

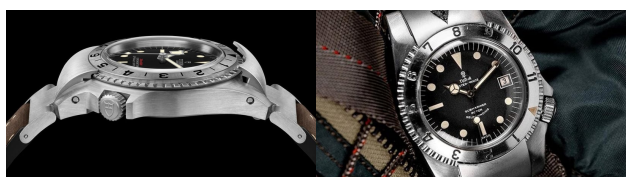
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[Here's the watch nobody was expecting Tudor to release](#)

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Thanks to a raft of ambiguous teaser images ahead of Baselworld, Tudor had the watch community insatiable over the thought of a new Submariner. But come release day, this is what we got instead: the Black Bay P01...

A face only a mother could love?



Whether the teaser images were red herrings or the watch community simply believed something it wanted to believe, Tudor categorically did not reveal a new version of its 1980s Submariner at this year's Baselworld. Instead, this was what we got: the Black Bay P01, a modern interpretation of a lesser-known military prototype developed in the 1960s (pictured). This is about as radical a departure from the original (and much-loved) Black Bay as we've seen yet.

The most obvious aesthetic differences are the crown at four o'clock, the 12-hour bi-directional bezel, and the unusual locking mechanism to keep said bezel firmly in place. The latter is integrated into a proprietary leather strap. We can understand why there's been uproar caused by this watch – it's certainly not one that's going to appeal to everybody, but then we're sure it'll garner a small following intrigued by its peculiarities and overall ruggedness. We'd have loved to have seen the Submariner but, alas, it looks like we'll have to wait until Baselworld in 2020.

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