



GAGARIN LEGACY 2609



NEW SERIES IN 40 MM 904L STEEL CASE



HISTORY



The young Soviet Russia urgently needed watches for the army, navy and civilians. To address this challenge, in 1927, the Council of Labour and Defence adopted a resolution establishing watch production in the Soviet Union.

The First Watch Factory of the Soviet Union was built in 1930 with incredible speed. It was a priority for the Soviet government, which invested huge resources and enlisted the best watchmakers. In just a few years, the country launched the development and production of its own lines and models of watches rivalling the best world brands in terms of design and quality.

The project was an impressive success. In the period before World War II, the First Watch Factory rolled out aviator watches, stopwatches, navigator wristwatches with stopwatch function, car watches, marine chronographs, deck watches and other devices.

Sturmanskie, meaning navigator's watch in Russian, was launched in 1949. Those timepieces were made under a special Soviet Air Force order and were not available to the public. They were awarded to combat pilots along with their diplomas upon their graduation from flight school. At the end of each pilot's service, a special commission decided whether he deserved to keep the watch as an Order for Services to the Fatherland. The unique design of the watch helped pilots to synchronise their actions in squadron and perform complex joint manoeuvres with precision.



FIRST IN SPACE

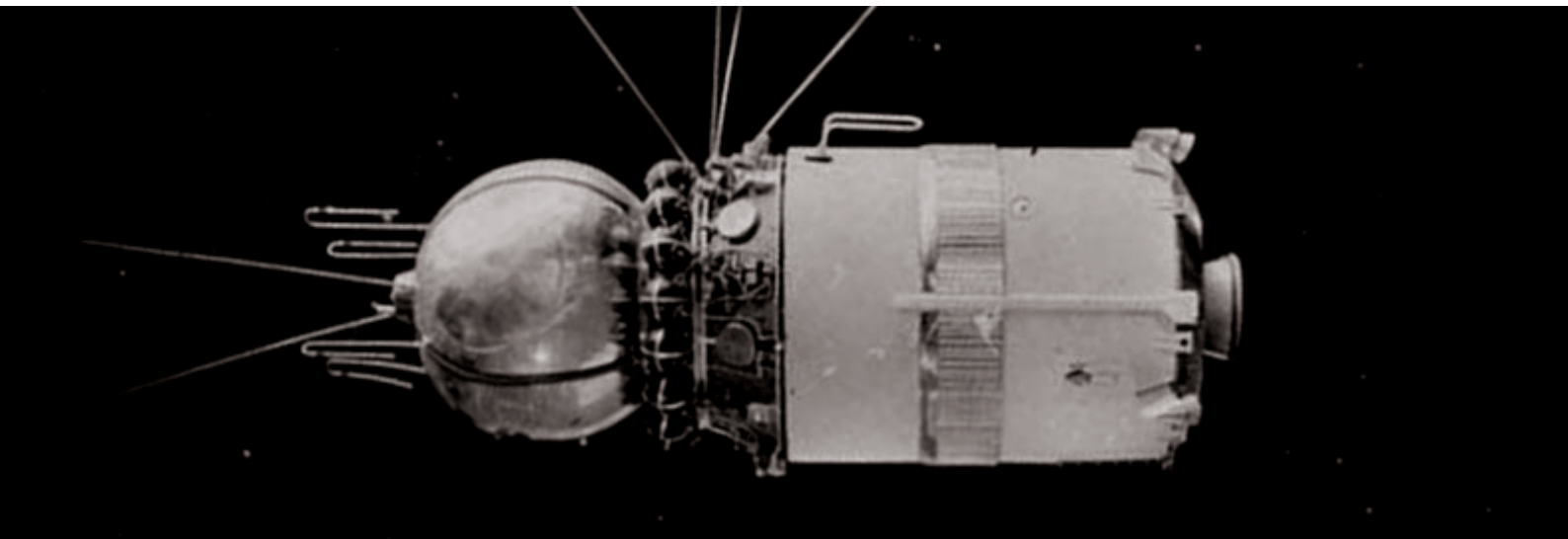


On 12 April 1961, Yuri Gagarin made the first ever space flight wearing a specially made Sturmanskie watch that functioned flawlessly even in zero gravity. Later, that legendary watch was donated to the factory museum.

