

Editors' CHOICE

Bremont Watch Company

BREMONT WATCH COMPANY, STARTED SIX years ago by brothers Nick and Giles English, offers a range of highly developed aviation-inspired timepieces of outstanding quality and aesthetic value. In addition to going through extensive laboratory testing, each model is rigorously used in the field by professional adventurers and sportsmen, including Bear Grylls and Charley Boorman. Design and case-finishing is executed in Britain, with final hand assembly happening in a dedicated atelier in Biel-Bienne, Switzerland. Bremont had the honor of being awarded the 2008 Walpole Award for Best Emerging British Luxury Brand, and has formed a partnership with Martin-Baker Aircraft Company, one of Great Britain's finest engineering companies, to design and build the ultimate aviation watch. The company has also teamed up with the most uniquely British of motor sport events, the Goodwood Festival of Speed, to become the new official timing partner at the world's greatest celebration of automotive culture.

Bremont recently announced the launch of their first marine watch, the Supermarine 500 (shown at right), which is an "amphibious watch" classical in its design and aviation roots but very effective as a diving watch. Having been built using Bremont's unique Trip-Tick three piece case construction, which gives it a water resistance depth of 500m or 1660ft, it keeps the classic curved profile of the 42mm case design distinctive to Bremont. An elegant crown protector has been built onto the side of the inner barrel, and the watch case has been specially treated for hardness using Bremont's B-EBE2000 technology. As with all Bremont watches, the Supermarine is Swiss Made at the Bremont atelier in Biel-Bienne and houses a modified BE-36A automatic chronometer movement. Extensive testing in the U.K. by Bremont on this and other new models at its test facility has led to the design and construction of an 'Anti-Shock' movement mount to help protect the movement against large shocks. The movement is also housed inside an Anti-Magnetic faraday cage to protect the balance, balance spring, and escapement from any effects of magnetization. For clarity, the bezel is made of sapphire, which covers the Superluminova C5 numbers, and the sapphire crystal covering the dial will be coated on both sides with Bremont's usual nine layers of anti-reflective coating. The watch has been named



as a tribute to the brothers' love of the iconic British aircraft manufacturer responsible for the Supermarine S.6B Schneider Trophy Seaplane and the incredible Supermarine Spitfire.

In addition, following on from the ALT1 and BC ranges introduced in 2007, and the success of the BC-S1 and the BC-S2 series, comes the EP120, named after and inspired by a very special aircraft that first flew in 1942. The limited edition EP120 watch contains parts of a famous 1942 Spitfire Mk V aircraft, which is possibly the most credited WWII fighter in existence and is now based in Duxford in Cambridgeshire. Some of EP120's original parts, saved during

restoration, are integrated into Bremont's EP120 range in beautiful ways, including the dial and movement. Only 120 pieces have been made, each one unique. The EP120 features a black DLC treated steel and titanium case and COSC certified movement. It has a modified 13¼-inch BE-53AE Automatic Chronometer with 24-hour UTC function and 30-minute Chrono "Time of Trip" dial, which is an original Spitfire part.

For a superb timepiece that boasts an air of quintessential Britishness, Bremont Watch Company (www.bremont.com) is top pick. ●

Bremont Supermarine 500