



KONSTANTIN CHAYKIN



## Joker Titanium – new chapter begins

'Joker' watch by Russian manufacture Konstantin Chaykin unveiled in BaselWorld-2017 definitely became one of the most notable and discussed novelties of the year. Numerous printed and online publications which followed approve that. The warm reaction of the public is accompanied by an active interest of watch collectors, they bought all 99 copies of the limited series of 'Joker' in stainless steel in just a few months. 'Joker' watch was included in the short list of the Grand Prix d'Horlogerie de Genève GPHG-2017. The unique piece of 'Joker' made by Konstantin Chaykin in zirconium case specially for the charity auction Only Watch-2017, was sold for 45,000 Swiss francs, presenting a significant excess of the final price of the lot in four and a half times more to the auction lower estimate. This is an excellent result taking into consideration the fact Konstantin Chaykin became the first Russian watchmaker to take part in this important and widely renowned charity event.

Konstantin Chaykin consciously had made the decision to limit the production of 'Joker', intending to preserve the collector's status of the watch, and he is going to keep the strict limitation in the future. Production capabilities of his watch factory impose restrictions on the total output of watches: currently it is capable of making about hundred and fifty watches a year, and now Konstantin Chaykin accepts orders as early as 2019. Responding to the numerous requests of connoisseurs of high watchmaking from all around the world, Konstantin Chaykin decides to release a new 'Joker Titanium' limited edition made of high-tech, lightweight and durable titanium.

## At the price of black caviar

The choice of titanium for 'Joker Titanium' limited edition was not just accidental. The use of this particular metal in aviation, space and marine technics surely yielded with significant advantages. For example, the Soviet K-162 submarine with a full titanium hull when tested in 1971 established still unbeaten world record for underwater speed, reaching 82.78 km per hour (44.7 knots). The high speed of the K-162 allowed it to escape the torpedo attacks, so it was nicknamed as 'killer of aircraft carriers'. K-162 got another – again unofficial – nickname: 'goldfish', it appeared due to the incredible high cost of titanium used in the construction of the submarine hull: in the late 1960s in the USSR the cost a kilo of sheet titanium was 18 rubles, the same as a kilogram of black caviar.

In watchmaking industry titanium is used as lightweight, durable and non-allergy alternative to stainless steel. Titanium parts are darker than steel, and therefore perceived as more technical, even brutal. For the production of titanium parts for the case of 'Joker Titanium', Konstantin Chaykin manufactory has developed a special technic, allowing to maintain the high standards of finish previously stated in production of 'Joker' in stainless steel. The bezel of the case by tradition shows the most powerful poker hand 'Five of a Kind', the symbol of incredible luck. The center of the titanium caseback of 'Joker Titanium' is engraved with the letter 'J', the rim of the caseback is engraved with serial number of the watch in a limited edition of 88 pieces.

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## Haute Horlogerie made in Russia

Konstantin Chaykin had developed for 'Joker' unique complication module with a dual-disk time display (hours and minutes as Joker eyes) and moonphase indicator (as Joker smile). The complication module is completely conceived, designed and manufactured by Konstantin Chaykin. Module is set on a reliable tried and tested automatic ETA 2824-2 caliber, the true workhorse of modern watch industry. Konstantin Chaykin's 'Joker' speciality, the second crown that is fixed and equipped with corrector of moonphase indicator, is mounted on the left side of watch case.

Despite the fact that the complication module is always hidden from the owner's eyes, all parts of the module are manually finished in accordance with the standards of high watchmaking. For example, rhodium plated platina is decorated by perlage finish. The edges of platina, bridge of the time indication gear, levers, moonphase disk meticulously chamfered and polished, lateral surfaces of all the parts are processed by circumferential graining. Moonphase disk and wheels are finished with fine circular graining, flat surfaces of levers and flat springs are decorated with a fine straight graining, recesses around screws and axes are rounded and polished. Konstantin Chaykin pays special attention to finish of bridge of the time indication gear: fine straight graining is applied to the surface of this part in contrast to the perlage that should be used according to strict rules of the classic art of watch movement finishing. Master is sure that bridge in this particular version of finishing looks especially impressive.

Konstantin Chaykin manufacture presents a new 'Joker Titanium' enriched with famous dial resembling Joker's face, smiling any time. Decoration of the dial of new 'Joker Titanium' was slightly modified. New dial is embellished with special guilloche pattern with small step, once upon a time successfully used by the great Russian jeweler Carl Faberge, the nose of Joker face is decorated using unique guilloche pattern, which was designed by Konstantin Chaykin for 'Joker Titanium'.

Meet new 'Joker Titanium'!

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## Joker Titanium

### Specifications

<b>Limited edition</b>	<b>88 pieces</b>
<b>Caliber</b>	K07-0, automatic winding
Base movement	Swiss made ETA 2824-2
Complication module	completely produced by Konstantin Chaykin manufacture
Movement dimensions	diameter 31.5 millimetres; height 7.6 millimetres (incl. module)
Escapement	lever escapement
Balance frequency	28,800 semi-oscillations per hour
Power reserve	38 hours when fully wound
Jewels	33 (25 jewels for base movement, 8 jewels for module)
Module parts	61
Functions	regulator dial for hours and minutes, moon-phase display
<b>Case</b>	titanium
Case dimensions	diameter 42 millimetres; height 13.7 millimetres
Glass	sapphire crystal with antireflective coating, diameter 34.5 millimetres
Case parts	36
Dial finish	silver and ruthenium plating, two types of guilloché
Dial parts	9
Strap	black alligator leather, violet calfskin lining, green stitching
Buckle	Konstantin Chaykin prong buckle in titanium

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