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Orient Star Launches the Inaugural Sakigake Design Project Model, Exploring New Expressions of Beauty

Orient Star has launched the Sakigake Design Project under its *Joy of Discovery* brand statement, established to mark the brand's 75th anniversary. *Sakigake*, which means "forerunner" in Japanese, reflects the project's spirit of innovation and exploration of new aesthetics.

The project's inaugural release consists of Three Hand models from the Contemporary Collection, embodying the design concept of "supple strength" available in three regular models and a limited-edition model of 900 pieces.



Pioneering new values and possibilities, Three Hand is a model at the forefront of its time, guided by the design project's theme that constantly evolves to reflect the modern era.

Three Hand incorporates a bold, innovative design that clearly sets it apart from previous creations, from the dial and case to the metal bracelet. These watches express both fluidity and power through a modern and stylish design, while Japanese aesthetics are pursued through Orient Star's creativity and craftsmanship.

The case, measuring 38.7 mm in diameter and 11.8 mm in thickness for a comfortable fit, features a uniquely designed set of lugs that connect to the metal bracelet. These lugs are deeply grooved, with the lines flowing seamlessly into those of the bracelet on either side, as if drawn in a single continuous stroke. The resulting form combines dramatic contrasts of light and shadow with sweeping curves that flow from the case into the bracelet. Echoing the elegant silhouette of a traditional Japanese *yumi* bow, it captures the essence of "supple strength".

In keeping with the design theme, both the bracelet and buckle have been newly developed. The distinctive metal bracelet features rounded centre links and H-links that connect seamlessly to create a soft, three-dimensional form with a refined sense of solidity, while the slim, short trifold deployant buckle with push-button release integrates harmoniously with the bracelet. The integrated design of the case and bracelet made of high-quality stainless steel (SUS316L) delivers not only visual elegance but also exceptional comfort.

The design concept of "supple strength" continues on the dial. By deliberately omitting Orient Star's iconic power reserve indicator, the dial achieves a refined simplicity. Newly designed indices feature petal-like faceted surfaces with a soft, organic character, while skeleton hands echo their elegant form, creating a dignified and understated beauty. Featuring a sunburst finish and thick clear coating, the regular models come in three dial colours: standard silver, light blue and gold. The limited-edition model is presented with a copper tone dial, with limited edition and serial number engraved on the sapphire crystal see-through caseback.

Three Hand is equipped with the new automatic in-house calibre F7542 which omits both the power reserve and calendar displays. Visible from the see-through caseback, the new movement offers stable accuracy of +15 seconds to -5 seconds per day, coupled with over 50 hours of power reserve. With its minimal design and new mechanism, Three Hand has been reimagined as the perfect everyday watch. Orient Star's distinctive design philosophy is

reflected throughout, resulting in a model that reveals a new dimension of appeal in mechanical watchmaking.



RE-BQ0001G



RE-BQ0002L



RE-BQ0003S



RE-BQ0004Y



■See-through caseback with Orient Star 75th Anniversary, limited edition and serial number engravings. (RE-BQ0004Y)

About Orient Star

For 75 years since its establishment in 1951, Orient Star has embodied an unwavering spirit of exploration and a desire to create watches that are like shining stars. Drawing on traditional

craftsmanship applied to mechanical watches, original designs, refined and elegant colour expressions, and in-house mechanical movements, Orient Star continues to deliver unique, made-in-Japan watches to the world.

Joy of Discovery – Orient Star unearths new discoveries in creativity, technology, and beauty.

A Short History

- 1951 Orient Star is created.
- 1957 Orient Star Dynamic* is launched with hour, minute, and second hands on the central axis of the watch.
- 1971 The 46 series movement is created, combining both practicality and high accuracy. This formed the base movement of the Orient Star and Orient brand for 50 years.
- 1991 Mon Bijou* is launched, a skeleton model of high-quality and aesthetic appeal.
- 1996 The power reserve indicator, now an iconic feature of the brand, is integrated into the design.
- 2017 Orient Watch Co. Ltd. merges with [Seiko Epson Corporation](#), a company with a strong watchmaking heritage and focus on precision engineering. Both organisations share a vision for innovation and high-quality design and craftsmanship creating a strong foundation for the future growth of Orient Star.
- 2017 Mechanical Moon Phase, a cosmic timekeeper is launched as a symbol of this new collaboration. This marks a new era of watchmaking for Orient Star brand.
- 2021 The Skeleton is launched mounted with an in-house developed silicon escape wheel for longer power reserve and beauty, incorporating design inspired by the vast universe.
- 2026 Orient Star celebrates its 75th anniversary. A limited edition M34 F8 Date with a meteorite dial is launched bringing the profound mysteries of the universe closer.

*Currently not for sale.

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— Product Specifications —

Collection	Contemporary Collection			
Model name	Three Hand			
Reference	RE-BQ0001G	RE-BQ0002L	RE-BQ0003S	RE-BQ0004Y
Movement	Automatic (with hand winding) mechanical in-house calibre F7542			

Power reserve	Over 50 hours			
Accuracy	+15 seconds ~ -5 seconds per day			
Case material	Stainless steel (SUS316L)			
Case size	Height 47.0 mm / width 38.7 mm / thickness 11.8 mm			
Caseback	—			Limited edition and serial number engraving
Glass	Front: dual curved sapphire crystal (AR coating), back: sapphire crystal			
Bracelet	Stainless steel (SUS316L) / trifold deployant buckle with push button / width 20 mm			
Colour of dial	Gold	Light blue	Silver	Copper
Limited edition	—			900 pieces
Other features	Water resistance to 10 bar (100 m), second hand hacking, 22 jewels, see-through exhibition caseback			

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