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So Long As It's Black: Bamford Watch Department



“Timepieces that are both individual, yet highly collectible, and above all exclusive.” That’s how company founder George Bamford describes his range of bespoke, PVD-treated, all-black watches.

The process of customisation has now gone one step further, as the **Bamford Watch Department** can offer dials produced to a customer’s exact requirements. For example, a **Rolex** was recently produced with a dial detailed in **Viper Green** – exactly matching the client's newly restored **1973 Porsche 911 2.7 Carrera RS**.

Bamford’s [interactive website](#) allows buyers to indulge their creative sides and come up with a truly unique timepiece.

The diamond-hard, **Physical Vapour Deposition** (PVD) black coating is described as ‘military grade’ in the company’s literature, and the result makes a dramatic change from myriad, ‘ordinary’ stainless steel sports watches.

In addition to **Rolex** models, Bamford also offers a ‘stealth’ version of the **Tag Heuer Monaco**. Whatever the brand, all watches come with a full two-year warranty.

Well, you’ve started a nice collection of watches, but how can you keep them safe, secure, fully wound and in a case that matches their style? You need a **Bamford Watch House**.



I was able to view this recently and, as you'd expect from a collaboration between **Bamford** and [David Linley](#), the result is a stunning work of art. Made from black sycamore, the front pulls down to reveal four watch-winders and under the gas-strut-activated lid lies a black aluminium tube that can hold a further four timepieces.



This tube - available separately - is the ultimate carrying case for the travelling watch collector. Unscrewing the cap allows two 'feet' to drop down, thus stabilising the tube on a flat surface. Inside, it is padded and neoprene-lined for extra security.





Finally, **Bamford** has made a matching **Leather Watch Roll Tool Kit** that comprises three popular sizes of precision watch screwdrivers; additional screwdriver blades; a 10 x magnification loupe; a case-back remover; watchmakers' tweezers; a bracelet removal tool; and a microfibre cleaning cloth.

The tool kit is included in the **Bamford Watch House** but is also available on its own.

For further details, see www.bamfordwatchdepartment.com or call in at the company's flagship **Sloane Square, London** store. Alternatively, you can telephone +44 (0)207 881 8019 or email info@bamfordwatchdepartment.com.

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