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**C by Romain Gauthier
Titanium Edition 39.5**

With its 39.5 mm case, the new C by Romain Gauthier Titanium Edition is unveiled with three different color accents, and now further enhanced by the introduction of interchangeable rubber straps.

A smaller case design

With the introduction of a newly proportioned 39.5 mm titanium case, the C by Romain Gauthier Titanium Edition presents a more compact and casual approach. Its refined proportions enhance versatility across a broader range of wrist sizes, reinforcing the idea of a timepiece designed for everyday wear. It becomes a watch that naturally integrates into daily life without compromising its horological stature, maintaining a refined and confident presence.

The lightness of titanium enhances the sense of comfort and ergonomics, making the watch feel almost weightless to wear throughout the day. This combination of refined dimensions and titanium construction reflects a clear intention: to offer a more accessible wearing experience while preserving the exceptional level of finishing and sophistication characteristic of the manufacture.

The design remains true to the technical and architectural identity of the collection, but now expresses itself with greater simplicity, modernity, and ease of use.

Subtle yet expressive color enhancements

This new edition is presented with three different color accents: blue, orange, and pink. These touches of color bring renewed energy to the collection and contribute to its more lifestyle-oriented positioning.

Far from being mere decorative details, these colors actively redefine the overall perception of the watch, giving it a more expressive personality.

Interchangeable rubber straps

Further enhancing its adaptability, this edition introduces an interchangeable rubber strap system, allowing the wearer to switch between different strap options and adapt the timepiece to various moods, outfits, and occasions. Whether seeking a more sporty, casual look or a discreet and refined aesthetic, the quick-release system offers a seamless way to personalize the watch.

Beyond its practical benefits, this interchangeability reinforces the collection's everyday-wear philosophy. It emphasizes freedom of expression and adaptability in daily use, while preserving the technical refinement and attention to detail expected from Romain Gauthier.

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C BY ROMAIN GAUTHIER IN DETAIL

Unveiled in 2021, the C by Romain Gauthier is the result of more than 16 years of know-how acquired through the brand's development and its manufacture, while reflecting Romain's creative freedom with a modern and youthful design.

Technical in nature, casual in style and free in spirit, the Freedom collection has enabled the creation of this contemporary caliber. The significance of C by Romain Gauthier lies in its creative approach, reinforcing the notions of continuity with its concept and design, in reference to the Continuum. Reflecting a vision of the future for a timepiece which is part of Romain Gauthier's philosophy, and which opens the door to new horizons.

During its creation, it was clear to Romain that the case had to harmonize with the movement. It had to be contemporary and uncluttered. But not only that – comfort, ergonomics and the choice of materials also contributed to the design of this timepiece, leading to the decision to use Grade 5 titanium.

Inspired by the finger bridges style, the design of the movement follows the watchmaking history of the Vallée de Joux but with a modern approach, reflecting Romain's vision of the evolution of tradition.

Flow and continuity to the fore on an atypical dial

The dial of the C by Romain Gauthier, a symbol of modernity and continuity both in terms of architecture and design, features off-center hour-minute hands and slightly tapered hour markers of varying lengths. The 5-second intervals of the small seconds at 7 o'clock are also marked by tapering lines of differing lengths.

These lines have become a defining signature of the successive iterations of the C by Romain Gauthier Titanium Edition 39.5. Presented in blue, orange, and pink, the colored star-like accents infuse the timepiece with freshness, vibrancy, and an effortless sense of lightness, enhancing its relaxed yet sophisticated character.

Romain explains this purposeful play on perspective, saying: *"Rather than a series of enclosed circles, as we often see in watchmaking, I wanted an open, airy dial on which full or part orthogonal lines form vanishing points with the axes of the hands, reinforcing the notion of continuity."*

The dial itself is designed to radiate luminosity. Structured with fine straight lines, the metallized sapphire dial plays delicately with the light, creating subtle reflections and a remarkable sense of depth that further accentuate the contemporary spirit of the watch.

For enhanced legibility, the tapering, three-dimensional hands are made from Grade 5 titanium and filled with Super-LumiNova. The numerals and indexes are made entirely of Super-LumiNova, improving visibility, and reinforcing the modern feel of this timepiece – each color accent is matched by a corresponding Super-LumiNova hue at night.

Eye-catching case and strap high on details

Framing the dial is a redesigned 39.5 mm titanium case featuring a bold, geometric bezel that is first machined into a perfectly round base with a circular bevel, before six straight cuts are applied to create a distinctive six-facet architecture. These polished facets catch and reflect light dynamically, bringing the bezel to life, while the satin-finished surfaces absorb light to enhance depth and contrast. This faceted design is echoed around the sapphire crystal caseback, creating visual continuity from front to back.

In between the bezel and caseback, the one-piece caseband and lugs are geometrically sculpted, combining satin and polished finishes, with aesthetic grooves cleverly deployed to emphasize the resulting shapes.

