

# FULL AUTO

Nomos Glashütte hits top gear with its new Autobahn watch.

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## NOMOS GLASHÜTTE AUTOBAHN

### MOVEMENT

In-house, self-winding DUW 6101 Neomatik calibre; small seconds; date

### CASE

41mm stainless steel; water-resistant to 100m

### STRAP

Black nylon strap

Baselworld 2018 saw Nomos Glashütte introduce its first motor-inspired watch: the Autobahn. Taking cues from vintage cars, the watch has been created in collaboration with product designer Werner Aisslinger.

A graduate of the Berlin University of Arts, Aisslinger founded his Berlin- and Singapore-based Studio Aisslinger in 1993 and has gone on to win a host of design awards – including several Red Dots, the Compasso d’Oro, the Designpreis Deutschland, the FX Award and the Icon Award. His work can also be found in the permanent collections of New York’s Museum of Modern Art, London’s Victoria & Albert Museum, Paris’s Fonds

national d’art contemporain, and both Germany’s Neue Sammlung and Vitra Design Museum.

Available in either blue, grey or white options, the 41mm stainless-steel case of the Nomos Autobahn is water resistant to 100m. The watch houses the new DUW 6101 Neomatik automatic *manufacture* movement – details of which were a closely guarded secret at the time of going to press.

The minute and hour hands look more like a car’s instrument gauge pointers than they do traditional watch hands. The thick curve of Super-LumiNova between 8 and 4 o’clock immediately brings to mind a dashboard speedometer. The arc-shaped date aperture at 6 o’clock is stretched out,

as Nomos puts it, into a “three lanes – or numerals – wide” layout and is reminiscent of a dashboard odometer, as well as motorway lanes. The date window is topped by a small-seconds, which again has the feel of a dashboard dial. Even the typography used for the hour and minute markers feels more automotive than horological.

Definitely a new direction for Nomos, the Autobahn shows the brand’s fun side while still retaining the core design principles that have made the German company such an instantly-recognisable and unbridled success. And with rumours of a watch bracelet and more in the works, we predict exciting times to come for Nomos Glashütte. ★

