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Orient Star Introduces M34 F8 Skeleton Hand Winding Model Combining Refined Quality with a Relaxed Feel

Orient Star has launched the M34 F8 Skeleton Hand Winding to the Contemporary Collection M34 featuring a movement with silicon escape wheel and a 70-hour power reserve. The stylish, modern design makes it suitable for business and casual use. Its skeleton movement with sophisticated details evoke starlight in deep space, appealing to watch lovers everywhere.


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The Contemporary Collection M34, named after Perseus, offers Orient Star's most diverse lineup as varied as the multiple streaks of falling meteors in the night sky. Orient Star celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2021 with the launch of a new generation of Skeleton watches combining advanced technology and aesthetics and in 2022, the M34 F8 Skeleton Hand Winding was launched. This new model is the first Skeleton in the Contemporary Collection and explores the vastness of the universe even further.

The new M34 F8 Skeleton Hand Winding combines refined quality with a relaxed feel with a design inspired by starlight illuminating in deep space. The grey skeleton movement expresses the vastness of outer space, while the new blue gradation outer ring on the dial symbolizes starlight shining in darkness. The grey colour plated bezel around them further emphasizes the enormity of the universe.

The fine hairline and mirror finish of the Sallaz polishing on the high-quality stainless steel (SUS316L) of the case and bracelet enhance the Contemporary Collection M34's edgy and modern design, and combined with the dial tinted in grey, the model exudes a sophistication and style. The compact and slim case with a diameter of 39 mm and thickness of 10.8 mm and metal bracelet with short pitch H-shaped links for comfort on the wrist create a relaxed feel.

Skeletonisation in watchmaking, generally leaving just the framework of the movement and exposing the mechanisms inside, is a style unique to mechanical watches. Since the launch of the new generation model in 2021, it has become a new icon for Orient Star. The M34 F8 Skeleton Hand Winding is equipped with in-house hand winding F8B61 movement which is not only highly precise with accuracy of +15 to -5 seconds a day, but is also equipped with a silicon escape wheel*, extending the power reserve to 70 hours to provide excellent practicality. The grey plating on the baseplate and bridges of the movement, the spiral-shaped silicone escape wheel evoking images of the Milky Way, and comet-shaped balance wheel bridge all work to inextricably combine high performance with aesthetics.

M34 F8 Skeleton Hand Winding is available in a limited edition of 100 pieces. The exquisite skeleton movement is visible through the see-through sapphire crystal case back which is engraved with limited edition and serial number.

*Patented Epson proprietary technology for silicon escape wheels

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, patent no.7207458, US: US11927916, Europe: EP3709098, China: CN111694256



RE-AZ0104L



The silicon escape wheel developed in-house



Caseback with engraving.

About the new M Collections (design collection)

Orient Star has launched M Collections, a new design collection that will join the current lineup of Classic, Contemporary and Sports. M Collections draws on Greek mythology as well as nebulae and star clusters. This latest collection is created not only for watch enthusiasts but also for those seeking watches of a higher quality.

The Classic Collection M45 named after the Pleiades is composed with designs expressing the eternal flow of time and consists of universal iconic Orient Star models. The Contemporary Collection M34, inspired by the cluster of stars of Perseus, known for its annual Perseid meteor shower, is a collection with sharp, powerful, cutting-edge designs that are ahead of their time and consists of models that can be worn for a wide range of occasions. Meanwhile, high performance divers' watches backed by advanced technology and history take centre stage in

the Sports Collection M42, named after Orion, who is said to be the son of Poseidon, ancient Greek god of the sea. This collection is characterised by functionality and wearing comfort, making it suited for active lifestyles.

About Orient Star

Capture your gaze. Reflecting the wonderous beauty of shining stars. Orient Star are superb timepieces, crafted by Japanese artisans since 1951. Orient Star continues to shine and innovate its technology as well as the design of its beautiful timepieces. 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.
- 2021 Orient Star celebrates its 70th anniversary. The Skeleton models are mounted with the latest movement with in-house developed silicon escape wheel for longer power reserve and beauty, incorporating design inspired by the vast universe.

*Currently not for sale.

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— Product Specifications —

Collection	Contemporary Collection (M34)
Model name	M34 F8 Skeleton Hand Winding

Reference	RE-AZ0104L
Movement	Hand winding mechanical in-house calibre F8B61
Power reserve	70 hours
Accuracy	+ 15 seconds ~ - 5 seconds per day
Case material	Stainless steel (SUS316L) (Grey plated bezel)
Case size	Height 46.5 mm / width 39.0 mm / thickness 10.8 mm
Caseback	Limited edition and serial number engraving
Glass	Front: dual curved sapphire crystal (SAR coating), back: sapphire crystal
Bracelet	Stainless steel (SUS316L) / trifold deployant buckle with push button / width 20 mm
Colour of dial	Blue gradation
Limited Edition	100 limited editions
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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