The watch is paired with interchangeable rubber straps, designed to extend this architectural dialogue onto the wrist. Available in a range of colors, the straps include bold, vibrant tones that echo the punchy accents of the dial, as well as more neutral and understated options for a refined, everyday aesthetic. This adaptability allows the watch to shift effortlessly between expressive and minimalist styles, reinforcing its contemporary character.

The rubber straps, fitted with a titanium pin buckle that is also interchangeable with the straps, follow the form of the angular lugs and rounded caseband, so that they appear as a continuous, organic extension of the case. Finally, as in several of his creations, Romain Gauthier positions the crown at 2 o'clock, enhancing comfort by freeing up wrist movement while preserving perfect functionality.

Clever stop-seconds mechanism that uses a snail cam

Romain has endowed C by Romain Gauthier with a stop-seconds – or hacking seconds – mechanism, allowing the wearer to set the time exactly according to a reference time.

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Like many stop-seconds mechanisms, a brake is placed on C by Romain Gauthier's balance wheel when the crown is pulled out. But instead of using a straight or L-shaped balance stop lever to halt the balance, Romain has opted to employ a snail cam that performs a double function: It touches and stops the balance wheel when the crown is pulled out and, when the crown is pushed back in, the snail cam makes a turn, with its increasingly wide form giving the balance an impulse to help it start beating again.

Those familiar with the brand will know Romain has used the snail cam's unique shape in his past creations: It appears on the watchmaker's acclaimed Logical One.

In-house movement where design and decoration meet modernity

The themes of modernity and continuity carry over to the manual-winding, in-house movement, which is gloriously on show through the display back.

Taking centre stage are a number of finger bridges – historically typical of the Vallée de Joux, Romain's birthplace – but reinterpreted here in a contemporary way. For starters, these bridges are horizontally configured and feature a 'stepped' shape – previously seen on some of Logical One's bridges – that not only provides volume and depth, but also gives the sense that the bridges are literally flowing over the gears and balance wheel, with no clear end to them.

Like the case components and the dial plate, the bridges are made from lightweight, natural Grade 5 titanium and they boast contrasting tones and textures thanks to a variety of finishes. The outer edges of each bridge all feature a double bevel, while the flat bridge surfaces and rubies are each framed by a raised border that has been straight-grained. Within these borders, the hand-finishing specialists at Manufacture Romain Gauthier have used a special hand-engraving technique to create a highly original dimpled texture. The movement mainplate beneath has been hand-frosted.

The impressive decoration doesn't stop with the bridges and mainplate: Romain's trademark gears and ratchet wheel featuring circular, bevelled spokes have been circular-grained, while the click, snail cam and screws with S-slot heads – another signature of Romain – have been highly polished. Finally, the lid of the mainspring barrel has been embellished with a superb snailing decoration.

C by Romain Gauthier's regulator features the Romain Gauthier balance wheel with curved arms and calibrated eccentric weights, plus hand-assembled pallet lever that is triangular for maximum rigidity.

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Edition

- MON00570 - Non-limited edition in Grade 5 titanium with blue accents – blue lume at night.
- MON00611 - Non-limited edition in Grade 5 titanium with orange accents – orange lume at night.
- MON00612 - Non-limited edition in Grade 5 titanium with pink accents – pink lume at night.

Features and indications

Off-centred hours and minutes

Small seconds at 7 o'clock

Natural Grade 5 titanium case, dial, movement bridges and mainplate

In-house movement featuring stop-seconds mechanism

Interchangeable rubber strap

Dial and hands

Sapphire metalized dial, straight lines structure.

Off-centred hours and minutes

Small seconds at 7 o'clock with 5-second intervals marked by tapering blue, orange or pink lines.

Super-LumiNova-filled Grade 5 titanium hands

Numerals and index entirely in Super-LumiNova – color accents matches with the Luminova hue at night.

Movement and finishing

In-house, hand-wound movement

Dimensions: 32.10 mm x 5.50 mm

Power reserve: 60 hours

Number of jewels: 24

Number of components: 154

Balance frequency: 28,800 vph / 4Hz

Components made from: Titanium, steel, stainless steel and German silver

Finishing: *Superlative* decoration by hand

Treatment: Natural titanium bridges and rhodium-treated gears.

Case

Material: Natural Grade 5 titanium

Dimensions: 39.5 mm x 9.45 mm, lugs to lugs: 46 mm

Water resistance: 50 m / 5 atm / 160 ft

Crown for winding and time-setting at 2 o'clock

Sapphire crystal with interior anti-reflection coating, front and display back

Strap and buckle

Supplied with an interchangeable rubber strap and a natural Grade 5 titanium pin buckle.

Additional rubber strap on request.

Total weight of the watch: 51 g, including rubber strap and titanium pin buckle

Retail price: CHF 34,000 without taxes