

PANERAI

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EDITIONS

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Rodolfo Claudius: assault vessel in action (By kind permission of the Italian Navy)

THE HISTORY

Since 1860, the company Guido Panerai & Figlio, suppliers to the Royal Italian Navy, has been producing instruments of high precision and technological sophistication. As a result, the name of Panerai has become indissolubly linked with the marine environment, the measurement of time and space, and the development of an elevated standard of quality and reliability, a fundamental requirement of equipment supplied to the military.

Panerai began to produce watches in 1938 with the Radiomir. This watch made history through the heroic exploits of the commandos of the Italian Navy who wore it on their wrists.

The Panerai Luminor quickly became a military legend, both on account of its reliability and the originality of its design, and also because the total of a few hundred units produced by Panerai became, together with the first Radiomirs, rarities highly sought after by collectors.

In 1993 Officine Panerai offered its watches for the first time on the international market, and the Luminor and Radiomir models rapidly became the unquestioned leaders in the high quality sports watch sector.

Executed through its own manufacture, today's ranges consist of technologically avant-garde, extremely reliable products. These are watches which share the same criteria of craftsmanship as ever and they are tested to meet ever more demanding requirements.

Panerai watches are distributed through a highly selective international network of watch specialists as well as through the five Panerai boutiques located in Florence, Portofino, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beverly Hills.

PANERAI LUMINOR 1950 FLYBACK REGATTA

The Panerai Luminor 1950 Flyback Regatta is a watch executed in a limited edition of 500 units, dedicated to the Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge, the international circuit of classic yacht events. This exclusive circuit includes some of the most important races in the world of classic yachts, events which are among the richest in tradition and fascination. Always associated with the sea and great marine exploits, since the year 2005 Officine Panerai has been sponsoring classic yachting.

The meeting between classic yachting and the Panerai brand is based on common values which make the association particularly strong and destined to last a long time. A yacht of the classic lines evokes history, tradition and the deeds of real sailors: values which take on an even more profound significance in modern times. Today every classic yacht is a kind of sailing museum, in itself a symbol of the art of the sea voyage handed down over through the ages.

The Panerai Luminor 1950 Flyback Regatta is a high-precision sports chronograph fitted with the Panerai calibre OP XIX, an automatic movement which operates at a frequency of 28,800 vibrations per hour and has a power reserve of 42 hours.

As well as the characteristic indications of the simple chronograph, this calibre provides an additional function: instant zeroing and restart, known as flyback or *retour en vol*. If the zeroing button of the Panerai Luminor 1950 Flyback Regatta is pressed while the chronograph is in operation, the central hand returns directly to zero, without having to be stopped first.

CASE

The AISI 316L steel case, 44 mm in diameter, follows the design known as the Luminor 1950, with rounded edges and, notably, the bezel with polished finish. Special too is the sapphire glass, which is remarkable for the accentuated cambering of its edges, achieved by grinding away the synthetic sapphire from the inside.

At the 2 o'clock position is the start and stop push-piece of the chronograph functions. At 4 o'clock is the push-piece for zeroing and Flyback.

The screw back is in sapphire and enables the movement and its haute horlogerie finish to be admired. Engraved on it are the identification number of the watch, the individual sequential identification number, the number of the annual edition and the maximum pressure and depth of immersion.

Water-resistance is guaranteed to a depth of 100 metres.

THE DEVICE PROTECTING THE WINDING CROWN

(protected by Trade Mark)

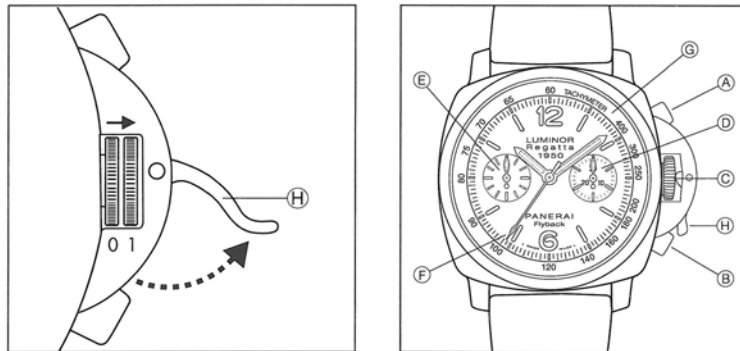
Made of brushed steel, this protects the winding crown from shocks and accidental movement, thus contributing to maintaining water-resistance by locking it in position. Through the movable click lever mounted on a support fitted to the case, axial pressure is applied in such a way that the sealing ring of the winding crown is compressed without damaging it, maximising water-resistance. On it is engraved the inscription "REG. T.M.", meaning "Registered Trade Mark", a reminder that this device, which enables Panerai watches to be immersed to great depths with the highest security, is protected by a Trade Mark.

