

BLACK BAY BRONZE



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The famous Black Bay Bronze model, winner of the “Petite Aiguille” prize at the 2016 Grand Prix d’Horlogerie de Genève and a symbol of TUDOR’s naval heritage, is now available in a new slate-grey model with shaded dial.

Following the introduction of the first bronze model, a Black Bay with a chocolate brown dial, TUDOR continues to explore this rare bronze material with its characteristic patina. A new colour scheme based on slate grey now embellishes the dial and bezel of this imposing divers’ watch, whose aesthetics change over time and whose naval inspiration can be found in every detail. The impressive Black Bay Bronze also offers high technical performance thanks to its *Manufacture* Calibre MT5601.



Satin-brushed 43-mm bronze case whose colour will change according to the habits of the wearer

“Snowflake” hands, a signature of TUDOR divers’ watches, introduced in 1969

Shaded slate-grey dial with applied hour markers and Arabic numerals at 3, 6 and 9 o’clock

Manufacture Calibre MT5601, COSC-certified with silicon balance spring and 70-hour power reserve

A CASE “THAT CHANGES”

The central feature of the Black Bay Bronze model is its 43-millimetre bronze case, an aesthetic reference to the brass used in old ships and other diving equipment. This “living” metal, a high-performance aluminium-copper alloy used particularly in naval engineering for submerged parts that need to be highly resistant to corrosion, will produce a subtle, unique patina on every watch case, based on the wearer’s habits. In addition to a highly functional appearance, in line with the world to which it pays tribute, the Black Bay Bronze presents entirely satin-brushed finishes that guarantee homogeneous development of the patina.

The combination of a slate-grey dial, shaded from the exterior to the centre, and a bezel coupled with gold accents found on the hands and hour markers completes the model’s aesthetics. The overall visual effect is that of a rich, patinated object that might have sailed the globe on its wearer’s wrist for years at a time, looking like it was “made” for the wearer and their lifestyle.



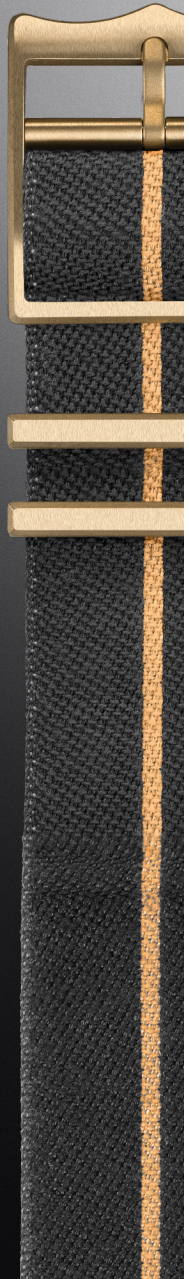
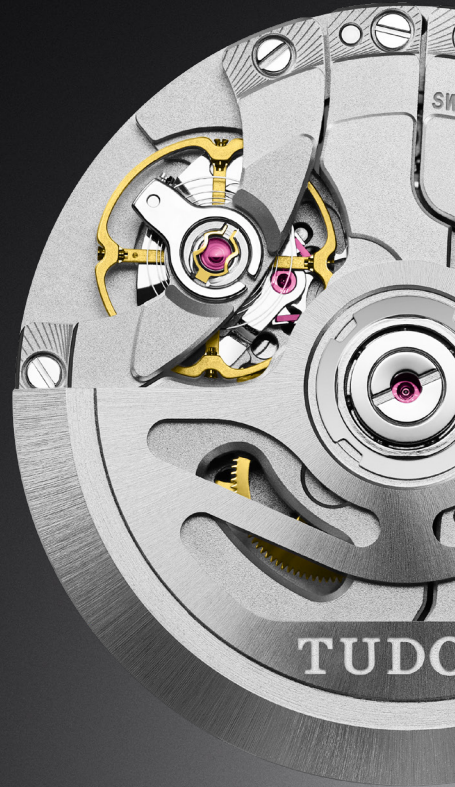
THE MANUFACTURE CALIBRE MT5601

The *Manufacture* Calibre MT5601 that drives the Black Bay Bronze model measures 33.8 millimetres, the widest diameter of all TUDOR's calibres. It displays the hours, minutes and seconds functions, and its appearance and finishes are typical of TUDOR *Manufacture* calibres. Its openwork rotor is satin-brushed with sand-blasted details, and its bridges and plate have alternating polished sand-blasted surfaces and laser decorations.

Its build has been designed to ensure robustness, longevity and reliability, as has its variable inertia balance, which is maintained by a sturdy traversing bridge with a two-point fixation. Thanks to these qualities, together with its non-magnetic silicon balance spring, the calibre is certified as a chronometer by the Official Swiss Chronometer Testing Institute (COSC). Finally, with a 70-hour power reserve, a wearer can take off the watch on Friday evening and put it back on again on Monday morning without having to re-set and wind it.

A HISTORIC STRAP

In an aesthetic tribute to the brand's naval heritage, TUDOR has identified the historic uses of its watches and reinterpreted them in its latest models. For example, the French Navy had TUDOR watches delivered without bracelets and then fitted them with their own straps, handmade or otherwise. One of them, found on a period divers' watch kept in the brand's archives, is made of elastic recovered from French rescue parachutes. This ultra-functional relic, recognisable by its gold-coloured thread, is the reference behind the slate-grey woven jacquard strap available for the Black Bay Bronze. A second option is an aged black leather strap whose straight cut accentuates the rustic effect.



THE ESSENCE OF BLACK BAY

Like other models in the Black Bay line, the Black Bay Bronze model features a dial inspired by the TUDOR divers' watches produced in the 1950's. It also adopts the characteristic angular hands known to collectors as "snowflake" that appeared in the brand's 1969 catalogue. Finally, the unprotected winding crown, like the holes drilled across the horns, are typical features of the first generations of TUDOR divers' watches.

The Black Bay line is the result of the subtle blend of traditional aesthetics and contemporary watchmaking. Far from simply being an identical re-release of a classic, it brings together over 60 years of TUDOR divers' watches and yet remains firmly anchored in the present. Whilst it is neo-vintage in conception, its manufacturing techniques, reliability, robustness and the quality of its finish are consistent with today's most rigorous requirements.



REFERENCE 79250BA

CASE

43 mm bronze case with satin finish

Bronze-coloured PVD-treated steel case back

BEZEL

Unidirectional rotatable bezel in bronze with 60-minute graduated disc in matt slate-grey anodised aluminium

WINDING CROWN

Bronze screw-down winding crown, with an engraved TUDOR rose

DIAL

Slate-grey, domed

CRYSTAL

Domed sapphire crystal

WATERPROOFNESS

Waterproof to 200 m (660 ft)

BRACELET

Rounded black nubuck leather or slate-grey fabric strap with bronze buckle

MOVEMENT

CALIBRE

Manufacture Calibre MT5601 (COSC)

Self-winding mechanical movement with bidirectional rotor system

PRECISION

Swiss Chronometer officially certified by the COSC (Swiss Official Chronometer Testing Institute)

FUNCTIONS

Central hour, minute and second hands

Stop seconds for precise time setting

OSCILLATOR

Variable inertia balance, micro-adjustment by screw

Non-magnetic silicon balance spring

Frequency:

28,800 beats/hour (4Hz)

TOTAL DIAMETER

33.8 mm

THICKNESS

6.5 mm

JEWELS

25 jewels

POWER RESERVE

Approximately 70 hours

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