

ZENITH PILOT TYPE 20 EXTRA SPECIAL 40 MM

Big, bold, and masculine, the pilot's watch constitutes a watchmaking genre all its own. Traditionally produced on calf-leather straps that were wrapped around thighs or bulky gloves for easy reading during flight, the watch's rugged style has been reborn in recent years as a staple of fine watchmaking thanks to modern interpretations—exemplified by Zenith's new Pilot Extra Special 40 mm, unveiled in July—that are more refined but no less manly than their vintage counterparts.

The Pilot model shown here comes in a 40 mm case fashioned from aged steel, which lends the timepiece a retro look, enhanced by notable elements such as a broad fluted crown, oversize luminescent Arabic numerals, a grained finish dial, and an oily nubuck strap with contrasting stitching. The company's historic logo, a coat of arms studded with stars and bearing the founding date of the Manufacture Zenith (1865), appears on the caseback. To balance out the vintage vibe, the Elite 679 caliber in-house self-winding movement and dusty burgundy color imbue the timepiece with an unmistakably contemporary flair. zenith-watches.com; \$5,700



NOMOS GLASHÜTTE METRO NEOMATIK 39 SILVERCUT

With its clean, sober appearance, the new Metro Neomatik 39 Silvercut from the stylish German brand Nomos Glashütte is a study in sophisticated Saxon design. Encased in a slender 39 mm case made of steel, the model is distinguished by its sleek "silvercut" dial, the result of a nine-step process that involves lacquering and wet-blasting the gold-and-rhodium-plated dial blank numerous times until the desired shade of cool gray is achieved.

The Metro Silvercut belongs to Nomos's new At Work series of men's timepieces intended to be worn at the office. Designed with masculine but not outsize proportions, the piece subtly conveys a sense of economy and confidence. Equipped with the high-end automatic caliber DUW 3001, whose 3.2 mm height allows the piece to be tucked comfortably beneath a cuff, the wristwatch is the perfect accessory for professionals with a keen sense of style. nomos-glashuette.com; \$4,280



BREITLING SUPEROCEAN 44 SPECIAL

Most people know Breitling as a maker of pilot's watches, but its skill at producing exceptional sports watches applies to timepieces designed for use miles above the earth as well as at great depths beneath the sea. Case in point: The 60-year-old Superocean line. Introduced in 1957, the heritage range was intended for diving professionals. In June, the firm commemorated its diamond jubilee anniversary with

the release of the Breitling Superocean 44 Special. The sturdy model comes in a 44 mm black steel case (satin-finished on top and polished on its sides and crown) that's equipped with a unidirectional rotating bezel fashioned from high-tech ceramic, a scratch-resistant material renowned for its superior hardness. Waterproof to a depth of 1,000 meters (or 3,300 feet), the Superocean 44 Special—available in

black and blue versions—features all the hallmarks of a professional diving watch, including an ultra-legible dial adorned with large, luminescent indications; baton-type hands that clearly distinguish hours from minutes; and, most crucial of all, a chronometer-certified mechanical self-winding movement (Breitling 17) proven to function flawlessly under pressure. breitling.com; \$3,850