

BEGINNER WATCHMAKING

HOW TO BUILD YOUR VERY FIRST WATCH

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USEFUL WEBSITES

Listed below are some of my favorite watchmaking websites. New tools and techniques are always being developed, so don't be afraid to get on some of these forums and learn from people like you and me.



Homage Forum - <http://www.homageforum.com>

Homage means reverence paid or rendered. So this forum covers homemade watches that look very much like the big name watch brands like Rolex, Panerai, IWC, and Blancpain. This website even has a DIY tutorial section that will teach you intermediate and advanced watchmaking skills.

MAIN				
	Forum	Last post	Topics	Posts
	Information, Rules, and Announcements Read all posts in this subforum before posting	List of currently suspende... Tue Dec 28, 2010 11:31 am HomageForumAdmin	15	67
	General Discussion General watch-related discussion	HomageForum Pass Around W... Sun Jan 16, 2011 2:54 pm mellone	690	9109
	PAM Homages Marina Militare, RXW, DSN, and the like	WatchMaster 3646 Kampfsch... Sun Jan 16, 2011 3:18 pm scudracer	1233	12444
	Rolex and Tudor Homages Subs, Day-Dates, etc. by Alpha, Invicta, and more	PVD MilSub build (Pro Hun... Sun Jan 16, 2011 10:44 am MartinB	285	2772
	Other Homages Homages of everything else (U-BOAT, AP, Hublot, etc.)	Sterile Parris Problems Sun Jan 16, 2011 2:06 pm GloStix	228	2112
	Non-homage Watches Original designs from traditional watchmakers	Special build Sat Jan 15, 2011 4:32 pm scudracer	195	1734
	DIY and Tutorials How-to articles to make your life easier	Adding black to a coin ed... Sat Jan 15, 2011 2:35 pm blueradish	230	1836
	Get Togethers and Build Parties Share your get together plans and pics	SouthEast GTG/Build Party Tue Jan 11, 2011 3:18 pm akira23	16	168





The Seiko and Citizen Watch Forum - <http://www.thewatchsite.com>

This forum provides a vast amount of information on Japanese and non-Japanese watchmaking techniques.

GENERAL INFORMATION			
	FORUM RULES	3 Posts 3 Topics	Last post by SCWF Admin in SCWF MISSION STATEMENT on March 20, 2010, 11:32:49 PM
MAIN FORUMS			
	THE JAPANESE WATCH DISCUSSION FORUM Moderators: SP Lee, Ojioyos1986, TheTigerUK <small>Child Boards: Seiko Reviews, Citizen Reviews, Orient Reviews, Casio & G-Shock Reviews, Hod & Restoration Reviews (New / Modified or restored my watch), Vintage Watch Review (Reviews of Vintage Japanese Watches)</small>	51725 Posts 4939 Topics	Last post by thesherman in Re: 8109-82008 original ... on Today at 09:58:02 PM
	NON-JAPANESE WATCH DISCUSSION Moderators: Tims, Ojioyos1986, TheTigerUK	2544 Posts 282 Topics	Last post by Tims in Re: I had to fix a watch ... on Today at 07:29:04 AM
	WATCHMAKING & TINKERING For Members by Members Moderators: TheTigerUK, neryb <small>Child Boards: Watchmaking & Tinkering - Archive Materials & How-To's, Links to Watchmaking & Tinkering Resources, 8209 Project</small>	1231 Posts 177 Topics	Last post by Scobacco in Re: Seiko Sportsmatic 88 ... on Today at 07:09:38 PM
	SEIKO & CITIZEN TRADING POST Moderators: Tims, John, TheTigerUK	10780 Posts 7129 Topics	Last post by neryb in Re: Seiko 8L13501 Casak ... on Today at 09:22:22 PM
FORUM ARCHIVE, RESOURCES & FAQ'S			
	Reference Articles, FAQ, and Model Guides Moderators: Jotimus, SpencerPK	151 Posts 69 Topics	Last post by Jotimus in The Seiko gold state qu... on January 08, 2011, 10:32:27 AM
	Ads and Catalogs (Vintage & Current) Moderators: Jotimus, SpencerPK	29 Posts 23 Topics	Last post by Jotimus in Re: SEIKO LC Digital Qu... on November 09, 2010, 11:52:39 PM
	User Manual, Technical Manual and Casing Guide Downloads Moderators: Jotimus, SpencerPK	48 Posts 23 Topics	Last post by Jotimus in Re: Seiko Calibers Techn... on January 08, 2011, 02:20:48 AM
	The Tokunaga Archives A collection of Seiko designer Ikuo Tokunaga's posts and insights. Moderators: Jotimus, SpencerPK	26 Posts 18 Topics	Last post by Jotimus in Re: Tokunaga on SEIKO m... on Today at 04:32:48 PM
	The Seiko Divers Reference Moderators: Jotimus, SpencerPK	17 Posts 2 Topics	Last post by Jotimus in Re: Revisiting the Seiko ... on July 09, 2010, 03:33:28 PM
	The SCWF Mirror Archive The searchable mirror of the old NS4 SCWF.	3138 Redirects	
	The Old SCWF The old NS4 site, now closed for posting but not taken down.	13234 Redirects	
	Seiko Production Date Calculator	2699 Redirects	