In 1963, the first woman cosmonaut, Valentina Tereshkova, flew into space also wearing Sturmanskie.

Sturmanskie has been the official watch of Soviet and Russian cosmonauts since 1961, for its dependability in difficult situations and its ability to withstand the rigors of zero gravity, as well as exposure to extreme magnetic fields, vibrations and temperatures.

Looking back at this model now, we appreciate the historical and aesthetic value of its design. In replicating it today in new proportions, we strove to preserve the most recognisable design elements as best we can out of respect for the original model.





AVAILABLE ON EARTH



We have developed the limited edition Gagarin Legacy collection. The series includes five watch models in cases made of 904L steel, which is widely used in the high-tech, space and chemical industries where corrosion resistance is critical. It is incredibly durable, perfectly polished and retains its original beauty even in extreme conditions.



CONCEPT



Its Russian-made movement – the 2609 – is mechanical with manual winding.

The watch case, now 40 mm wide, simple and minimalist at first glance, possesses its own recognisable elegance. Its classic lugs, bent down, make the case very ergonomic and comfortable to wear.

The vintage-shaped spherical sapphire glass with two radius makes the case visually slimmer. The simple watch case is at the same time remarkably harmonious. Its military shape is softened by the ergonomic curved lugs and, most importantly, by the spherical glass.



The thin bezel reveals the dial face, also sphere-shaped, as if retracing the glass. The clear and legible minute scale extends beyond the visible area of the dial, emphasising the elegance of the bezel. The digit scale on the dial is a distinctive feature of this model; its design has not changed since the very first Gagarin series.

The austere, long, curved hands complete the design of the watch and the collection while keeping the piece very functional. The conical crown with convenient notches replicates the original model design. The 2022 limited edition is made of 904L steel; each case is individually numbered and stamped STEEL 904 on the back of a lug.



DESCRIPTION



One of the four types of watch dial in the series bears a volumetric miniature of Yuri Gagarin. The shades of the luminous material used for the hands and dials complements the corresponding cases: green ocher and grey for the bronze case. The articulated, austere hands filled with a luminescent substance also echo the original

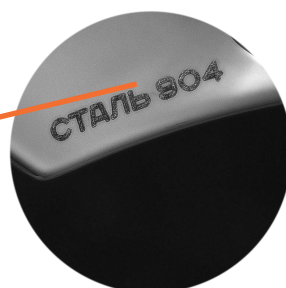
Only the long, curved seconds hand is bright red, as is the five-pointed star on the dial.

The crowns have a conical shape and convex spherical tops that complement the curve of the front glass. The notches on the crowns are large enough for ease of use, and at the same time, due to their smoothed edges, they do not cause discomfort during winding.

The digit scale on the dial carefully repeats the indices of the very first, Gagarin's Sturmanskie. The indices are applied using relief printing with luminous material, with a thin contrasting border.



As is traditional for this collection, the watches back covers bear engraved images of the first man in space, Yuri Gagarin, as well as deep-etched commemorative inscriptions that read "THE FIRST WATCH IN SPACE" and the watches number in the series. STEEL 904 is carved on the back of a lug.





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2609/9045921 B

light grey semi-matte with volumetric
luminescent indices, ocher with black edging,
volumetric image of Yuri Gagarin



2609/9045921

light grey semi-matte with volumetric
luminescent indices, ocher with black
contrasting border, volumetric image of Yuri
Gagarin



2609 9045922

light yellow semi-gloss with complete
digit scale, luminescent indices, ocher
with black contrasting border



