function to incorporate two innovations: a new quartz movement with a dual-time-zone function, caliber E 23-250 S FUS 24H, and a discreet, practical setting system via the winding crown. This device required that the electronic movement be fitted with a dual time-zone mechanism similar to those that equip all Patek Philippe's World Time and Travel Time watches, but controlled here by the clutch-pinion that activates hand-setting, rather than by pushers. The new quartz caliber is finished with same meticulous care as the manufacture's mechanical movements.

The new Aquanaut Luce Travel Time Reference 5269/200R has two central hour hands – a skeletonized hand for home time and a solid hand for local time. When its owner changes time zones, the hour hand for local time may be set forwards or backwards by increments of one hour using the crown pulled out to the intermediate position, without this affecting the rate accuracy of the movement. During the time spent abroad, the skeletonized hand will continue to display home time, coupled with the day/night indicator at 6 o'clock – a useful feature when



wishing to avoid waking someone from a deep sleep. The Travel Time's dual-time-zone system can also be used to display the time in another longitude where a loved one is living.

When the watch's owner remains at home or no longer needs a second time zone, the two hour hands can be superposed to become a single hand, using the winding crown. In this way, the Aquanaut Luce Travel Time offers two watches in one: a casually elegant model for all occasions, transformable in an instant into a dual-time-zone watch for those who travel and communicate far and wide.

The rose-gold 38.8 mm case, equipped with a non-screw-down crown (to make using the Travel Time function practical and unobtrusive) is water-resistant to 60 m. Its contrasting polished and satin-brushed finishes complement a matt-white dial and a matching strap. The Aquanaut Luce's chic, sporty personality gains extra sparkle from a bezel edged with a polished bevel and set with 48 Top Wesselton Pure diamonds (~1.11 ct). The dial presents an embossed Aquanaut motif beneath rose-gold applied numerals and rose-gold baton-style hands, the solid hands with a luminescent coating. The integrated white composite-material strap has a patented fold-over clasp secured by four independent catches.

The new Aquanaut Luce Travel Time Reference 5269/200R complements the existing Patek Philippe travel watches for women, which comprise four models: the World Time Reference 7130 with 24 time zones, available in white gold or rose gold, and the Calatrava Pilot Travel Time Reference 7234, also in white gold or rose gold, whose design pays tribute to classic aeronautical style.

### A NEW AQUANAUT FOR MEN IN 2021

The rich collection of Aquanaut models for men ranges from simple models in steel, rose gold or white gold to those equipped with complications that are useful in everyday life. This year it has acquired a new version of the Aquanaut Chronograph. A new take on sporty elegance for the modern man.

# Aquanaut Chronograph Reference 5968G: the first version in white gold, paired with midnight blue or khaki green

In 2018, Patek Philippe launched the first chronograph to join the men's Aquanaut collection – a complication ideally suited to this line's dynamic sporting spirit. Reference 5968 made its debut in a steel model with a black dial mounted on a black strap in a composite material and delivered with a second composite strap in orange (5968A-001).

Now, the manufacture is introducing the first white-gold version of the Aquanaut Chronograph, with either of two colorways for the dial and matching strap: an elegant midnight blue shading to black on the dial (5968G-001) or an audacious khaki green (5968G-010).





A key aesthetic feature is the harmonious integration of the chronograph into the Aquanaut design. The interplay of polished and satin-brushed surfaces on the case, bezel and pushers contributes to the effect. The 60-minute counter at 6 o'clock echoes the bezel's rounded octagonal shape. The elongated pushers are positioned at 2 and 4 o'clock, either side of the screw-down crown. The chronograph indications (sweep seconds, quarter-second scale, 60-minute counter) stand out in white on the embossed Aquanaut pattern. Legibility is ensured by white-gold applied numerals and large white-gold baton-style hands with a luminescent coating.

This model is equipped with the caliber CH 28-520 C self-winding flyback chronograph movement uniting tradition (column-wheel control) and innovation (vertical disk clutch). As the clutch is virtually friction-free, the center chronograph hand also functions as a permanent seconds hand. The flyback function allows the user to begin timing a new event while the chronograph is still running, with a simple pressure on the push-piece at 4 o'clock.

