



## **TWENTY-8-EIGHT**

### **SECONDE RETROGRADE**

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#### **A WORTHY HEIR**

The Seconde Retrograde, launched in 2003, was one of the principal models of the DeWitt collections. It rapidly made its mark and became a best-seller while the brand was still new. The model was the product of considerable research into harmony and aesthetics, and was introduced in an Academia case. Now the Manufacture is paying a tribute to this watch by revealing a more classical, refined facet of its personality.

The Seconde Retrograde is presented in a slightly thinner Twenty-8-Eight case that gives a fascinating impression of lightness. 43 mm in diameter with the classical columns located more discreetly on the sides, this case suits the watch perfectly. The gentle horns offer real comfort on the wrist, while the bezel and case middle are polished and micro-blasted to create a subtle play of light that brings this new design alive.

The materials work together beautifully to produce an effect of classicism tempered with innovation. The soft and malleable 18K rose gold contrasts with the robust energy of the grade 5 Neotitanium to give a new face to the Seconde Retrograde, a watch that represents a genuine evolution without losing the essential spirit of the originals.

#### **A TRANQUIL EXPRESSION OF TIME**

The size and relief of the different guilloché areas gives the galvanic black dial a fascinating depth of colour, the perfect background for the rose gold appliques that float as if suspended on an invisible wire. As a result, the dial of the Twenty-8-Eight Seconde Retrograde comes to life with every movement of the wrist.

The luminous rays in the centre are like suns that fill the decor with warmth. The eye is drawn towards the interior zone and the seconds display at 6 o'clock starts its elegant ballet: on reaching the end of the arc, the hand jumps carefully back to zero and starts the dance again. This display is enhanced even more by the delicate flames in the design of the small retrograde dial, waving gently as if wafted by a summer breeze.

It is a playful animation that people never get tired of watching.

The open-work hour and minute hands are in the form of a double-edged sword. The large Roman numerals at the four points of the compass are interspersed by small Arabic numbers. Together, they make it a pleasure to read the time.

This very special dial is protected by an interior anti-reflective crystal with a double translucent coating.



#### **ATTENTION TO DETAIL**

The Twenty-8-Eight Seconde Retrograde is powered by Calibre DW1102, a self-winding mechanical movement with an Agenhor retrograde second module. Its frequency of 28,000 vibrations per hour gives it a very high degree of precision that, together with its solid 40-hour power reserve, ensures this model will appeal to all lovers of exceptional mechanical watches.

The alternating brushed, polished and micro-blasted finishes show the care that has been lavished on this new watch. With its precision guilloché and components finished by hand, the Twenty-8-Eight Seconde Retrograde offers just as many subtle touches of quality as the previous models.

And lastly, as with every DeWitt watch, each Twenty-8-Eight Retrograde Second is assembled, adjusted and tested from A to Z by a single master watchmaker.

#### **INNOVATIVE PROPERTIES**

First developed for use in the aerospace industry, Grade 5 Neotitanium is a new metal that is ten times harder than Grade 5 titanium. After being successfully introduced into other fields, such as surgery and Formula 1 racing, it now finds itself in the Twenty-8-Eight Seconde Retrograde.

It is produced by an electro plasma or micro-arc plasma anodising process that acts within the material and not simply on the surface. The component is immersed in a bath and subjected to a high-voltage electric current which gives it valuable properties, such as excellent shock-resistance and lighter weight. It also significantly reduces gripping problems and eliminates all hand or finger marks. The use of this innovative process shows, once again, the boldness and daring of Dewitt watches.



## TWENTY-8-EIGHT RETROGRADE SECOND

### Technical description

#### Calibre :

Movement	Self-winding mechanical movement with an Agenhor retrograde second module
Functions	Hours, minutes, retrograde second
Reference no.	DW1102 (ETA 2892)
Power reserve	40 hours
Launch	2003
Frequency	28,800 vibrations/hour
Rotor	DeWitt design with open-work "W" logo
Balance	3 arms, in Glucydur
Spiral	Flat
Escapement	51° angle of lift
Jewelling	31 jewels
Diameter	29.20 mm
Total height	5.45 mm
Special finishes	"Côtes de Genève" decoration on bridges

#### Case :

Case	Round, with DeWitt Imperial columns on sides and bezel. Polished and micro-blasted finishes.
Material	18K rose gold and grade 5 Neotitanium
Diameter	43 mm
Total thickness	11.26 mm
Crown	Polished rose gold with insert of blackened titanium and "W" signature
Distance between horns	21 mm
Case back	Sapphire crystal with safety screws

#### Dial :

Dial	Centre and exterior retrograde circle in galvanic black with guilloché flames. Rose gold applique circles and numerals. Large Roman numerals at four compass points and small Arabic numerals at five-minute intervals.
Hands	Hours and minutes: open-work hands in the shape of two-edged swords. Retrograde seconds two thin, elegant hands.

#### Wristband:

Wristband	Matt black alligator leather
Buckle	Pin buckle in grade 5 Neotitanium with an engraved "W".

#### Other:

Water-resistance	30 metres
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**Limited edition: 88 pieces**

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