

Press Release

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Distinctive. In every detail.

Four limited editions in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the LANGE 1

With its one-of-a-kind design, sophisticated manufacture movement and artisanal finish, the LANGE 1 epitomises the essence of A. Lange & Söhne. To commemorate the anniversary, the manufacture introduces two new model versions of the LANGE 1, each limited to 300 watches: one in platinum featuring a black onyx dial, and a pink-gold version with a blue dial. The LITTLE LANGE 1 is also available in both new colour combinations, each limited to 150 watches.



Four limited editions: LANGE 1 and LITTLE LANGE 1 in 950 platinum with a black onyx dial (left) and both models in 750 pink gold with a blue dial in 925 silver (right)

For thirty years, the LANGE 1 has forged its own path. Its characteristic dial with the off-centre dial configuration and the typical Lange outsized date have lost none of their fascination since the watch was launched on 24 October 1994.

“The LANGE 1 is a timepiece that unites everything that distinguishes a refined mechanical watch: originality, timeless elegance and horological precision, down to the last detail,” explains Wilhelm Schmid, A. Lange & Söhne CEO. “When it was launched thirty years ago, it broke the existing design rules and defined its very own style. This innovative force is embodied our ambition to never stand still.”

The aesthetic finesse of the golden ratio

The particular dial design accounts for the balanced appearance of the LANGE 1. Graced with Roman numerals and lancet-shaped appliques, the hour and minute circle is located on the left-hand side whilst the outsize date, the power-reserve display and the subsidiary seconds dial are positioned on the right-hand side, along an imaginary vertical axis. The length and size ratios of the various displays are in accordance with the rules of the golden ratio, creating an aesthetic balance that exudes timelessness, even three decades after its debut.



The LANGE 1 with its characteristic off-centre dial design and outsize date

Perfection of form in two new colour combinations

The new model versions of the LANGE 1 and the LITTLE LANGE 1 radiate festive elegance – as befits the anniversary. The watch in 950 platinum showcases a dial faced with onyx. This gemstone, which is rarely used in fine watchmaking, captivates with its jet-black shimmering surface: it is the first time that it adorns a LANGE 1 model. In the 750 pink-gold version, the warm, reddish lustre of the precious metal is paired with a blue dial in 925 silver. All four limited-edition models exhibit the exceptional lucid design with slender bezels and prominent lugs. The case diameter of the LANGE 1 amounts to 38.5 millimetres and to 36.8 millimetres in the LITTLE LANGE 1.

The L121.1 manufacture calibre

The L121.1 manufacture calibre breathes life into the LANGE 1 and the LITTLE LANGE 1 – the 50th manufacture movement was introduced in 2015. It ensures that the instantaneously advancing outsize date switches at midnight: it is endowed with a going train featuring a balance with eccentric poising weights and a proprietary freely oscillating balance spring.

Beneath the hand-engraved balance cock, it beats at a frequency of 21,600 semi-oscillations per hour. The reliable twin mainspring barrel assures a power reserve of 72 hours. At a glance through the sapphire-crystal caseback, the artisanal finish of the movement comes to the fore, among which the three-quarter plate made of untreated German silver and decorated with Glashütte ribbing. Eight screwed gold chatons held by blued screws provide colourful contrasting accents.



The manufacture calibre L121.1, which drives the new LANGE 1 and the new LITTLE LANGE 1

“Thirty years ago, A. Lange & Söhne succeeded in designing a mechanical work of art with the LANGE 1 that established new benchmarks in precision watchmaking,” explains Anthony de Haas, Director of Product Development. “Developed out of the passion to do things differently, it has since been a symbol of our manufacture’s self-conception to craft timepieces that combine superb functionality with aesthetic appeal.”

Never stand still

Over the years, this passion resulted in the creation of an entire watch family that emphasises the brand’s ambition to never stand still. Hence, exceptional watches with an array of different complications were designed, including for example the LANGE 1 TOURBILLON PERPETUAL CALENDAR with instantaneously switching calendar indications and a peripheral month ring or the LANGE 1 TIME ZONE that simultaneously displays two zone times. And looking to the future, the A. Lange & Söhne engineers and watchmakers will not cease to implement their individual, cutting-edge ideas.

