Your Christopher Ward watch has been designed and engineered by highly talented craftspeople to ensure not only accurate and precise timekeeping but also to bring a real pride of ownership that only luxury items of the highest quality can ever hope to deliver.

You have made an investment, a good one, and the aim of this handbook is to help you make the most of that investment during what I hope will be a lifetime of ownership.

Christopher Ward

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"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few" is how Winston Churchill described the events of 1940 when the courageous (and few in number) pilots of the Royal Air Force and Allied countries changed the course of the Second World War by defeating the numerically superior Luftwaffe in the Battle of Britain.

Victory would not have been achieved, however, without a fighter plane that has subsequently become one of the most iconic flying machines in aviation history, the Supermarine Spitfire. Designed by the aeronautical engineer, R J Mitchell, the Spitfire was an all-metal monoplane with a monocoque body, thin elliptical wings and from the Mark II onwards, the equally iconic Rolls-Royce Merlin engine.

Only the 14th Spitfire (of 11,989) to have been built at Supermarine’s Castle Bromwich “shadow” factory in Birmingham, ‘P7350’ entered into service in August 1940 with 266 Squadron at Wittering and Hornchurch at the height of the battle. It was one of 13 MK IIa Spitfires that were then transferred to 603 (City of Edinburgh) AuxAF Squadron at Hornchurch on 17 October 1940, to replace the Squadron’s older MK Is.

We are honoured to present a watch that contains a piece of original Duralumin from the only remaining Spitfire to have flown in the battle.
Clockwise from top left:

An original Duralumin panel from P7350’s cockpit is laser cut in the lab.

Johannes Jahnke carefully preparing the historic metal to allow us to incorporate a medallion into the backplate of each of the 75 pieces of this special limited edition.

Calibre SH21, for the first time in hand-wound execution, is fitted within the C8 case.

The Duralumin panel is treated with the utmost precision at our Swiss atelier in Biel.

Bottom L–R:

The Duralumin medallion is fitted into the backplate and every component is carefully quality checked by hand.
‘P7350’ is today part of the RAF’s Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) and it was during their 2008 restoration that our historic metal partner, TMB Art Metal, was able to directly acquire a piece of original Duralumin, namely her main spar plus various pieces of outer skinning.

That metal was then processed and laser-cut by Johannes Jahnke and his team at our Swiss atelier in Biel, to form discs to fit within the backplate of the C8 P7350 Chronometer. Working closely with our watchmakers, the quality manager and deploying our in-house Calibre SH21 in, for the first time, a hand-wound execution, the production of the C8 P7350 Chronometer is a process of which we are justifiably proud. Every component piece has been brought to life meticulously, by hand, and with the attention to detail deserved by such an important object.
C8 P7350 CHRONOMETER
LIMITED EDITION

In partnership with TMB Art Metal we are proud to present a limited edition watch that contains a piece of original Duralumin from the only remaining airworthy Spitfire to have flown in the battle of Britain – P7350.

The design of the 44mm watch is based on the Smith Mk IIa clock that was used in the Supermarine Spitfire’s cockpit, including a careful matching of the original index fonts and colours and the black, anti-reflective case. The SuperLuminova SLN C5 and T-C1 paints used emit blue and green emissions respectively.

The reverse of the watch reveals a piece of metal from P7350’s cockpit protected by highly scratch-resistant, museum grade sapphire crystal. A silhouette of the plane’s plan has been precision cut into the metal showing the registration and elliptical wing formation to great effect.

Such an important watch demanded an important movement. Therefore, powering the C8 P7350 is a small-second, hand-wound version of Christopher Ward’s ground-breaking in-house movement, Calibre SH21. As well as providing 120 hours of power via SH21’s twin barrels, each movement is a certified chronometer through COSC, further testifying to its quality and accuracy.

The P7350 Chronometer is made available in a small manufacturing run of only 75 pieces adding immeasurably to its significance and desirability.
SUPERMARINE SPITFIRE P7350 (Mk Ila) BATTLE OF BRITAIN EDITION

266 SQUADRON

21 CHRONOMETER

SWISS MADE 000
FEATURES

- Swiss made
- Limited edition of only 75 pieces
- 27 jewel in-house hand-wound mechanical chronometer with historic metal from Supermarine Spitfire P7350 embedded into backplate
- In-house Calibre SH21 automatic movement by Johannes Jahnke
- COSC-certified chronometer
- Twin barrel construction in series connection
- 120 hr power reserve
- Small seconds sub-dial
- Hand finished marine grade stainless steel case with PVD black coating
- Diamond shaped aviator crown
- Museum grade anti-reflective sapphire crystal
- Smith’s cockpit clock inspired dial and hands
- Two colour SuperLuminova indexes with blue and green emissions
- Premium quality leather strap with CW motif buckle
- Deluxe box and owner’s handbook and Certificate of Authentication

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Diameter: 44mm
Height: 12.3mm
Calibre: SH21 COSC
Vibrations: 28,800 per hour
Case: 316L stainless steel (PVD)
Water Resistance: 5 BAR / 50 metres
Strap: 22mm Leather
To gain chronometer status, watchmakers submit their Swiss movements to COSC, an independent, non-profit making watch accuracy verification organisation based in Geneva, to be tested against the international standards of ISO and DIN.