Timezone - <http://timezone.com>


There is a wealth of information on this site, and plenty of forums to find out information on all of the top watch brands.

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TIMEZONE SPOTLIGHT FEATURES



[A Virtual Preview: Highlights, Including Affordable Picks, From Antiquorum NY's 8 Dec Sale](#) by Paul Boutros




On Wednesday, December 8th, Antiquorum New York will hold its final auction of 2010, "Important Modern & Vintage Timepieces", at their offices in The Fuller Building in New York City. Paul Boutros previews many of the pieces from this auction, including An exceptional Vacheron Constantin Saint-Gervais Tourbillon Perpetual Calendar, a unique set of six platinum F.P. Journe wristwatches made in 2005, a rare Greubel Forsey Double Tourbillon 30Å° Vision and a vintage Rolex GMT Master, ref. 6542, given to US Navy CAPT Don Walsh by Rolex. In 1960, he, along with Jacques Piccard, successfully piloted the Navy's Bathyscaph Trieste 7 miles beneath the surface of the ocean with the Rolex Deep Sea Special strapped to its exterior.



[The Audemars Piguet Royal Oak "Jumbo" - Past, Present, and Future](#) by Benjamin Clymer

Benjamin Clymer presents a very interesting look at an iconic watch: the Audemars Piguet Royal Oak "Jumbo". Here we will delve into the history of the original Royal Oak, how it saved Audemars Piguet from bankruptcy, what to look for when buying an "A-Series" and finally dispel some rumors that have plagued the collecting community for years. We'll also hear from current Audemars Piguet executives on what the Jumbo represents to the brand and where it is headed in the years to come. Please click the link above to read the full article.


INSIDE TIMEZONE

-  **Bremont Watches**
A TimeZone interview with Nick English, Co-founder of Bremont Watch Company [Click to read](#)
-  **The Louis Moinet Magistralis**
A look inside the one-of-a-kind creation from Louis Moinet [Click to read](#)
-  **Inside Basel & Geneva - San Francisco, 2009**
Scenes from Jeff Kingston's Inside Basel/Geneva '09 San Francisco program, presented in association with WatchTime Magazine. [Click to read](#)

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE WATCH INDUSTRY

- [Antiquorum Auctioneers - Time to consign](#)
- [Antiquorum's Auction in Geneva achieves CHF 7,006,275, Bringing the Autumn Season Results to CHF 15,922,890](#)
- [Antiquorum November Auction "Important Modern and Vintage Timepieces" Geneva, November 13th & 14th.](#)
- [Antiquorum and Mission: MS Raise Over a Quarter of a Million Dollars for The National Multiple Sclerosis Society](#)
- [Antiquorum auction results in Hong Kong confirm increasing strength of Asian Market](#)
- [Antiquorum Auctioneers to Launch DirectBid](#)

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Watchuseek - <http://watchuseek.com>

Here is another really good site with plenty of official watch forums.

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