



Sidewinder

MB&F Horological Machine No.3

It seems like the folks at MB&F just cannot stop messing with our heads - and we're glad for it. Like its previous 'machines' - the Horological Machine No. 1 which featured a one-minute tourbillon, and the Horological Machine No. 2 which displays the date and moon phases for the northern and southern hemisphere - Horological Machine No. 3 will get you in a tizzy with its avant-garde aesthetics that look quite unlike any other mechanical timepiece on this planet. While No. 3 doesn't feature any complications, its entire construction is so arduously complex, it truly defies the senses, mechanical imagination and journalistic pigeonholing.

Looking like a spacecraft out of an Isaac Azimov novel, the watch is anchored by two spherical cones, one to indicate hours and the other for minutes. Meantime, the main 'body' of the watch sees its designers turning the movement upside down and baring its mechanical innards, helmed by a battle-axe shaped rotor (an MB&F signature) and rimmed by a date ring with the crown at the top. And realising this cybernetic work of art requires a number of herculean technical efforts, such as the use of high-tech ceramic ball bearings to transmit power from the movement to the conical indicators and reduce movement height, and custom-making special tools for pleasing clover-shaped screw details.

But as the results show, the astoundingly futuristic sculptural profile of the Horological Machine No.3 appears well worth the sweat and tears. And as an added treat, it comes in two versions, the Starcruiser with the crown at '12' and cones at the bottom, and the Sidewinder with the crown at '9' and the cones on the right. Both versions are available in 18K white gold with titanium or 18K red gold with titanium. Available with black hand-stitched alligator strap with matching custom-designed deployment buckle.



Starcruiser