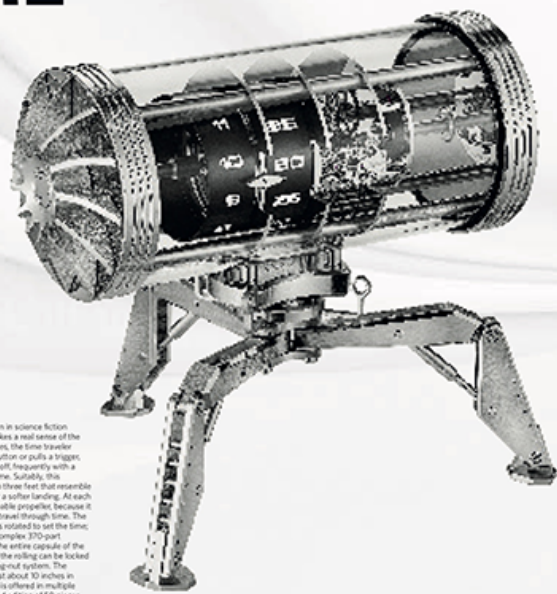


**STYLE
CLOCKS**

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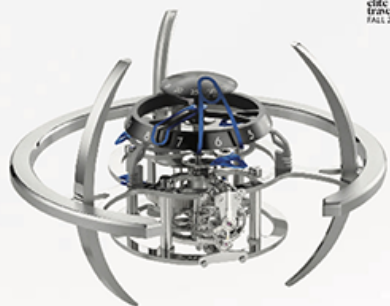
Clocking TIME

Somehow, time seems to have taken on new meaning this year, and what better way to track it than with a luxury clock that not only embraces ultimate mechanics but tells a story all its own. Some of the industry's finest brands create bold and edgy works of art that capture imaginations. Some are multidimensional masterpieces that recall space flight or even time travel, while others look to nature for inspiration and create incredible timepieces that emulate motion and elegance. No matter what the design influence is, these clocks have handmade and hand-assembled gears, pinions, wheels and other parts that work together like a beautifully orchestrated dance to track time in anything but conventional ways.



**L'ÉPÉE 1839
TIME MACHINE**

Inspired by the time machines seen in science fiction movies, this L'Épée 1839 clock evokes a real sense of the concept of time travel. In the movies, the time traveler typically sets the time, pushes a button or pulls a trigger, jumps into the machine and takes off, frequently with a rough landing at the destination time. Suitably, this cylindrical clock sits atop three feet that resemble a lunar module's feet — geared for a softer landing. At each end of the clock carriage is a moveable propeller, because it takes a huge amount of energy to travel through time. The propeller at the front of the clock is rotated to set the time; the opposite propeller winds the complex 370-part movement. A kinetic work of art, the entire capsule of the clock can rotate 360 degrees, and the rolling can be locked if desired, thanks to a complex wing-out system. The innovative desk clock measures just about 10 inches in length and about 8.5 inches tall. It is offered in multiple different materials, each in a limited edition of 50 pieces. \$33,200 in silver-finished brass and steel, Cellini Jewelers in New York, +1 212 888 0505, lpee1839.com



**MB&F
STARFLEET EXPLORER**

Six years after independent Swiss watch brand MB&F unveiled the futuristic Starfleet Machine clock that caused a stir around the world, the brand releases a compact miniature desk clock this year that looks like it should be floating in space. The Starfleet Explorer measures just under five inches tall and uses bold colors — red, blue or green — as highlights to indicate the time. Designed by MB&F and executed by L'Épée 1839, the clock displays the hours on a horizontal chapter ring. A brightly colored, anodized hour hand rotates around the fixed hour disc once every 12 hours to show the time. Meanwhile, the minutes are showcased via a colorful fixed curved aperture on a mobile dome top disc that rotates every 60 minutes. Even more alluring is the fact that the clock offers space-age animation. Three fine, hand-lacquered polymer spacecraft that match the time-indication color are situated on a circular track inside the movement. They rotate around the movement — or 'mother ship' — making one full turn every five minutes. The clock mechanism is fully visible and seems to float in the air thanks to its cured liquid-filled legs. The clock is manually wound using a double-ended, palladium-finished brass key that also sets the time. Just 99 pieces will be built in each color. \$10,500 in stainless steel (for the main structure), MB&F in Geneva, +41 225 081 038, mbandf.com

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