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Aquanaut Luce Annual Calendar Reference 5261R-001 **First Annual Calendar in the Aquanaut Collection**

The “modern casual chic” line for ladies Aquanaut Luce welcomes a new useful and easy-to-use complication: the patented Annual Calendar. Adorned in blue-gray on the matching dial and strap, this elegant rose gold timepiece enriches Patek Philippe's range of complicated ladies' watches with a non-gemset model.

Launched in 2004, the Aquanaut Luce collection – a feminine reinterpretation of the Aquanaut introduced in 1997 – is available in stainless steel quartz models with several dial colors and matching straps (5267/200A-001, 5267/200A-010, 5267 /200A-011) and in a rose gold self-winding model with a taupe dial and integrated strap (5268/200R-010). It also includes an *Haute Joaillerie* version combining the most sophisticated gemsetting techniques (5062/450R-001) and a very refined version with a bezel set with baguette-cut diamonds and a two-tone engraved mother-of-pearl dial (5072R-001).

For several years, Patek Philippe has been working to reinforce its ladies' offer in the "casual chic" segment by endowing the Aquanaut Luce with various complications that are useful in everyday life. After the Aquanaut Luce Travel Time dual time zone watch Ref. 5269/200R-001 in 2021 and the Aquanaut Luce “Rainbow” self-winding chronograph Ref. 7968/300R-001 in 2022, the Manufacture presents the new Aquanaut Luce Annual Calendar Ref. 5261R-001, featuring the famous patented Patek Philippe Annual Calendar mechanism (1996) – a complete day/date/month calendar requiring only one manual correction per year, at the end of February.

A new self-winding caliber with optimized performance

The 39.9 mm-diameter case houses the new self-winding 26-330 S QA LU caliber, with central rotor in 21K gold and the additional Annual Calendar module with moon phases. Special feature of this watch: thanks to the inversion of the Annual Calendar module in the case, the calendar indications offer an unusual display compared to other Patek Philippe timepieces equipped with this complication. The date is displayed in an aperture at 6 o'clock, the moon phases in an aperture at 12 o'clock, the day and month in subdials at 3 o'clock and 9 o'clock. The extremely precise moon phase indication deviates only one day in 122 years from the true lunar cycle.

The architecture of the movement is based on the caliber 26-330, introduced in 2019 in the Calatrava Weekly Calendar Ref. 5212A-001 and featuring several technical innovations and optimizations for performance and dependability – including a patented anti-backlash wheel to prevent the seconds hand from vibrating, as well as a patented clutch wheel improving the efficiency and longevity of the self-winding function. The presence of a “stop seconds” (which instantly stops the balance when the crown is pulled into the handsetting position) allows adjustment to the nearest second. When the crown is pushed home, the mechanism gives a small impulse to the balance to set it in motion again.

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Casual elegance combined with perfect legibility

The iconic design of the Aquanaut rose gold case and bezel with their rounded octagonal shape is enhanced by the contrast between polished and satin finishes. The model's "casual chic" style is reinforced by the elegant blue-gray color adorning the dial and strap – a refined hue that already appealed to many women on the steel Aquanaut Luce 5067A-025 available from 2018 to 2019. The dial with the embossed Aquanaut pattern features rose gold applied Arabic numerals and baton-style hands, all with white luminescent coating ensuring excellent legibility. The integrated composite strap with the Aquanaut pattern echoing that of the dial stands out for its optimal comfort as well as its high resistance to traction, wear, salt water and ultraviolet rays. It is fitted with a patented Patek Philippe fold-over clasp secured by four independent catches.

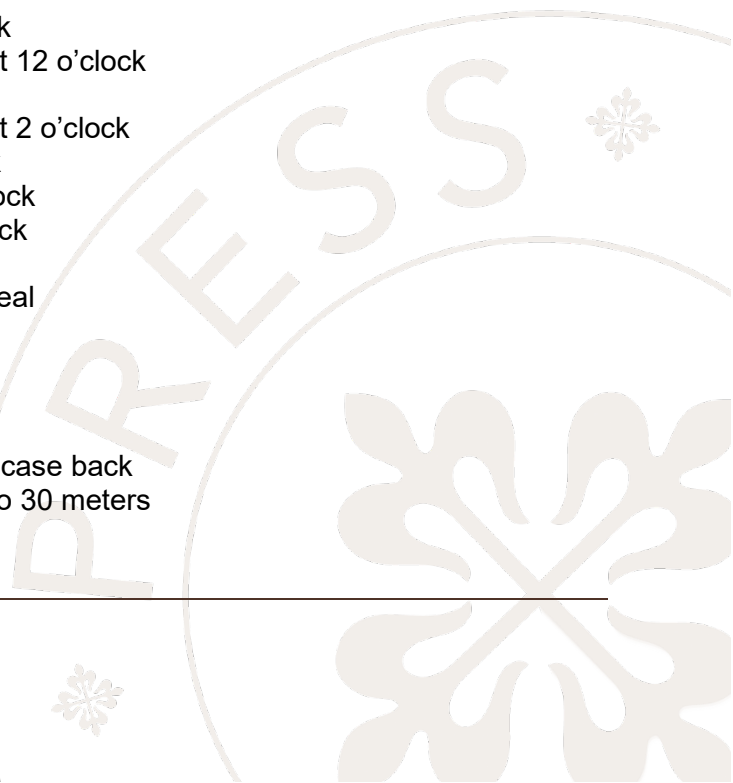




Technical data

Ref. 5261R-001 Aquanaut Luce Annual Calendar

Movement:	Caliber 26-330 S QA LU Annual Calendar self-winding mechanical movement with date in an aperture and hand displays for day and month Moon phases
Diameter:	30 mm (base movement 27 mm, additional annual calendar module with moon phases 30 mm)
Height:	5.32 mm (base movement 3.32 mm, additional annual calendar module with moon phases 2 mm)
Number of parts:	319
Number of jewels:	34
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® (in Silinvar®)
Balance spring stud:	Adjustable
Crown functions:	Two-position crown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pushed in: manual winding • Pulled out: handsetting with stop seconds
Displays:	With hands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • center hours, minutes and seconds • day at 3 o'clock • month at 9 o'clock In apertures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • date at 6 o'clock • moon phases at 12 o'clock
Correctors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • moon phases at 2 o'clock • day at 4 o'clock • month at 8 o'clock • date at 10 o'clock
Hallmark:	Patek Philippe Seal
Features	
Case:	18K rose gold Sapphire-crystal case back Water-resistant to 30 meters





Case dimensions:

Diameter (10 to 4 o'clock): 39.9 mm
Width (3 to 9 o'clock with crown): 42.02 mm
Length (across lugs): 47.35 mm
Height (crystal to display back): 10.94 mm
Total height: 11.76 mm
Width between lugs: 21 mm

Dial:

Blue-gray embossed with Aquanaut pattern

- Applied Arabic numerals in 18K rose gold with white luminescent coating
- Baton hour and minute hands in 18K rose gold with white luminescent coating
- Baton day and month hands in 18K white gold with white luminescent coating
- Seconds hand in Pfinodal with white luminescent coating

Strap:

Blue-gray composite material resistant to water, ultraviolet light and wear with embossed Aquanaut pattern matching the dial. Patented Patek Philippe fold-over clasp in 18K rose gold secured by four independent catches.

