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Orient Star Introduces its First Skeleton Model to the Contemporary Collection

- A skeleton watch combining refined quality with a relaxed feel -

Orient Star introduces the Skeleton from the Contemporary Collection featuring its latest movement with a silicon escape wheel and a 70-hour power reserve. Its modern and stylish design includes sophisticated details, and the hand-wound skeleton movement symbolises the vastness of the universe.


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Established in 1951, Orient Star celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2021 with the launch of a new generation of Skeleton watches combining advanced technology and aesthetics. Following the Skeleton from the Classic Collection, this new model is the first skeleton in the Contemporary Collection. The new Skeleton features a new movement in grey, and a design that compliments every occasion.

As we adapt to new ways of working and boundaries between our professional and leisure time continue to blur, so too do our requirements for a watch. The new Skeleton is neither too formal nor too casual, with a modern and stylish design that is both refined yet informal. Fine hairline and mirror finishing on high-quality stainless steel (SUS316L) give an edgy aesthetic appeal to the case and bracelet, and the dial tinted in grey gives a sophisticated and stylish look. The compact and slim case with a diameter of 39 mm and thickness of 10.8 mm, the new metal bracelet with short pitch H-shaped links for comfort on the wrist, the dial with enhanced legibility, and blue hands that add an accent, all create a relaxed feel making it perfect for everyday use.

Skeletonisation in watchmaking, generally leaving just the framework of the movement and exposing the mechanisms inside, is a familiar style unique to mechanical watches. With the launch of the new generation model in 2021, it has become a new icon for Orient Star. This latest Skeleton is equipped with in-house F8B61 movement which complements the stylish design of the watch.

The hand-wound caliber F8B61 is not only highly precise with accuracy of +15 to -5 seconds a day, but it is also equipped with a silicon escape wheel made with the latest MEMS processing technology, extending the power reserve to 70 hours and significantly enhancing its practicality. Another distinctive feature is the grey plating on the baseplate and bridges of the movement symbolising the vastness of outer space. The spiral shape and vivid blue colour of the patented silicon escape wheel which utilises Epson's proprietary technology* evoke images of the Milky Way. The comet-shaped balance wheel bridge all work in harmony to conjure the image of vast outer space.

*Epson's proprietary technology

Rotation slip prevention shape: Japan: patent no.6915602, US : US11409244, Europe: EP3644128, China : CN111090229

Spring mechanism structure: Japan: patent no.6891622, patent no.7107405, US: US10747178, Europe: EP3396471, China: CN108803297

Bright blue colour: Japan: patent no.6908064



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The silicon escape wheel developed in-house

About Orient Star

Established in Japan in 1951, Orient Star originates from a desire to create a mechanical watch that would become a “shining star” in every aspect including design, components, and manufacturing. Orient Star continues to shine and innovate its technology as well as the design of its beautiful timepieces. The Skeleton models, launched in 2021 are mounted with the latest movement with silicon escape wheel for longer power reserve and beauty, incorporating design inspired by the vast universe. The brand continues the theme of “NOWHERE, NOW HERE” (meaning, it was nowhere else to be found, but it's here now). Traditional skills to achieve intricate craftsmanship, in-house production system to create high-quality mechanical movements, and original designs, are all incorporated for these unique, made-in-Japan watches. Orient Star will continue to deliver these creations in Japan and throughout the world.

A Short History

- 1951 Orient Star is created.
- 1957 Orient Star Dynamic[※] is launched with hour, minute, and second hands on the central axis of the watch.
- 1971 The 46 series movement is created, combining both practicality and high accuracy. This formed the base movement of the Orient Star and Orient brand for 50 years.
- 1991 Mon Bijou[※] is launched, a skeleton model of high-quality and aesthetic appeal.
- 1996 The power reserve indicator, now an iconic feature of the brand, is integrated into the design.

- 2017 Orient Watch Co. Ltd. merges with Seiko Epson Corporation, a company with a strong watchmaking heritage and focus on precision engineering. Both organisations share a vision for innovation and high-quality design and craftsmanship creating a strong foundation for the future growth of Orient Star.
- 2017 The Mechanical Moon Phase, a cosmic timekeeper is launched as a symbol of this new collaboration. This marks a new era of watchmaking for Orient Star brand, allowing owners to experience the three joys of owning an Orient Star timepiece: the “pleasure to wear”, the “delight to see”, and the “joy of connecting with others”.
- 2021 Orient Star celebrates its 70th anniversary.

*Currently not for sale.

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— Product Specifications —

Collection	Contemporary
Series name	Skeleton
Reference	RE-AZ0101N
Movement	Hand winding mechanical in-house caliber F8B61 made in Japan
Power reserve	70 hours
Accuracy	+15 seconds ~ -5 seconds per day
Case material	Stainless steel (SUS316L)
Case size	Height 46.5 mm / width 39.0 mm / thickness 10.8 mm
Glass	Front: dual curved sapphire crystal (SAR (super anti-reflective) coating), back: sapphire crystal
Strap	Stainless steel (SUS316L) / trifold deployant buckle with push button / width 20 mm
Colour of dial	Grey
Other features	Water resistance to 5 bar (50 m), power reserve indicator, second hand hacking, 22 jewels, see-through exhibition case back

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