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Do more than desk diving with this ice-cool retro Doxa chronograph

Lead You'll know that here at Classic Driver, we're particularly fond of quirky chronographs from the 1970s. We were therefore thrilled to hear that one of the most fondly remembered of them all, the Doxa Sub 200 T.Graph, is being reissued as a limited edition...

Cult classic



You're most likely not familiar with Doxa. Founded way back in 1889, the Swiss watchmaker acquired cult status among hardcore dive aficionados and watch buffs in the late 1960s with its novel, rugged and innovative range of dive watches, including the very first on the market to be fitted with a helium escape valve.

Another firm favourite was the Sub 200 T.Graph, which has been revived on the occasion of Doxa's 100th anniversary and its own 50th birthday. The two-register, stainless-steel chronograph features a quirky case, a classic beads-of-rice bracelet, a bold orange dial, an anti-reflective sapphire crystal and a unidirectional bezel displaying both depth and the time elapsed.

A vintage heart



It's what inside that cushion-shaped case where things get really interesting, though. Doxa has apparently been keeping 300 vintage hand-wound Valjoux 7734 movements in tip-top condition for the last 30 years, waiting patiently to install them in a brand-new watch. The T.Graph reissue is that watch. Priced at 4,900 euros each and limited to 300 pieces, the Doxa Sub 200 T.Graph will be available to pre-order here from 2 September. And trust us when we say, you'll have to act quickly if you want to snap one up – this is a timepiece the watch world has been waiting a *long* time to receive.

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