

≈ WE'RE IN THE BRONZE AGE

Tudor, the more affordable sister brand of Rolex, has enjoyed remarkable success with its retro-looking Heritage Black Bay since its launch in 2012 – and

it's widely tipped that this latest, bronze-cased version will also be a smash hit.

At 43mm, it is two mm larger than the regular models and is fitted with Tudor's new, in-house manufactured MT5601 automatic movement. The bronze alloy case will take on a unique patina with age, a look complemented by the two appropriately rustic straps supplied with the watch: one of gnarled leather, the other made from woven jacquard. £2,730. tudorwatch.com



Tudor, Heritage Black Bay Bronze

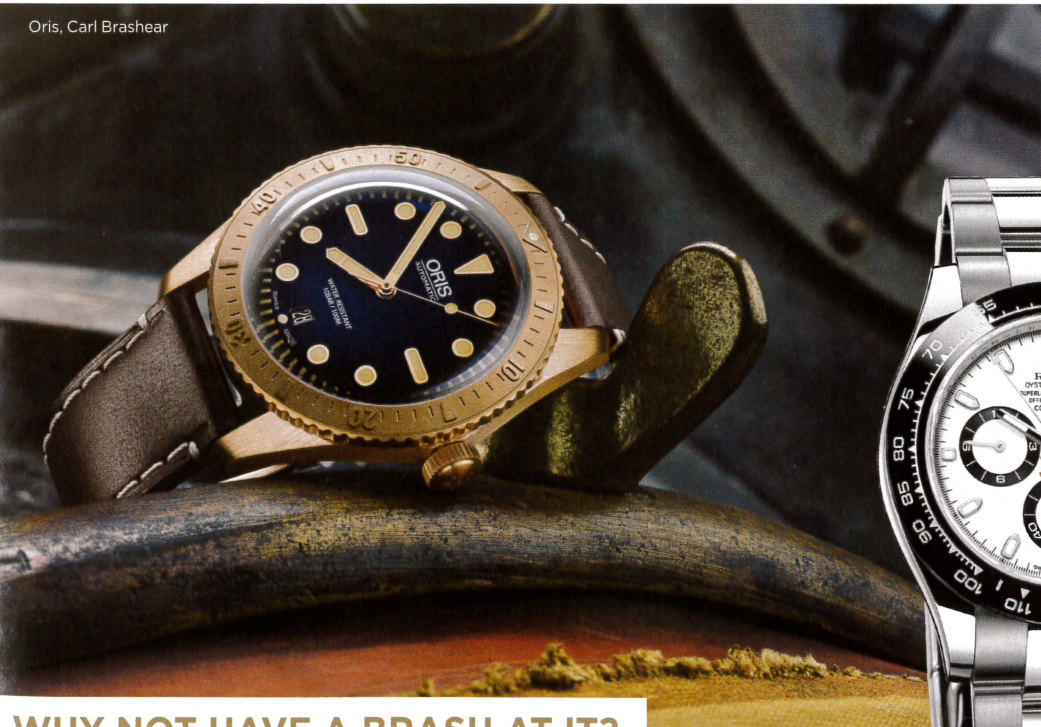


A SKELETON FOR YOUR CLOSET

Backes & Strauss, the world's oldest diamond company, has unveiled one of its most dazzling watches yet, in the form of the skeletonised Royal Berkeley Emperor Tourbillon. The one-off has a 45mm case inspired by the shape of London's Berkeley Square and is smothered in no fewer than 1,080 diamonds weighing a total of 95.19 carats. The hand-wound Franck Muller tourbillon movement has been made especially for the watch, complete with a further 60 baguette cut diamonds set into the tourbillon bridge, and there are also 585 diamonds adorning the bracelet. And it could all be yours... for around £1.5m. backesandstrauss.com

Backes & Strauss, Royal Berkeley Emperor Tourbillon

Oris, Carl Brashear



WHY NOT HAVE A BRASH AT IT?

As part of a trend for making watches from bronze, Oris has unveiled this covetable dive model in honour of Carl Brashear, who joined the US Navy in 1948, aged 17, and became its first African-American master diver – qualifying in 1970, two years after he lost the lower part of his left leg while trying to salvage a hydrogen bomb. Brashear died in 2006, his remarkable life story having been portrayed in the film *Men of Honor*. The Oris Carl Brashear, which is limited to 2,000 examples, features a deep blue dial and a case back engraved with an image of a diving helmet. £1,900. oris.ch



« HAVE YOU SEEN THE LATEST COSMO? »

Famed for its links to the Daytona speedway and Hollywood star Paul Newman, the Rolex Cosmograph Daytona remains the quintessential driver's watch – so even a small update to the model is regarded as big news. This latest loses the familiar engraved metal bezel in favour of a far more high-tech 'Cerachrom' component, which is both more legible and more resilient. Available with a black or white dial, the watch benefits from Rolex 'Superlative Chronometer' certification that guarantees accuracy to minus/plus two seconds per day. £8,250. rolex.com