



ZENITH DEFY EXTREME LAPIS LAZULI: PRECISION THAT RADIATES IN BLUE

As part of its 160th anniversary celebrations, ZENITH continues to pay tribute to its rich heritage through creations that combine natural beauty with technical brilliance. With its deep celestial blue, lapis lazuli perfectly echoes ZENITH's signature hue, a symbol of infinity, precision and the pursuit of excellence. The Manufacture now unveils an extraordinary expression of its most daring and technologically advanced chronograph: the DEFY Extreme Lapis Lazuli, produced in a limited edition of 50 pieces.

Housed in a striking combination of microblasted yellow gold and polished steel, the 45mm DEFY Extreme Lapis Lazuli reveals a captivating openworked dial crafted from this celestial blue stone. Through its translucent depth, the dial offers glimpses of the groundbreaking movement within, a mechanical marvel capable of measuring 1/100th of a second with absolute precision.

The DEFY Extreme's bold, angular architecture takes on a new expression through the contrast of mirror-polished steel and the warm, matte radiance of yellow gold adorning the dodecagonal bezel and pusher protectors. This play of light and texture accentuates the watch's sculptural form, while the golden tones echo through the hands; hour markers and lapis lazuli dial itself. Each dial is a natural work of art: its deep blue surface is scattered with shimmering pyrite inclusions, ensuring that no two pieces are ever alike. Completing the composition, the outer 1/100th of a second scale is rendered in blue, creating a seamless chromatic harmony across the dial.

At the heart of the DEFY Extreme Lapis Lazuli beats the El Primero 9004 calibre, a remarkable evolution of ZENITH's legendary high-frequency chronograph. It remains the only mechanical chronograph in regular production capable of measuring 1/100th of a second. This technical achievement is made possible by two independent escapements: one beating at 5Hz (36,000 VpH) for timekeeping, and another at an astounding 50Hz (360,000 VpH) dedicated to the chronograph. The latter drives the central chronograph's hand to perform a full rotation of the dial every second, enabling perfectly clear readings of elapsed times down to a hundredth of a second.

The openworked dial reveals the movement's dynamic architecture, with the chronograph seconds counter at 6 o'clock, chronograph minutes at 3 o'clock,



power reserve indicator at 12 o'clock, and small seconds at 9 o'clock. Through the sapphire case back, the view continues with the signature star-shaped oscillating weight in satin-brushed finish, a contemporary hallmark of ZENITH's craftsmanship. True to the versatile spirit of the DEFY Extreme, this special edition features an interchangeable strap system, operated effortlessly via push buttons on the back of the case. It is delivered with three distinct options: a steel bracelet, a black embossed rubber strap with folding clasp, and a black Velcro strap, allowing the wearer to adapt the watch seamlessly from sport to sophistication.

The DEFY Extreme Lapis Lazuli, a limited edition of 50 pieces, is available now at ZENITH boutiques, online, and through 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

Reference: 06.9200.9004/51.1001

Key points: 1/100th of a second Chronograph movement.

Exclusive dynamic signature of one rotation per second for the chrono hand. Certified Chronometer. Screwed-in crown. Stainless steel bracelet, 2 additional straps included: 1 black rubber with folding buckle & 1 black Velcro. Full Interchangeable strap system. Limited edition of 50 pieces.

Movement: El Primero 9004

Frequency:

1 escapement for the watch (36,000 VpH - 5 Hz)

1 escapement for the chronograph (360,000 VpH - 50 Hz)

Power reserve: 50 hours

Functions: Small seconds at 9 o'clock. 1/100th of a second chronograph: central chronograph hand that makes one turn each second, 30-minute counter at 3 o'clock, 60-second counter at 6 o'clock, chronograph power-reserve indication at 12 o'clock.

Finishes: Special oscillating weight with satined finishings

Price: 32'900 CHF / 34'900 Euros / 33'900 USD

Material: Polished stainless steel and microblasted yellow gold

Water resistance: 20 ATM

Case: 45mm / **Thickness :** 15.4 mm / **Lug to lug :** 51 mm

Dial: Lapis Lazuli

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

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

Bracelet & Buckle: Stainless steel bracelet. 2 additional straps included: 1 black rubber with folding buckle & 1 black Velcro.

