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A new anniversary Breguet Marine to savour

As Breguet prepares to mark a notable anniversary we take a look at one of its most spectacular and innovative pieces the Marine Tourbillon Équation Marchante 5887

The year 2021 might be notable for many reasons, but in watchmaking terms it is honorably distinguished as the 220th anniversary of the tourbillon, an invention patented by Abraham-Louis Breguet on 26 June 1801.

Breguet plans to release a commemorative model this autumn, something we are very much looking forward to. But while we are waiting, it is worth noting that the brand at the pinnacle of

the Swatch Group pyramid has never ceased to celebrate its traditions, creating watches that pay homage to the past while being reinforced by the latest technologies.

Last year in particular, the stunning Double Tourbillon Quai de l'Horloge from the Classique collection delighted collectors, while the Marine line evokes the triple historical expertise of the brand founder expressed through a more contemporary, slimmer and more efficient interpretation.



The Marine Tourbillon Équation Marchante 5887

CASE:	18k rose gold with fluted caseband, sapphire back, water-resistant to 100m
DIAMETER:	43.9mm
MOVEMENT:	mechanical self-winding (Caliber 581DPE, 80-hour power reserve), 563 components, silicon balance spring and escape wheel, numbered and signed Breguet
FUNCTIONS:	hours, minutes (civile and solar), equation of time, perpetual calendar, power-reserve indication (between 7 and 9 o'clock)
DIAL:	slate-colored dial in gold, hand-engraved on a rose engine, numbered and signed Breguet, luminescent 18K rose gold open-tipped Breguet hands, solar minutes with a faceted gold sun
STRAP:	brown alligator leather strap with rose gold triple folding clasp



Always intrinsically linked to the tourbillon, Breguet offers a reminder through this Marine model that its inventor was also appointed official watchmaker to the French Royal Navy. As such, sophisticated horological complications such as the perpetual calendar and the equation of time hold no secrets for the venerable brand.

Derived from the ultra-thin self-winding Caliber 581 equipped with a tourbillon, this movement features an optimized design incorporating recent innovations such as a titanium carriage with a peripheral gear wheel driving its rotation, as well as a silicon balance-spring and escape-wheel.

Similarly, Breguet's designers have achieved a one-quarter reduction in the barrel thickness by cutting a groove around the drum and holding it in place by means of three externally placed bearings.

Connoisseurs will recognize the function of the hand tipped with a sun, indicating the minutes of solar time (different from the minutes of civil time driven by the main gear train) thanks to differential gearing and a cam on a sapphire disk performing one revolution in a year, followed by a feeler that provides the value of the equation of time.

As for the anchor-tipped hand, it provides a retrograde date display. So as to improve the legibility of all these indications, Breguet completes the perpetual calendar indications by apertures showing the day and month, which are unique in its collections.

The power reserve is discreetly shown on an arc-shaped gauge at 8 o'clock. All this information is easily readable on the attractive anthracite dial featuring white and gold contrasts, above which the majestic tourbillon appears to be floating in mid-air.