

**RALF TECH**  
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WRX Edition Manufacture « Torpedo »

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## RALF TECH, Éditions Manufacture > Philosophy

RALF TECH is, by definition, a « Niche Brand ». Independent by conviction, atypical by nature, irreverent by spirit, our *Maison* ignores completely the rules and diktats of marketing.

This is RALF TECH, neither follows an established school of thought nor a story already written. Watchmaking and design are at the centre, everything else is secondary. Watchmakers and designers have not only the right but also the mission to explore, invent, try ... and at the end to question everything.

RALF TECH is not destined to mass markets and big numbers. Does not strive to be common or at the wrist of everyone. It is not possible to find it in department stores, big watch chains, airports, internet websites...

But you can find our unique timepieces at the wrist of the true horology enthusiast, passionate and informed.

Horology is an Art. It mixes with ease vintage and modern, tradition and technology. At RALF TECH we have expanded our horizon beyond just telling the time including the world around us and its differences.

We would like to share this vision and make you discover our « Editions Manufacture », natural extension of such concept.



## RALF TECH, Éditions Manufacture > Exclusivity

In order to ensure real exclusivity for our « Editions Manufacture » timepieces, we have decided that such very artisanal production will follow the principle of « Numérus Clausus » (literally closed numbers, practically ultra limited editions).

Each series is thus composed only of a few "special" pieces and is never reissued. Depending on the collection, only 1 to 22 pieces are produced, some are customizable upon request.

With less than 50 exclusive outlets around the world, our *Maison* also cultivates its independence through a network of selected retailers trained in our culture of exclusivity.

« Edition Manufacture », because of the «numerus clausus», are assigned to only selected and specialized horologists. They are thus the stalwarts of our culture and values.

Finally all the pieces are constructed, decorated and assembled entirely by hand by a single watchmaker, warranting an outstanding finish quality and total exclusivity.

## RALF TECH, Éditions Manufacture > Atelier

Based in Le Locle in the Neuchâtel canton, Novowatch, the new atelier dedicated to the creation of RALF TECH « Editions Manufacture », it took residence in the cradle of Swiss watchmaking.

Featuring ultra modern tools, controlling all stages of production of a movement, from conception to realization through the development of parts and their decoration, our structure perpetuates the traditional know-how with a note of Switzerland originality and more.

That is why, beyond the technical aspects, our atelier finds its *raison d'être* in the performance of a particular vision of watchmaking, the XXI century. A vision, necessarily non-linear and open to infinity, that watchmaking is still able to surprise us and give free rein to our imagination.

## RALF TECH, Éditions Manufacture > Mastery

The uniqueness of a RALF TECH « Edition Manufacture » timepiece lies not only in its mechanical complexity but also in the handcrafted finishing techniques that are used in its production.

The elements of the movements of a RALF TECH « Edition Manufacture » watch, including bridges, springs, wheels, barrels and covers to the barrel, screws and pins are machined individually with the utmost care.

They are also decorated using traditional techniques such as banding, sunburst, snailing, and also Perlage. These details will not escape an expert eye, able to identify instantly each technical implementation.

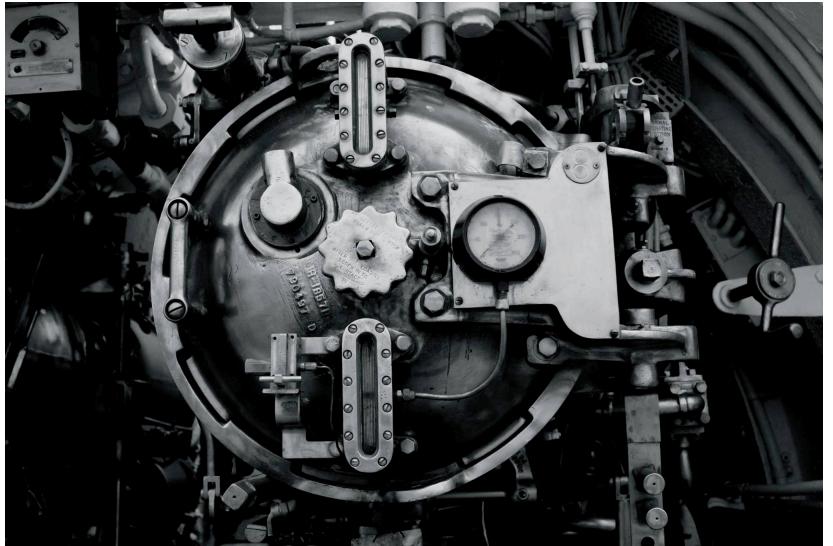
Aside from the audacious design, such features and the attention paid to the smallest detail is what distinguishes a timepiece of the « Edition Manufacture » by RALF TECH



