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## Write to leave the earth behind with the MB&F Astrograph pen

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*It doesn't take rocket science to design a fountain pen. However, the creative arm of watchmaker MB&F used just that when producing this unique pen in collaboration with traditional writing instrument manufacturer Caran d'Ache...*





Maximilian Büsser, the creative genius behind Swiss-based design studio Maximilian Büsser & Friends, has been regarded as the primary creative driving force in the Swiss watch industry for several years. Now and again he diverts his attentions away from timepieces to dream up various mechanical objects - the latest of which is a fountain pen inspired by a space rocket, produced in collaboration with Caran d'Ache, also based in Geneva. Features include stabilising legs, a magnetic miniature astronaut figurine and a 'launch pad' box. Limited to 99 examples, the rhodium-coated instrument consists of 99 different components, and requires 500 different manual operations during assembly.

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