



DEEP IN THE ABYSS WITH THE DEFY EXTREME DIVER AND DEFY REVIVAL DIVER IN A SHADOW VERSION

Since 1969, the ZENITH DEFY collection has stood as a symbol of unwavering strength and precision. Nicknamed the “time safe” for its robust construction and ability to protect the movement like a vault, the DEFY quickly became a benchmark in durability. Among its most iconic iterations was the DEFY Diver A3648, known as the *DEFY Plongeur*, a true professional dive watch featuring a 600-meter water resistance and a rotating bezel. In 2024, ZENITH reaffirmed its commitment to extreme performance with the launch of the modern DEFY Extreme Diver and a faithful revival of the coveted A3648. Today, both models are reimaged in striking micro-blasted titanium “Shadow” editions, fusing vintage inspiration with bold, contemporary design. These stealthy new interpretations are built for modern adventurers and ready to descend into the abyss.

Engineered for the most demanding underwater exploration, the DEFY Extreme Diver and DEFY Revival Diver are crafted from lightweight yet exceptionally robust titanium. Their bold, angular DEFY cases are entirely micro-blasted to achieve a matte finish that accentuates their strong, architectural lines and gives them a distinct stealth aesthetic. While their dark tones and subdued textures evoke a sense of technical sophistication, vibrant yellow accents inject a burst of energy and high visibility, making these timepieces as functional as they are striking.

DEFY Extreme Diver: Designed for the Deep, Built for the Extreme

A modern descendant of ZENITH’s pioneering 1969 DEFY dive watches, the DEFY Extreme Diver is a contemporary instrument engineered for the most challenging underwater conditions. Housed in a 42.5mm micro-blasted titanium case, this rugged timepiece is as functional as it is striking. Sitting atop the fixed dodecagonal base is a unidirectional rotating bezel in black ceramic, fully filled with Super-LumiNova for optimal legibility. Precision operation is ensured, while the fluted bezel edge allows for easy handling, even with gloves.

Designed for saturation diving, the watch boasts a 600-meter water resistance and features a helium escape valve, alongside a screw-down crown flanked by protective guards. The star-patterned black dial is equipped with C1 Super-LumiNova markers and hands, punctuated by vivid yellow accents that ensure visibility in low-light conditions.

In a rare feat for a watch of such depth rating, ZENITH has integrated an exhibition case back that reveals the El Primero 3620 automatic movement, finished in a sleek modern black. This time-only calibre beats at a high frequency of 36,000 vibrations per hour and features a paramagnetic escapement with key components crafted from silicon. The bidirectional winding system provides a robust 60-hour power reserve.



Completing the DEFY Extreme Diver is a micro-blasted titanium three-link bracelet, as well as two interchangeable strap options. The first is a durable black rubber strap with a Cordura-effect texture and folding clasp. The second, is a black and yellow single-piece fabric strap secured with a pin buckle. Thanks to the integrated quick strap-change mechanism, switching between options is effortless and tool-free.

DEFY Revival Diver: Heritage Reborn in Titanium

A faithful recreation of the original DEFY A3648 diver's watch from 1969, the DEFY Revival Diver brings vintage charm into the modern era with a dark, faceted 37mm micro-blasted titanium case. Staying true to the original DEFY design language, the signature fourteen-sided bezel is retained, now placed above a round unidirectional rotating bezel crafted in titanium and fitted with a yellow-tinted sapphire insert. For improved ergonomics, the screw-down crown is positioned at 4:30, just as it was on the original. Like its contemporary counterpart, the DEFY Revival Diver boasts a water resistance of 600 meters, or 1,969 feet, a subtle nod to the year the DEFY collection was born.

The bold black-and-yellow theme carries over to the dial, where a matte black surface is energized by yellow accents on the hands and minute track. The hands and hour markers are filled with white Super-LumiNova, ensuring clarity and visibility in the darkest depths.

Powering the DEFY Revival Diver is the automatic Elite 670 calibre, which displays the hours, minutes, seconds, and date. Remarkably, despite the 600-meter depth rating and compact size, the watch features an exhibition case back offering a clear view of the movement. The oscillating weight is adorned with Geneva stripes and skeletonized in the shape of the ZENITH star. Operating at a frequency of 4 Hz, the Elite 670 delivers a power reserve of 50 hours.

