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## In step with contemporary women, the new Chronograph Large Date

A pioneer since 1930 in the creation of ladies' watches equipped with self-winding movements, Blancpain pursues this path and regularly introduces models developed for women sensitive to watchmaking complications. Loyal to tradition, the new Chronograph Large Date associates a dainty mother-of-pearl face and a self-winding heart with several complications within a model featuring generous gem-set lines.

Right at first glance, the shimmering mother-of-pearl dial surrounded by a minute track reveals a two-part composition delineated by two waves of 17 variously sized diamonds rippling out from the centre with its chronograph seconds hand. At 12 o'clock the off-centred time display featuring Roman hour and minute numerals on a mother-of-pearl subdial creates a dynamic counterpoint to the Arabic numerals on the chronograph counters; while the double-disc large date display appears through twin apertures 6 o'clock.

The new Chronograph Large Date houses Blancpain Calibre 26F8G, a mechanical self-winding movement composed of 495 parts.

The 38.6 mm-diameter case in 18-carat red gold set with 40 diamonds is water-resistant to 3 bar. Its sapphire back provides an opportunity to admire the finishing lavished on all its parts and reflecting that of all Blancpain movements, as well as to admire the graceful femininity of the petal-shaped oscillating weight. The crown is set with a diamond.

This model, also available in white gold and steel versions, is fitted with a white ostrich leather strap and also comes complete with a second strap in a different colour and material.

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