

WATCHES AND JEWELRY

Hublot collaborates with creative phenom Daniel Arsham

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Just 99 of the limited-edition Arsham Droplet pocket watches are available. Image courtesy of Hublot

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Swiss watchmaker **Hublot** is collaborating with a brand ambassador to bring back an accessory popularized in the 19th century.

American contemporary artist Daniel Arsham's latest creation, the Arsham Droplet, is a limited-edition pocket watch forged from titanium, rubber and sapphire crystal. Only 99 pieces are available, adding uber-exclusivity to what Hublot promotes as the world's first sapphire crystal pocket watch.

Future forward

Inspired by organic and liquid shapes found in nature, the Arsham Droplet looks to reinvent a time-honored accessory with a sleek and modern appearance.

Sporting a completely see-through exterior thanks to the crystal body, the wearer can view the Meca-10 calibre powering the mechanical movement within. The pocket watch must be manually wound, with the reserve lasting for 10 days at a time, the maison installing the feature to enhance the user's connection to the release.



The sculptural timepiece melds luxury codes to create a "future relic." Image courtesy of Hublot

Rubber bumpers and a titanium case keep the crystal structure strong, providing reliability and durability, including up to 30 meters of water resistance.

"The design, reduction and palettes, which come together within my works, give my signature its distinctiveness," said Mr. Arsham, in a statement.

The rounded timepiece can be used in three different form factors through the brand's patented "one-click" system, swapping between a pocket watch and pendant with a titanium chain or a table clock via a stand forged from the same precious materials. Priced at \$88,000, the timepiece can be purchased by contacting Hublot directly.

Mr. Arsham was appointed as a Hublot ambassador in March 2023 ([see story](#)).

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