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Chopard's L.U.C Triple Certification – certified for three exemplary reasons

Decorated with the three highest Swiss Watchmaking accolades, Chopard's L.U.C Triple Certification is testament to the brand's enviable expertise in technical complications.



L.U.C Triple Certification is the first watch in the world to bear all three prestigious Swiss watchmaking certifications

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Eleanor Pryor explains what visitors to this year's SalonQP can expect from Chopard

Chopard is a brand with a long history of prestigious watchmaking, successfully blending creativity and innovative design with traditional and quality craftsmanship.

Its L.U.C watches have long denoted the attention to detail and precision watchmaking that runs through the manufacture's creations. Recently, this has been epitomised in the L.U.C Triple Certification, a watch that displays its enviable credentials in all their glory on the dial.

The first watch in the world to bear the three most prestigious Swiss watchmaking certifications – COSC, Poinçon de Genève and the Fleurier Quality Foundation label – it represents an important accomplishment for the brand, and reinforces the horological excellence that it strives for with this collection.

Stating "Chronometer" on the dial, the title is warranted by its passing of rigorous precision-testing from COSC, the only neutral body permitted to grant this accolade. The Poinçon de Genève hallmark demands strict compliance with twelve criteria, applied to areas from the movement construction and assembly to the making and finishing of individual parts and components.

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Topping off the triple achievement is the Fleurier Quality Foundation certification – arguably the most stringent testing process and the hardest certification to obtain. In addition to the COSC tests, it includes the Chronofiable testing procedure – subjecting the watch to six-month's worth of wear in just 12 days – as well as the Fleuritest, which reproduces 24 hours of wrist movements, testing the reliability of cased-up mechanical movements.

Earning these certifications on a watch that includes one of the most lauded technical complications, the tourbillon, which is also prone to sensitivity during wear and reliability tests, further proves Chopard's manufacturing expertise. Housed within the timepiece is the L.U.C Calibre 02-13-L (L.U.C 1.02QF), the only movement to be fitted with four stacked and series-coupled barrels, which ensures a full nine days of operating autonomy. Two of the three certifications are a testament to the reliability of this movement, the third measuring the perfection of the watch as a whole.

At a relatively large 43mm, the rose-gold case is finished to match the exacting standards of the movement contained within. The silver-toned dial, grained to catch the light, contains an aperture to reveal the pièce de résistance, the one-minute tourbillon, in the 6 o'clock position.

The L.U.C Triple Certification Tourbillon is just one of the many watches from Chopard's L.U.C collection that visitors can expect to see at SalonQP this year. Joining Chopard will be L.U.C specialist Vincent Lapaire, who will be flying in from the Chopard headquarters in Geneva to answer questions about the collection.

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