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## Why be a Submariner when you can be an Explorer?

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*For the connoisseur who knows the B-sides as well as the hits, and drives the lesser-known legend over the latest and loudest, the Rolex Explorer is the perfect timepiece to plant your flag as a distinguished individual. Before joining the crowded waters of the Submariner, explore other options...*

There's a certain simplistic yet stylish form — born from the pursuit of function, achieved only by the most capable of designers, and earned through hard testing and practical application — that very few products possess. Analysis and development of the very Rolex Oyster Perpetual that Sir Edmund Hilary wore when summiting Mount Everest for the first time in May 1953 saw Rolex create the Explorer, and shortly after, the watch-wearing public was blessed with a drop-dead gorgeous tribute to this feat. Now, the Explorer's expanded range, from the early 1016 models to the chunky Explorer II, offers a refreshing change from the more commonly seen models. Take the word of a remorseful former custodian who has felt somewhat lost ever since parting with his Explorer companion...

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