The watch is fitted with the iconic Gay Frères style bracelet, crafted in lightweight titanium with the same micro-blasted finish as the case. This enhances wearing comfort while the titanium folding clasp ensures a secure and refined fit.

The DEFY Extreme Diver and the DEFY Revival Diver are available at all ZENITH boutiques, online and in-store, as well as from authorized retailers worldwide.



ZENITH: THE HEART OF WATCHMAKING

Founded in 1865 in Le Locle, Switzerland, ZENITH has been at the forefront of Swiss watchmaking for over 160 years, driven by a pioneering spirit and a relentless pursuit of precision. As the first vertically integrated Swiss watch manufacture, ZENITH has continuously revolutionized horology by developing and manufacturing in-house movements, most notably the El Primero, the world's first automatic chronograph calibre launched in 1969, renowned for its unparalleled precision and high-frequency performance.

ZENITH's timepieces celebrate its dedication to innovation and exceptional craftsmanship. The CHRONOMASTER collection highlights the brand's mastery of high-precision chronographs, the DEFY showcases technical innovation and bold design, while the PILOT collection celebrates ZENITH's storied aviation legacy with distinctive, adventure-ready timepieces. This unwavering commitment to precision has been recognized with an unparalleled 2,333 chronometry prizes, underscoring ZENITH's enduring legacy of excellence. The calibre 135, having won most of those prizes went through a modern re-engineering integrating up-to-date technical solutions and materials. ZENITH decided to give it a new home in its newly introduced G.F.J collection.

Throughout its history, ZENITH timepieces have accompanied pioneers who dared to dream big and achieve the extraordinary: from Louis Blériot's historic flight across the English Channel to Felix Baumgartner's record-breaking stratospheric free-fall jump. This daring spirit continues to drive the Maison as it redefines the future of Swiss watchmaking.

Celebrating over a century and a half of excellence, innovation, and purpose, ZENITH remains at the forefront of Swiss horology, empowering those who challenge conventions and strive for greatness.

From Le Locle to the world, from 1865 to now, ZENITH is the heart of watchmaking.

DEFY EXTREME DIVER

Reference: 97.9600.3620/21.I300

Key points: Automatic El Primero 3 hands. Shadow signature (microblasted titanium). Black ceramic unidirectional rotating bezel filled with SuperLuminova. Date indication at 3 o'clock. Stop-second mechanism. Screwed-in crown. Helium valve. 600M Water resistance

Movement: El Primero 3620 automatic

Frequency: 36,000 VpH (5 Hz)

Power reserve: 60 hours

Functions: Hours and minutes in the centre. Central seconds hand. Date indication at 3 o'clock

Finishes: Star-shaped oscillating weight with satined finishings

Price: 11'900 CHF / 12'900 Euros / 12'300 USD

Material: Microblasted titanium

Water resistance: 60 ATM

Case: 42.5mm / **Thickness :** 15.5 mm / **Lug to lug :** 47.4 mm

Dial: Black & yellow matte with starry sky pattern

Hour markers: Rhodium-plated, faceted and coated with SuperLuminova SLN C1

Hands: Rhodium-plated, faceted and coated with SuperLuminova SLN C1

Bracelet & Buckle: Comes with 3 straps : Black "cordura effect" rubber with folding clasp. Microblasted titanium bracelet with folding clasp included. Black & yellow fabric strap with pin buckle included



DEFY REVIVAL DIVER

Reference: 97.A3648.670/21.M3648

Key points: Automatic Elite movement. Octagonal case with iconic 14-sided bezel. Shadow signature (microblasted titanium). Unidirectional rotating bezel with yellow tinted sapphire insert. Screwed-in crown. 600M Water resistance

Movement: Elite 670 automatic

Frequency: 28,800 VpH (4 Hz)

Power reserve: 50 hours

Functions: Hours and minutes in the centre. Central seconds hand. Date indication at 4:30 o'clock

Finishes: Oscillating weight with "Côtes de Genève" finishings

Price: 7'900 CHF / 8'600 Euros / 8'200 USD

Material: Microblasted titanium

Water resistance: 60 ATM

Case: 37mm / **Thickness :** 15.5 mm / **Lug to lug :** 44 mm

Dial: Black & yellow with SuperLuminova SLN C1

Hour markers: White transferred with SuperLuminova SLN C1

Hands: Yellow painted with SuperLuminova SLN C1

Bracelet & Buckle: Microblasted titanium bracelet with folding clasp.

