

Editors' CHOICE

Millage Watches



MILLAGE, FOUNDED IN 1867 BY MILLAGE MASSIH, and still operated by the Massih family, has been headquartered in Los Angeles since 1997, and manufactures fine men's and women's wristwatches in its own factories in Europe that combine functionality with elegance. They offer more than 100 styles in 18-karat gold, platinum, stainless steel, and high-tech aluminum, as well as 80 different dial colors, available across a wide range of prices that can be purchased online or at authorized dealers nationwide.

Two recent additions to the Millage collection include the Hampton Chronograph and the Millage Men's Tourbillion. The former features a stainless steel case; a scratch-resistant, anti-reflective sapphire crystal; and a white dial with luminous silver-tone and white index markers at its hour positions. A date window is stationed between 4:00 and 5:00, with subdials near 3:00, 6:00, and 9:00, and the dial hands repeat the use of silver tone. The Hampton Chronograph also boasts an exquisite Italian leather bracelet and a Swiss-made quartz chronograph movement.

The Millage Men's Tourbillion features a scratch resistant, antireflective sapphire crystal and solid stainless steel case as well, but offers a textured black dial and a sophisticated leather bracelet. An exhibition back reveals the decorative, automatic open heart tourbillion movement, and expressing the movement's complications is a day subdial near 9:00, a second subdial near 3:00, a window near 11:00 that shows the year, and a window near 1:00 that shows the month.

Both pieces are water resistant up to 150 feet and offer seven-year limited warranties, and are modern in their designs while embracing Millage's classic appeal.

Made available for the 2009 collection by Innovative by Millage technology, the Millage Kent Collection is equally comfortable scaling the heights of adventure or arriving for dinner. The 18-karat rose gold finish bezel and stainless steel case has been fashioned from the finest quality stainless steel. The dial is offered in a choice of colors – white with black, cream with rose gold, silver with silver, and black with rose gold with a sharp background texture – and comes with a high-tech visual open see-through center characteristic of six- and seven-figure timepieces. Embracing this is the Millage jeweled movement, which has become an industry standard in the high-end watch market. The genuine corococalf leather strap offers comfort and flawless design, matching the choice of dial color, and a solid stainless steel action button butterfly buckle graced with the Millage logo attaches the piece to your wrist.

Another gem in the collection is the Millage Lexington Calender Elite timepiece. The round two-tone stainless steel case has been combined and outfitted in 18-karat rose-gold plating on the bezel, and the four screws on the case back ensure the components stay safely housed. The dial is viewed through a domed sapphire crystal that has been designed to minimize unnecessary reflection. The enamel dial is presented in a breathtaking light silver and an outer dial with Roman numerals at the 12:00 o'clock position is the subdial with flying retrograde date. In addition, the 6:00 o'clock position is made functional by a jewel quartz movement. The black/brown genuine leather strap tapers to a brisk 20mm, and a solid stainless steel action buttons butterfly buckle has been engraved with the Millage logo. This elegant piece is yet another reflection of the 142-year-old tradition of uniqueness in design and quality of Millage Timepieces. ●



The Kent Collection (left); The Lexington Calender Elite Collection (right)