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Baselworld 2008: Classic Driver Presents the Highlights



It's that time again. For seven days, the horological world had its eyes firmly set upon the complications, tourbillons and jewelled movements of the luxury watch industry.

Black was the new gold or steel, with many manufacturers announcing chunky timepieces in military, or aerospace, specification dull metal - none more so than **Hublot** with its monster 48mm **All Black King**. **Hamilton's Belowzero Auto 2826** married the black dial/black strap look with a rose gold case, and it's been tested to a depth of 1000m.

The **Graham Chronofighter Oversize GMT Big Date BRG** does what its title says; it's a very big chronograph with dual time display and a fine British Racing Green (the BRG bit) half bezel. The **Chanel J 12 Calibre 3125** is another all-black (with 18 carat gold features) watch, courtesy of its ceramic case and strap. Interestingly, it carries an Audemars Piguet Caliber AP3125 Movement that is visible via the clear crystal back.

We previewed the latest models from **Bell & Ross** [a little while ago on Classic Driver](#), and its stand was a popular one at Baselworld 2008. **Chopard** will be a familiar name to Classic Driver readers, producing, as it does, the world famous Mille Miglia chronometers as well as other motoring-related ranges. New for 2008 at Basel was the **Chronograph Grand Prix de Monaco Historique 2008**, celebrating the Swiss watchmaker's association with the biennial historic races at the Principauté.

Finally, the most unusual exhibit came courtesy of **Chronoswiss**. The **Wristmaster** is a combination of chronometer and wristwatch. Nothing new there, I hear you say. You'd be wrong; for instead of a familiar multi-dialled creation, there are **two** watches on one strap. Well, you can't knock them for lack of innovation...

Anyway, choosing a watch is very much down to personal taste, so we can offer the following for your consideration, all **new at Baselworld 2008**:

Arnold & Son



True Moon

Bell&Ross



BR Instrument Minuteur Tourbillion

Blancpain



Chronograph Speed Command

Breguet



Classique 5247 Complication

Breitling



Breitling for Bentley GMT Chronograph

Bulgari



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J 12 Claibre 3125

Chopard



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de Grisogono



Meccanico dG

Eberhard & Co



Chrono4 Grande Taille

Graham



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All Black King

Omega



Seamaster Diver 300 m „James Bond 007 Collector's Piece“

Oris



BC4 Flight Timer

Raymond Weil



Nabucco Cuore Caldo

Tag Heuer



Carrera Chronograph Calibre 17 RS Roségold

Ulysse Nardin



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