



## 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

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### 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