Certification follows exhaustive testing. In achieving the coveted status of Certified Chronometer, a movement must not only be made from the highest quality components, but also be the object of special care on the part of the finest horologists and technicians as it is painstakingly assembled.

Only movements which meet the precision criteria are granted an official certificate. Each uncased movement is individually tested for fifteen days, in five positions, at three different temperatures. Movements are fitted with a second hand for tests and measurements are made daily with the aid of cameras. Based on all of these measurements, seven eliminatory criteria are calculated, each of which must be met.

The exacting and rigorous nature of the COSC certification process means that the achievement of Certified Chronometer status is extremely rare. In fact, of all the watches produced in Switzerland each year, just 3% bear the coveted COSC ‘bulletin de marche’ or certificate of watch performance. Which is why, when you read the words ‘Certified Chronometer’ on a Swiss watch you can be sure that the movement behind the elegant dial is a rare example of fine Swiss watchmaking which is accurate, precise... and extremely rare.
HOW TO OPERATE YOUR C8 CHRONOMETER

DISPLAY ELEMENTS

Minute hand
Hour hand
60 second counter

CONTROL BUTTONS

Crown
SETTING THE TIME

• To set the time pull out the crown gently into position 2. This position is used for handsetting, and stopping of the second hand. Turn the crown until you reach the correct time e.g. 13.38 hr.

• Push the crown back into position 1 and the crown should sit flush to the case.

WINDING THE WATCH

• Position 1 is for winding. Your C8 Chronometer has a 120 hr maximum power reserve when fully wound. To re-power the watch after a period of non-use, simply wind the crown carefully in a clockwise direction until resistance is felt.
WATER RESISTANCE

Although your watch has been through vigorous static pressure testing, it is worth remembering that there are many variables that can affect the water resistance of your watch.

For instance, arm movements during swimming and the sudden impact of diving and water sports will drastically increase the pressure the watch is under. Wearing your watch in the bath, shower, or sauna can also have an effect as a rapid increase in temperature can cause seals to expand and in extreme cases, malfunction or create condensation.

For these reasons, the water resistance rating of your watch (as shown) should only ever be considered a guideline and we strongly recommend they are always adhered to.

1 BAR (10 METRES)
Safe to wear your watch while washing your hands with tap water.

3 BAR (30 METRES)
Washing your car and/or general hose pipe usage.

5 BAR (50 METRES)
Water resistant to most household shower units.

10 BAR (100 METRES)
Safe to use while snorkelling in open water.

30 BAR (300 METRES)
Ideal for experienced divers and those practising scuba-diving.

50 BAR (500 METRES)
Professional divers, experiencing prolonged exposure underwater.

100 BAR (1000 METRES)
Professional deep sea diving.
YOUR WATCH CARE PROGRAMME

Christopher Ward’s 60/60 Guarantee is designed to deliver you complete peace of mind and the best support possible throughout the lifetime of your ownership. The guarantee has two key elements and sits alongside our Servicing and Repairs Programme:

60/60 GUARANTEE
1. 60 DAY FREE RETURNS
Our success depends on you being completely happy with your new Christopher Ward watch. You have up to 60 days to return your watch, absolutely free of charge, and receive a replacement or full refund by return – so long as it has not been worn and is returned in box-perfect condition.

2. 60 MONTH MOVEMENT GUARANTEE
Your watch, at its heart, has a top quality precision engineered Swiss movement – so it’s very unlikely to give you problems with the minimum amount of care and attention, including a regular service. We recommend you return your watch to us every 3/4 years for a service, so our expert technicians can keep your fine timepiece in peak condition.

SERVICING & REPAIRS...
THE CHRISTOPHER WARD WAY...
Our innovative approach to servicing and repairing your Christopher Ward watch means that having your watch serviced or repaired doesn’t mean months of waiting followed by an exorbitant bill – which is more or less the experience guaranteed by every other luxury watch brand. We have developed an easy, quick and affordable expert service and repairs programme that doesn’t cost the earth and has your watch back where it belongs – on your wrist – in double-quick time.

Your watch is constructed from the finest components and materials available, including one of Switzerland’s finest mechanical movements. As with all watches of this quality, with the right care and attention, your new Christopher Ward watch has the potential to become an heirloom piece giving further joy to future generations. It’s for this reason we have created our industry leading approach to after-sales care, starting with our famous 60/60 Guarantee which remains the most comprehensive guarantee in the world of watchmaking.

Visit our website for more details about our 60/60 Guarantee and Service and Repair Programme.
From small beginnings just a few short years ago (our first workshop was actually a refurbished chicken shed!), Christopher Ward has won a worldwide following for his eponymous watch brand and can justifiably claim to manufacture the most affordable luxury watches in the world.

For many, the philosophy behind the brand, of trying to put luxury watches within the reach of everyone, is as attractive as the watches themselves, as is the very open approach of the business which means that Chris and the team spend a lot of time communicating personally with customers – many of whom have become friends.

As the owner of a Christopher Ward watch, if ever you need to get hold of us we are at your service. We have listed some useful contact details on the back cover.

There is also always something new going on at our website at www.christopherward.co.uk and, if you haven’t already discovered the independent forum dedicated to our brand at www.christopherwardforum.com we would recommend a visit. Informative and fun, it’s a great place to hear the unexpurgated view of Christopher Ward of London!