The case is a handsome 42.2 mm in diameter and is water-resistant to 120 m. The integrated strap made of an ultra-resistant composite material is fitted with a patented fold-over clasp secured by four independent catches. These two new models join Reference 5968A-001 in steel in the collection.





## Aquanaut Luce quartz in steel, References 5267/200A-001, 5267/200A-010 and 5267/200A-011

Movement: Caliber E 23-250 S C quartz with sweep seconds and date in an

aperture

Diameter: 23.9 mm Height: 2.5 mm

Number of parts: 80 Number of jewels: 8

Quartz frequency: 32 768 Hz

Power source: Silver oxide battery 1.55 V Battery life: Approximately 3 years

Displays: By hands: hours, minutes and sweep seconds

By aperture: date at 3 o'clock

Crown functions: Three-positions crown:

Pushed in: normal operation

• Unscrewed and pulled out half way: correcting the date

• Unscrewed and pulled out all the way: stopping the movement and

setting the time

**Features** 

Case: Steel

Bezel set with 48 brilliant-cut Top Wesselton Pure diamonds (~1.11

ct)

Screw-down crown

Water-resistant to 120 m (12 bars)

Case dimensions: Diameter (10–4 o'clock): 38.8 mm

Width (9-3 o'clock with crown): 40.95 mm

Length (across lugs): 45.4 mm

Height: 7.9 mm

Width between lugs: 19.03 mm

Dial: Brass, with Aquanaut motif embossed and varnished in

black (5267/200A-001), matt white (5267/200A-010) or khaki green

(5267/200A-011)

Applied Arabic numerals in 18K white gold (blackened 18K white

gold on the matt-white version)



Baton-style hour and minute hands in 18K white gold with Superluminova® luminescent coating

Bronze arrow-style seconds hand with counterpoise

Composite material ultra-resistant to water, ultraviolet radiation and Strap:

wear, with checkerboard pattern matching that of the dial

Patented fold-over clasp in steel, secured by four independent

catches





### Aquanaut Luce automatic in rose gold, Reference 5268/200R-001

Movement: Caliber 26-330 S C

Self-winding mechanical movement with sweep seconds and with

date in an aperture

Diameter: 27 mm
Height: 3.3 mm
Number of parts: 212
Number of jewels: 30

Power reserve: Min. 35 hours / max. 45 hours

Winding rotor: Central rotor in 21K gold, unidirectional winding

Frequency: 28 800 semi-oscillations per hour (4 Hz)

Balance: Gyromax®

Balance spring: Spiromax<sup>®</sup> (in Silinvar<sup>®</sup>)

Balance spring stud: Adjustable

Displays: By hands: hours, minutes and sweep seconds

By aperture: date at 3 o'clock

Crown functions: Three-positions crown:

· Unscrewed: manual winding

Pulled out half way: correcting the datePulled out all the way: setting the time

Hallmark: Patek Philippe Seal

**Features** 

Case: 18K rose gold

Bezel set with 48 brilliant-cut Top Wesselton Pure diamonds (~1.11

ct)

Screw-down crown

Water-resistant to 120 m (12 bars)

Case dimensions: Diameter (10–4 o'clock): 38.8 mm

Width (9 -3 o'clock with crown): 40.95 mm

Length (across lugs): 45.4 mm

Height: 8.5 mm





Width between lugs: 19.03 mm

Dial: Brass with Aquanaut pattern embossed and varnished in matt white

Applied Arabic numerals in 18K rose gold

Baton-style hour and minute hands in 18K rose gold with

Superluminova® luminescent coating

Arrow-style seconds hand with counterpoise in Pfinodal, gilded with

rose gold

Strap: Composite material ultra-resistant to water, ultraviolet radiation and

wear, with raised checkerboard pattern in matt white

Patented fold-over clasp in 18K rose gold, secured by four

independent catches





### Aguanaut Luce Travel Time Reference 5269/200R-001

**Movement:** Caliber E 23-250 S FUS 24H quartz movement with sweep seconds,

dual time zones (local time and home time) and a day/night indicator

linked to home time

Diameter: 23.9 mm Height: 2.95 mm

Number of parts: 96 Number of jewels: 9

Quartz frequency: 32 768 Hz

Power source: Silver oxide battery 1.55 V Battery life: Approximately 3 years

Displays: By hands: local time (solid hand), home time (skeletonized hand),

minutes and sweep seconds

By aperture: day/night indicator at 6 o'clock

Crown functions: Three-positions crown:

Pushed in: normal operation

• Pulled out half way: correcting the local time by increments of one

hour backwards or forwards

• Pulled out all the way: stopping the movement and setting the time

**Features** 

Case: 18K rose gold

Bezel set with 48 brilliant-cut Top Wesselton Pure diamonds (~1.11

ct)

Water-resistant to 60 m (6 bars)

Case dimensions: Diameter (10–4 o'clock): 38.8 mm

Width (9-3 o'clock with crown): 40.9 mm

Length (across lugs): 45.4 mm

Height: 8.77 mm

Width between lugs: 19.03 mm

Dial: Brass, with Aquanaut motif embossed and varnished in matt white

Applied Arabic numerals in 18K rose gold





Baton-style local hour hand and minute hand in 18K rose gold with Superluminova® luminescent coating Skeletonized baton-style home hour hand in 18K rose gold Arrow-style seconds hand with counterpoise in Pfinodal, gilded with rose gold

Strap:

Composite material ultra-resistant to water, ultraviolet radiation and wear, with raised checkerboard pattern in matt white Patented fold-over clasp in 18K rose-gold, secured by four independent catches





### Aquanaut Chronograph References 5968G-001 and 5968G-010

Movement: Caliber CH 28-520 C

Self-winding mechanical movement. Flyback chronograph with 60-

minute counter and date aperture

Diameter: 30 mm (base movement 30 mm; chronograph module 30 mm)

Height: 6.63 mm (base movement 5.2 mm; chronograph module 1.43 mm)

Number of parts: 308 Number of jewels: 32

Power reserve: Min. 45 hours / max. 55 hours

Winding rotor: Central rotor in 21K gold, unidirectional winding

Frequency: 28 800 semi-oscillations per hour (4 Hz)

Balance: Gyromax<sup>®</sup>

Balance spring: Spiromax® (in Silinvar®)

Balance spring stud: Adjustable

Crown functions: Two-positions crown:

Unscrewed: manual windingPulled out: setting the time

Displays: By hands:

Center hours and minutes

Center chronograph/sweep seconds handChronograph 60-minute counter at 6 o'clock

By aperture:

· Date at 3 o'clock

Corrector: Rapid date correction at 8 o'clock

Delivered with a setting stylus in black wood and 18K white gold

Pushers: • Chronograph start and stop at 2 o'clock

Chronograph reset to zero and flyback function at 4 o'clock

Hallmark: Patek Philippe Seal

**Features** 

Case: 18K white gold

Sapphire-crystal case back

Screw-down crown

Water-resistant to 120 m (12 bars)



Case dimensions: Diameter (10–4 o'clock): 42.2 mm

Width (9-3 o'clock with crown): 45 mm

Length (across lugs): 50.1 mm

Height: 11.9 mm

Width between lugs: 22 mm

Dial: Brass, with embossed sunburst decoration and PVD coating in blue

shading to black (5968G-001) or embossed decoration varnished in

khaki green (5968G-010)

Applied Arabic numerals in 18K white gold with a Superluminova®

luminescent coating

Applied hour markers in 18K white gold with a Superluminova®

luminescent coating

Baton-style hour and minute hands in 18K white gold with a

Superluminova® luminescent coating

Arrow-style chronograph/sweep seconds hand with counterpoise, in

white-lacquered steel

Baton-style hand in white-lacquered brass on the 60-minute

chronograph counter

Strap: Composite material, ultra-resistant to water, ultraviolet radiation and

wear, with raised checkerboard pattern matching that of the dial Patented fold-over clasp in 18K white gold, secured by four

independent catches