## The WRX Manufacture « Torpedo » > Pièce Extraordinaire

In February 2003, F. Huyghe and his team buddy A.Sidali found the proof of the existence of a Spanish C3 submarine that sank in 1936. Believed to have disappeared forever, the craft was lying on the bottom 75 meters deep revealing the ravages of time on its battered and rusty hull. Inside, the remains of ancient battles and torpedo tubes still full...

Therefore, with a nod to history, the WRX Manufacture "Torpedo" has decorations on its dial reproducing the control panel at the back of a torpedo tube.



Combining several materials and different layers, it is completely handmade and requires more than 60 hours of our watchmakers hard labour to carry out the different technical steps to create the timepiece, from machining parts to their assembly.

Introducing the new automatic mechanical Manufacture « Calibre 63 » movement, the WRX Manufacture « Torpedo » invites you to travel back in time to pay tribute to the crew of the C3 submarine.

The WRX Manufacture "Torpedo" is issued in a limited edition of 10 pieces.

The price is £8,500.

### *Technical Features:*

- + 316L surgical stainless steel case, diameter 47.5 mm (without crown)
- + Treated black matte DLC
- + Anti glare sapphire glass, thickness: 2,4mm
- + Raised bezel in steel, treated with Ruthenium, indexes « » polished by hand
- + Dial consists of two levels, with overlapping decorations fixed by screws, bevelled and polished by hand
- + Pressure manometer treated black matte PVD that used as small seconds
- + « Manufacture » hands, treated grey anthracite matte PVD, red tipped
- + Reinforced and protected screw-down crown
- + Screw down transparent case back in sapphire crystal, leaves visible the movement and the hand decorated oscillating mass
- + Black Louisiana Alligator strap, 26mm, oval holes, 26mm buckle
- + Presented in a luxury black wooden box especially designed for this model.

## The WRX Manufacture « Torpedo » > Mouvement Manufacturé type 63

A result of two years of research, and entirely developed, manufactured and assembled internally, the new movement RALF TECH is first of all anything reliable and precise. The expertise and know how utilised to design this movement are traditional and the assembly of each movement is realised entirely by hand by an individual master horloger in our department « Novowatch », the new atelier dedicated to « Editions Manufacture » of RALF TECH in Le Locle.

### Mechanical Automatic Calibre type « 63 »

- + Manufactured Mechanical Movement
- + Automatic unidirectional rotor
- + Diameter 30.00 mm - 13 ¼ lignes
- + Number of jewels: 24
- + Frequency: 4Hz, 28,800 alternations / hour
- + Balance Angle 49 °
- + Spiral spring type: Spiral of Archimedes
- + Inertial Balance wheel: diamond-hardened and gold-plated
- + Escapement type: Top®
- + Bridge, barrel bridge, balance bridge, automatic bridge with brass Rhodium plating
- + Anchor and escape wheel in polished steel
- + Brass coated anchor point treated with hardening nickel chemical bath
- + Côtes de Genève decoration and colimaçonné bevel (snailed), all coated in Rhodium
- + Jewels treated with 2N gilding
- + Barrel reinforced with Nivaflex® spring
- + Incabloc ® anti-shock System
- + Power reserve 50 hours



The WRX Edition Manufacture « Torpedo » is the first of a series of two extraordinary timepieces presented in Basel as prototypes and in definitive version at the forthcoming Parisian Salon « Belles Montres » on 21 November.

This model is accompanied by the WRX Edition Manufacture « Pirates » equipped by the second manufacture movement, the mechanical manual calibre type 77. Following models will be presented in occasion of Baselworld 2015.

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