2609/9045923

grey with grainy texture and blue luminous
indices with black border



2609/9045924

matte white with luminescent indices,
ocher with black border

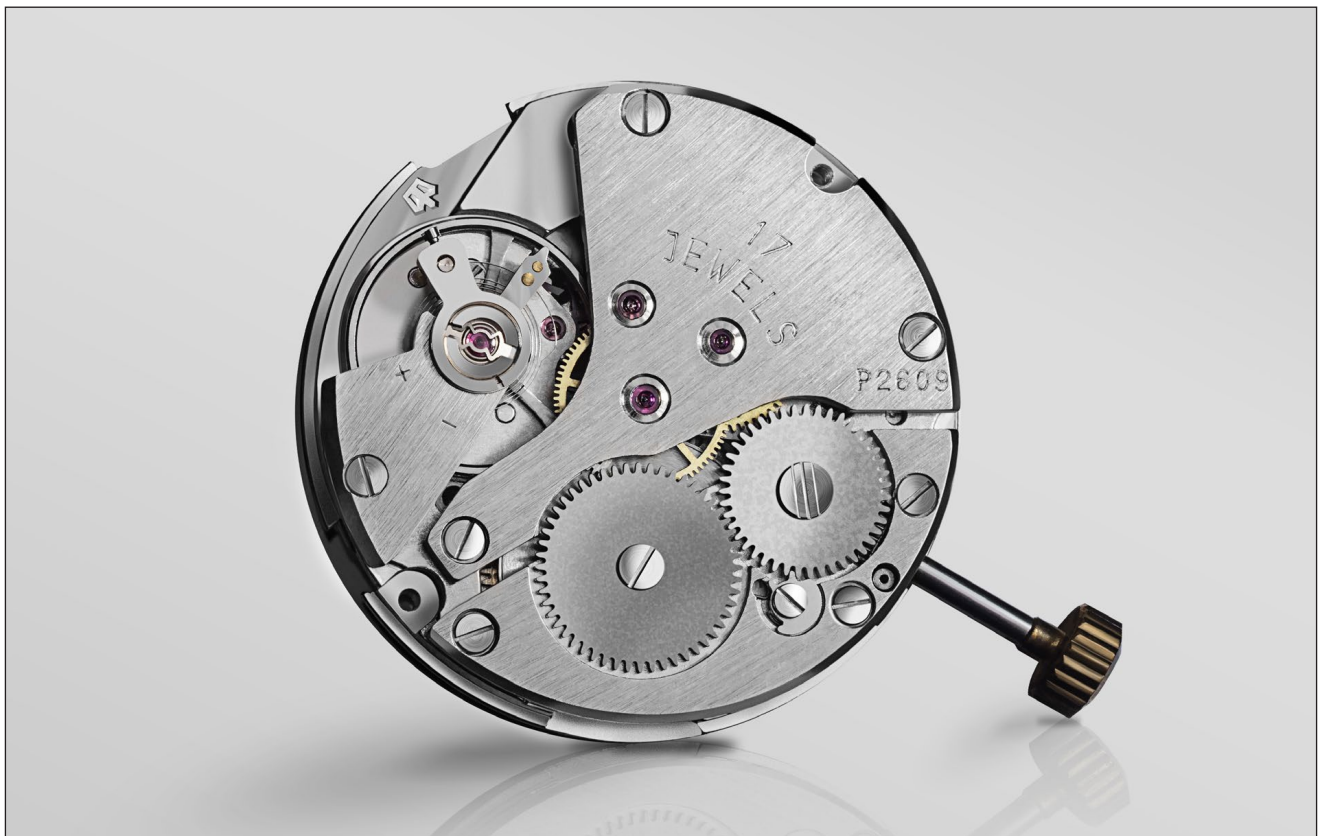


2609/9045925

matte black, grey luminous indices with
white border



SPECIFICATIONS



MOVEMENT 2609, mechanical, hand-wound, made in Russia

FUNCTIONS Hours, minutes, seconds

CASE The case is made of 904L STEEL with matte finish, and a spherical sapphire glass. Diameter 40 mm, water resistance 50 m. The back cover is decorated with an engraved image of Yuri Gagarin. 904L is widely used in the high-tech, space and chemical industries where corrosion resistance is critical. It is incredibly durable, perfectly polished and retains its original beauty even in extreme conditions.

WATCH DIAL OPTIONS Light grey semi-matte, light yellow semi-matte, grey with grainy texture, matte white, matte black

STRAP Genuine leather. Model 2609/9045921B has a bracelet

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