About A. Lange & Söhne

Dresden watchmaker Ferdinand Adolph Lange laid the foundations for Saxony's precision watchmaking industry when he established his manufacture in 1845. His precious pocket watches remain highly coveted among collectors all over the world. The company was expropriated after World War II, and the name A. Lange & Söhne nearly vanished. In 1990, Ferdinand Adolph Lange's great-grandson, Walter Lange, had the courage to relaunch the brand. Today, Lange crafts only a few thousand wristwatches per year, predominantly in gold or platinum. They are equipped exclusively with movements made in-house that are elaborately finished and assembled by hand. With 73 manufacture calibres developed since 1990, A. Lange & Söhne has secured a top-tier position in the world of watchmaking. Its greatest achievements include the LANGE 1, the first regularly produced wristwatch with an outsize date, and the ZEITWERK, with its precisely jumping numerals. Extraordinary complications such as the ZEITWERK MINUTE REPEATER, the DATOGRAPH PERPETUAL TOURBILLON and the TRIPLE SPLIT represent what the manufacture always strives for: to drive the traditional art of watchmaking to ever-new heights. Launched in 2019, the sporty-elegant ODYSSEUS in stainless steel marked the beginning of a new chapter for the manufacture.

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LANGE 1		
Movement	Lange manufacture calibre L121.1, manually wound, crafted to the most exacting Lange quality standards, decorated and assembled by hand; precision-adjusted in five positions; twin mainspring barrel; plates and bridges made of untreated German silver; balance cock engraved by hand	
No. of movement parts	368	
No. of jewels	43	
No. of screwed gold chatons	8	
Escapement	Lever escapement	
Oscillation system	Shock-resistant balance with eccentric poising weights; superior-quality balance spring manufactured in-house, frequency of 21,600 semi-oscillations per hour, precision beat adjustment system with lateral setscrew and whiplash spring	
Power reserve	72 hours when fully wound	
Functions	Time indicated in hours, minutes and subsidiary seconds dial with stop seconds; UP/DOWN power-reserve indicator; outsize date	
Operating elements	Crown for winding the watch and setting the time; one pusher for correction of the outsize date	
Movement dimensions	Diameter: 30.6 millimetres; height: 5.7 millimetres	
Crystal and transparent caseback	Sapphire crystal (Mohs hardness 9)	
References	191.062	191.063
Case	950 platinum	750 pink gold
Case dimensions	Diameter: 38.5 millimetres; height: 10.0 millimetres	height: 9.8 millimetres
Dial	925 silver, faced with black onyx	925 silver, blue
Hands	750 gold, rhodiumed	750 gold
Strap	Hand-stitched alligator leather, black glossy finish	Hand-stitched alligator leather, blue
Buckle	Prong buckle in 950 platinum	Prong buckle in 750 pink gold
Limited edition	300 watches, edition number engraving	300 watches, edition number engraving

LITTLE LANGE 1		
Movement	Lange manufacture calibre L121.1, manually wound, crafted to the most exacting Lange quality standards, decorated and assembled by hand; precision-adjusted in five positions; twin mainspring barrel; plates and bridges made of untreated German silver; balance cock engraved by hand	
No. of movement parts	368	
No. of jewels	43	
No. of screwed gold chatons	8	
Escapement	Lever escapement	
Oscillation system	Shock-resistant balance with eccentric poising weights; superior-quality balance spring manufactured in-house, frequency of 21,600 semi-oscillations per hour, precision beat adjustment system with lateral setscrew and whiplash spring	
Power reserve	72 hours when fully wound	
Functions	Time indicated in hours, minutes and subsidiary seconds dial with stop seconds; UP/DOWN power-reserve indicator; outsize date	
Operating elements	Crown for winding the watch and setting the time; corrector for the outsize date	
Movement dimensions	Diameter: 30.6 millimetres; height: 5.7 millimetres	
Crystal and transparent caseback	Sapphire crystal (Mohs hardness 9)	
References	181.062	181.063
Case	950 platinum	750 pink gold
Case dimensions	Diameter: 36.8 millimetres; height: 10.0 millimetres	height: 9.5 millimetres
Dial	925 silver, faced with black onyx	925 silver, blue
Hands	750 gold, rhodiumed	750 gold
Strap	Hand-stitched alligator leather, black glossy finish	Hand-stitched alligator leather, blue
Buckle	Prong buckle in 950 platinum	Prong buckle in 750 pink gold
Limited edition	150 watches, edition number engraving	150 watches, edition number engraving