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## **Orient Star Launches M34 F8 Skeleton Hand Winding Model to Commemorate its 75th Anniversary**

Orient Star has released a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary M34 F8 Skeleton Hand Winding model, limited to 430 pieces, as part of its Contemporary Collection M34. The dial design, inspired by the Perseid meteor shower and featuring a cutting-edge skeleton movement with new meteorite-like finish, awakens a romantic fascination and intellectual curiosity about the universe.



Established in 1951 with a desire to create mechanical timepieces worthy of being called “shining stars”, Orient Star now draws inspiration from the universe - the origin of time itself – to present M Collections, designed on the theme of nebulae and star clusters. The M34 F8 Skeleton Hand Winding, launched in 2022 as the first skeleton model in the Contemporary Collection, expresses the profound universe through unique designs. The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary limited-edition model takes this worldview to greater depths.

The defining characteristic of the commemorative 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary M34 F8 Skeleton Hand Winding model is its distinctive two-tone design. The ring-shaped openwork dial with Roman numerals and indices features a new black and grey gradation with matte finish. The middle case made of high-quality stainless steel (SUS316L), and short-pitched metal bracelet, are finished with black plating. These black elements expressing the darkness of outer space provide a point of contrast to the bright steel-coloured bezel, caseback and crown, further accentuating the watch’s design.

The in-house movement powering these new models also incorporates special specifications. Based on hand winding calibre F8B61 – which features a silicon escape wheel with state-of-the-art MEMS technology, high accuracy of +15 to –5 seconds per day, and power reserve of 70 hours – the new calibre F8B65 builds on this foundation with a new meteorite-like finish on the dial and caseback, achieved through advanced laser processing technology, to create an intricate crystalline pattern that gives the impression of an actual meteorite being integrated into the watch. Other intricately designed details, such as the comet-shaped balance bridge with two characteristic tails, silicon escape wheel reminiscent of the Milky Way galaxy’s spiral, and movement with meteorite-like finish, further spark intellectual curiosity.

The limited-edition M34 F8 Skeleton Hand Winding model, which explores the imagery of outer space in greater depth, is engraved with the words “Orient Star 75th Anniversary” and serial number on the caseback, and comes with a black cordovan leather strap and deployant buckle with push button. The limited-edition model with special specifications is a masterpiece that is sure to intrigue collectors and enthusiasts alike.



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■ Movement with meteorite-like finish can be viewed through the sapphire crystal glass. (RE-AZ0105N)



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



## About M Collections (design collection)

M Collections draws on Greek mythology themes as well as nebulae and star clusters. While retaining the lineup of Classic, Contemporary and Sports, the M Collections offers higher quality timepieces not only for watch enthusiasts but also for those seeking finer things in life.

The Classic Collection M45 named after the Pleiades is composed with designs expressing the eternal flow of time and consists of universal iconic Orient Star models. The Contemporary Collection M34, inspired by the cluster of stars of Perseus, known for its annual Perseid meteor shower, is a collection with sharp, powerful, cutting-edge designs that are ahead of their time and consists of models that can be worn for a wide range of occasions. Meanwhile, high performance divers' watches backed by advanced technology and history take centre stage in the Sports Collection M42, named after Orion, who is said to be the son of Poseidon, ancient Greek god of the sea. This collection is characterised by functionality and wearing comfort, making it suited for active lifestyles.

## 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 (M34)
Model name	M34 F8 Skeleton Hand Winding
Reference	RE-AZ0105N
Movement	Hand winding mechanical in-house calibre F8B65
Power reserve	Over 70 hours
Accuracy	+15 seconds ~ -5 seconds per day
Case material	Stainless steel (SUS316L), black plated (excluding bezel and crown)
Case size	Height 46.5 mm / width 39.0 mm / thickness 10.8 mm
Caseback	Orient Star 75th Anniversary, limited edition and serial number engraving
Glass	Front: dual curved sapphire crystal (SAR coating), back: sapphire crystal
Bracelet	Stainless steel (SUS316L, black plated) / trifold deployant buckle with push button / width 20 mm / exchangeable cordovan leather strap (black)
Colour of dial	Grey gradation
Limited Edition	430 pieces
Other features	Water resistance to 5 bar (50 m), power reserve indicator, second hand hacking, 22 jewels, see-through exhibition case back

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