

Press Release

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1815 UP/DOWN

Traditional elements – individual elegance

With its design inspired by historic Lange pocket watches and an artisanally finished manufacture calibre, the 1815 UP/DOWN embodies our aspiration to never stand still. While its distinctive design is deeply rooted in the tradition of Saxon watchmaking artistry, it emanates an individual elegance with its compact case dimensions and refined colour combinations. Two special editions in 750 pink and white gold extend the model range, each one limited to 300 watches.



The new 1815 UP/DOWN in 750 white and pink gold

The new 1815 UP/DOWN focuses entirely on its eponymous function. Typical of many Lange watches, the display has a long-standing tradition in Saxon precision watchmaking. The AB (DOWN) marker represents the unwound movement, whereas AUF (UP) indicates the fully wound movement which provides a maximum power reserve of 72 hours.

While the power-reserve indicator is frequently paired with additional functions in other timepieces, it has the starring role in the 1815 UP/DOWN. Opposite the subsidiary seconds dial, an auxiliary dial positioned at 8 o'clock informs the wearer how long the watch will continue to run. From the mechanical point of view, the special facet of the display in the 1815 UP/DOWN is that it is not a module added to an existing calibre. Instead, it is directly integrated in the movement with a specially designed, space-saving planetary gear system.

Hence, it reflects the pursuit of perfection championed by Ferdinand Adolph Lange, the founder of Saxon precision watchmaking, whose birth year makes up the first part of the watch name. It was his vision to build pocket watches that harmoniously combine precision, functionality and elegance.

Classic pocket watch design – contemporary colour combination

The railway-track minute scale, the easily legible Arabic numerals and the recessed central dial segment evoke memories of historic Lange pocket watches. In the two new pink- and white-gold versions, these design elements are showcased on a blue dial, endowing the timepiece with a contemporary face and thus creating a captivating contrast with the argenté-coloured auxiliary dials of the UP/DOWN power-reserve indicator and the subsidiary seconds dial with its blued hands. The lancet-shaped hour and minute hands match the respective case colour. The slender, subtly tiered bezel frames the dial that was clearly designed with great attention to detail.

The compact case diameter of 37.5 millimetres and a height of a mere 8.7 millimetres enable well-balanced proportions, resulting in the characteristic elegance of the watch. The stylish appearance is rounded off with a blue alligator leather strap in the white-gold version while the pink-gold model is worn on a reddish-brown strap.

Traditional watchmaking artistry melded with artisanal perfection

A glance through the sapphire-crystal caseback reveals the mechanical beauty of the manually wound L051.2 manufacture calibre. The characteristic elements reminiscent of historic pocket watches include the traditional three-quarter plate made of untreated German silver, the visibly integrated winding wheels embellished with solarisation as well as the seven gold chatons secured by blued screws. Beneath the hand-engraved balance cock, a classic screw balance, an indexless oscillation system and a Lange balance spring crafted in-house assure high rate accuracy.



The L051.2 manufacture calibre that powers the new 1815 UP/DOWN

The new model versions of the 1815 UP/DOWN will be presented at this year's Concours of Elegance at Hampton Court Palace.

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 77 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 MINUTE REPEATER PERPETUAL, the LANGE 1 TOURBILLON PERPETUAL CALENDAR "Lumen" 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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Movement	Lange manufacture calibre L051.2, manually wound, crafted to the most exacting Lange quality standards, decorated and assembled by hand; precision-adjusted in five positions; plates and bridges made of untreated German silver; hand-engraved balance cock	
No. of movement parts	245	
No. of jewels	29	
No. of screwed gold chatons	7	
Escapement	Lever escapement	
Oscillation system	Shock-resistant screw balance; 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 and minutes; subsidiary seconds with stop seconds; UP/DOWN power-reserve indicator	
Operating elements	Crown for winding the watch and setting the time	
Movement dimensions	Diameter: 30.6 millimetres; height: 4.6 millimetres	
Crystal and transparent caseback	Sapphire crystal (Mohs hardness 9)	
References	244.037	244.028
Case	750 pink gold	750 white gold
Case dimensions	Diameter: 37.5 millimetres; height: 8.7 millimetres	
Dial	925 silver, blue; auxiliary dials argenté-coloured	
Hands	750 gold and blued steel	
Strap	Hand-stitched alligator leather, reddish-brown	Hand-stitched alligator leather, blue
Buckle	Prong buckle in 750 pink gold	Prong buckle in 750 white gold
Limited edition	300 watches, edition number engraving	300 watches, edition number engraving