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Fast car

L'Épée 1839 hits the track

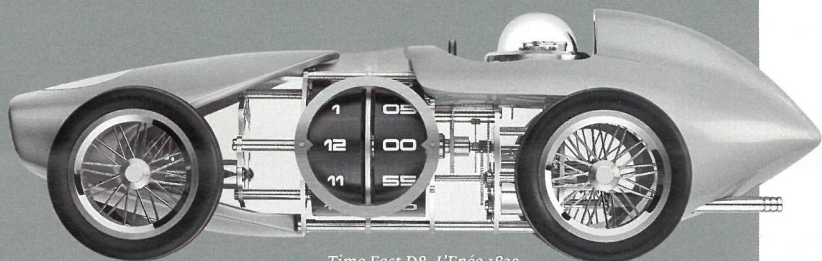
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If you are a watch enthusiast, you have probably already seen a few of L'Épée 1839's clock co-productions with MB&F: these are creations with such imaginative names as Arachnophobia (yes, it's a spider) and Sherman (you surely guessed already that it's a little robot tank). Baselworld 2019 continues this manufacture's incredible string of cool clocks with a vintage-inspired racing car that goes by the name of Time Fast D8. Displaying hours and minutes where the door would normally be placed on a car, the mechanics are anything but ordinary: the time is set by

moving the steering wheel counterclockwise, while moving it clockwise does nothing more than change its position. The clock – which boasts a full week of power reserve – is wound using the hard-wearing rubber rear wheels: reversing the car like a wind-up toy winds the spring barrel, while moving it forward turns it into a fun plaything.

A glass dome simulates the driver's seat, while the 'driver' is actually the timepiece's visible escapement. The kinetic sculpture's chassis comprises solid aluminium body parts formed from the movement's base plate and bridges. Weighing in at 4.7 kilograms, Time Fast D8 is limited to 100 pieces in each colour: white with blue stripes, grey, green, blue, red and blue with white stripes.

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