

Dive Time

From the time someone decided that wristwatches should work under water, manufacturers have been engaged in a race to the bottom, so to speak, creating timepieces capable of going ever deeper. While early efforts could reach 100 meters, the 1950s saw commercially available watches that could take divers down hundreds of meters. The 1,000-meter mark came and went in the 1960s and 2,000 meters in the 1980s. At those depths, the water exerts nearly 3,000 pounds of pressure on the crystal. That's more than the weight of a Mini Cooper.

In 2004, UTS joined the exclusive 3,000-meter club with the Professional Diver, and this year the brand achieves another milestone with the UTS 4,000M Professional Diver. This watch can go with you more than 13,000 feet, or 2.5 miles, below the surface. Now we're talking a Rolls Royce Phantom Drophead Coupe



parked on the crystal, which happens to be 6-mm-thick sapphire.

The watch features an in-house-manufactured 45-mm case fabricated from a block of German stainless steel. Company founder Nicolaus Spinner personally makes the cases, then finishes, assembles, and tests each watch at the UTS factory near Munich. The trademark lugs and the solid caseback are affixed to the case with hex screws and industrial-grade seals. The proprietary rotating bezel locks via a unique ceramic ball-bearing system.

The watch is available in two versions: a three-hand time and date model and a GMT. Both models are available on a strap or bracelet. Due to currency fluctuations, the price of the UTS 4,000M Professional Diver is available on request at 877-887-0123 (toll free) or at www.utswatches.com.

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The UTS 4,000M Professional Diver comes on a bracelet and on a rubber strap.