THE MOVEMENT

The automatic mechanical movement is a Panerai calibre OP XIX, 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ lignes, 30 jewels, operating frequency 28,800 vibrations/hour. Power reserve 42 hours, Côtes de Genève decoration on the bridges, burnished blued screws. Functions: hours, minutes, seconds, flyback chronograph.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

The Panerai Luminor 1950 Flyback Regatta is fitted with an automatic mechanical movement. If it is stopped for a long period, it is recommended that it should be wound by giving a few turns in a clockwise direction to the winding crown, leaving it in its initial position (0). Before turning the winding crown, open the lever of the device protecting the winding crown (H).



SETTING THE TIME

- 1 – Open the lever of the device protecting the winding crown (H).
- 2 – Pull out the crown to the first click (position 1) and set the correct time.
- 3 – Push the crown back and close the lever protecting the winding crown. (H).

Continuous seconds. (E)

Positioned at 9 o'clock is the small continuous seconds dial. Its hand continues to move even when the chronograph functions are stopped. To synchronise the watch when setting the time, open the lever device protecting the winding crown and pull out the crown to the first click. In this position the continuous seconds hand will be stopped.

TRADITIONAL AND FLYBACK CHRONOGRAPH FUNCTIONS

In addition to the traditional chronograph functions which record the time taken, in minutes and seconds, by an object in moving from point to another, and indicate the average speed of a moving object, the Panerai Luminor 1950 Flyback Regatta has a Flyback function. Created for military use, this enables a continuous succession of time intervals to be measured once the chronograph has been started. A special device enables the chronograph counters to be zeroed and immediately restarted by a single press of the push-piece.

Push-piece for stopping and starting the chronograph functions (A) This operates both the counters relating to the chronograph measurements, the minute counter (E), and the central chronograph seconds hand (F). To complete the measurement and stop all the hands, this button is pressed again.

Zeroing and Flyback push-piece (B) Pushing this instantly stops the chronograph and immediately returns the hands of the minute counter (D) and chronograph seconds (F) to zero. Pushing it starts the chronograph functions, or rather, after the push-piece (A) has been pressed once, it zeroes the hands and instantaneously restarts the chronograph timer so as to carry out successive measurements without having first to stop the chronograph.

Minute counter. (D) Positioned at 3 o'clock is the chronograph minute counter dial which indicates the total time in minutes which has passed since the chronograph measurement was started.

Central chronograph seconds hand (F) Positioned in the centre, this measures the seconds which have passed since the chronograph measurement started. It also indicates average speed on the tachymeter scale.

Tachymeter scale (G)

Positioned on the outer part of the dial, this is a reference scale for calculating the average speed of a moving object. Starting the chronograph and stopping it again after one kilometre, the scale enables the average speed of the object over the measured distance to be read.

MAINTENANCE ADVICE

Panerai watches are made to very high standards of quality. It is worth remembering that the mechanical parts run 24 hours a day when used, so the watch must undergo regular maintenance to ensure long life and good operation.

WATER-RESISTANCE

Have your watch checked periodically for water-resistance by an Authorized Panerai Service Centre and restore it every two years with regular servicing, or whenever the watch has to be opened.

The restoration of water-resistance necessarily involves replacing the seals so as to ensure the maximum water-resistance and security.

Where the watch is used in underwater sports activities, it is recommended that it should be checked every year before the underwater activities begin.

THE MOVEMENT

Have the movement of your watch checked periodically by an Authorized Panerai Service Centre so as to preserve its perfect operation.

If the watch has a tendency to gain or lose time to a significant degree, the movement may need to be overhauled.

The movements are designed to withstand temperature variations between - 10°C and + 60°C (14°F and 140°F). Outside this range of temperatures, operational variations exceeding those set out in the specifications of the movement may be noticed. In addition, there is a risk that the lubricants contained in the movement may deteriorate, resulting in damage to some of its parts.

CLEANING THE EXTERIOR

To keep the exterior in perfect condition, we recommend washing your Panerai watch with soap and warm water, using a soft brush. After this operation, and also after bathing in the sea or a swimming pool, carefully rinse the watch with clean water. All Panerai watches can be polished with a soft, dry cloth.

THE STRAP

Panerai straps must be washed in warm water and left to dry. It is important not to dry them on a hot surface or exposed to direct sunlight, because the rapid evaporation of the water could damage their shape and quality. After each bathe in the sea or a swimming pool, carefully rinse the strap with clean water.

To replace the strap, it is recommended that you should go to an Authorized Retailer or a Panerai Service Centre. In this way the inconvenience caused by incorrect replacement can be avoided.

Only an Authorized Retailer or Panerai Service Centre can guarantee the use of genuine Panerai straps, properly designed to fit the dimensions of the case and manufactured according to the quality standards of the brand.

ATTENTION

- a) Do not operate the winding crown under water;
- b) Do not use the watch at a depth greater than that indicated.

