**ZENITH PILOT Type 20 Chronograph Ton Up**

**sports its total-black credentials**

**ZENITH fans and motorcycling aficionados alike are in for a treat in 2018 with an extension to the brand’s highly popular PILOT Type 20 Chronograph Ton Up line in the form of a super-chilled new team member. With the trademark aged stainless steel case, retro looks and chunky appeal of its predecessors, this on-trend column-wheel chronograph is this year’s must-have kit for every outlaw seeking a watch that combines designer vintage allure with an unmistakably sporty demeanour.**

Inspired by an entirely different kind of vehicle in the form of café racer motorcycles, the Ton Up is an interesting watch in which ZENITH has taken a pilot’s watch design and combined it with vintage motorcycle racing heritage. Not a historic reissue, but a novel invention in 2016, the highly popular Ton Up not only appears to emulate a pilot’s watch that was released some 70 years ago, with its aged steel finish resembling that of a watch after decades of ownership, it actually looks the part!

Designed to celebrate the café racer biker community, also known as Ton-up boys, this resolutely masculine timepiece was originally known as the ZENITH Heritage Pilot Café Racer Spirit and subsequently renamed the ZENITH Heritage Pilot Ton-up. Part of a culture of rockers showing off fast motorcycles during gatherings, a café racer is a motorcycle that has been stripped of all unnecessary weight and parts to gain speed and is renowned for its visual minimalism. The term “ton-up” refers to the minimum 100 mph speed that these racers must achieve when racing to a specific location and back from a café.

Despite its biker undertones, the **PILOT Type 20 Chronograph Ton Up** is nonetheless – by design – a true pilot’s watch. Sporting a manly 45 mm cunningly aged stainless-steel case, a trendy method of focusing on its vintage appeal and matching the overall design of the watch, the **PILOT Type 20 Chronograph Ton Up Black** is large yet comfortable on the wrist, and stylistically in line with its other Type 20 siblings. Its lineage is also apparent in a number of other key features, including its massive onion-type crown – designed for easy handling with gloved hands – and large pushpieces for easy activation of the chronograph, a useful feature whether or not you’re wearing gloves.

Like the motorbikes whence comes its name, the **PILOT Type 20 Chronograph Ton Up Black** is magnificently free of all clutter. Devoid of date or calendar information, the black dial sticks to the bare minimum – in this case the time. Outsize luminous minute and seconds hands (typical of pilot’s watches) offering clear as day legibility make a clean sweep of highly stylized, large as life SuperLumiNova® white Arabic hour-markers, complemented by a two-register chronograph lay-out with a small seconds dial at 9 o’clock and a chronograph minutes counter at 3 o’clock. Driven by a legendary in-house El Primero automatic 4069 calibre operating at 5Hz (36,000b VpH) with a 50-hour power reserve, this cool number ensures there is no excuse for late arrivals no matter what your sporting preference!

The total-black effect is put to excellent use in the 2018 Pilot Type 20 Chronograph Ton Up Black, as the sombre matt dial is teamed with a matching black case and a strap in the line’s trademark oily nubuck leather, together exuding a resolutely stealth-biker attitude. For added comfort and longer life, the strap features a protective rubber lining and is finished with contrasting white hand stitching and a titanium buckle.

Similar to previous Pilot watch models with images of vintage biplanes, etc. and in tribute to its name, the aged stainless steel case-back of the **PILOT Type 20 Chronograph Ton Up** watch sports a deep etching of a café racer on his motorcycle. Water-resistant to 100 metres, and with its great design and an unbeatable engine, the **PILOT Type 20 Chronograph Ton Up** is a hipster’s dream with the right leather jacket!

**PILOT TYPE 20 CHRONOGRAPH**

**TON UP BLACK**

**TECHNICAL DETAILS**

Reference: 11.2432.4069/21.C900

**KEY POINTS**

New aged stainless steel 45mm case

Tribute to the Café Racer Spirit

Automatic El Primero column-wheel chronograph

**MOVEMENT**

El Primero 4069, Automatic

Calibre: 13 ¼``` (Diameter: 30mm)

Movement thickness: 6.6mm

Components: 254

Jewels: 35

Frequency: 36,000 VpH (5Hz)

Power-reserve: min. 50 hours

Finishes: Oscillating weight with “Côtes de Genève” motif

**FUNCTIONS**

Hours and minutes in the centre

Small seconds at 9 o’clock

Chronograph: Central chronograph hand & 30-minute counter at 3 o’clock

**CASE, DIAL & HANDS**

Diameter: 45mm

Diameter opening: 37.8mm

Thickness: 14.25mm

Crystal: Domed sapphire crystal with anti-reflective treatment on both sides

Case-back: Case-back with Café Racer Spirit engravings

Material: Aged stainless steel

Water-resistance: 10 ATM

Dial: Matt black

Hour-markers: Arabic numerals with white SuperLumiNova® SLN C1

Hands: Gold-plated, faceted and coated with SuperLumiNova® SLN C1 [Hands]

**STRAPS & BUCKLES**

Bracelet:Reference: 27.00.2321.900

Designation: Black oily nubuck leather strap with protective rubber lining

Buckle: Reference: 27.95.0021.001

Designation: Titanium pin buckle