

Introducing **Raketa** Re-launches The Iconic Big Zero Watch

With the new Big Zero, Raketa dusts off one its most emblematic watches.

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Everything in life, including time itself, starts from zero. That is a given fact, and exactly what is at the heart of one of the most classic, emblematic watches from [Raketa](https://monochrome-watches.com/category/raketa/) (<https://monochrome-watches.com/category/raketa/>). The Raketa Big Zero features a literal big zero at the top of the dial, instead of the more common 12. And for good reason too, as every hour of every day basically starts with zero. This humble-looking watch dates back to the Soviet Union era, but the simple yet striking design is now brought back to life. This is the new Raketa Big Zero.



Starting every hour at zero, and not with the far more common twelve, actually makes quite a bit of sense. After all, just like I said in the intro, pretty much everything starts at zero. Speed, time, distance, it all begins from a standstill, i.e. zero. It also takes away nothing from the ability to tell time with a mechanical watch. It can still be read at a glance, especially in such a legible design like this. But before we move into the details of the dial, let's go through the Big Zero's exterior first.



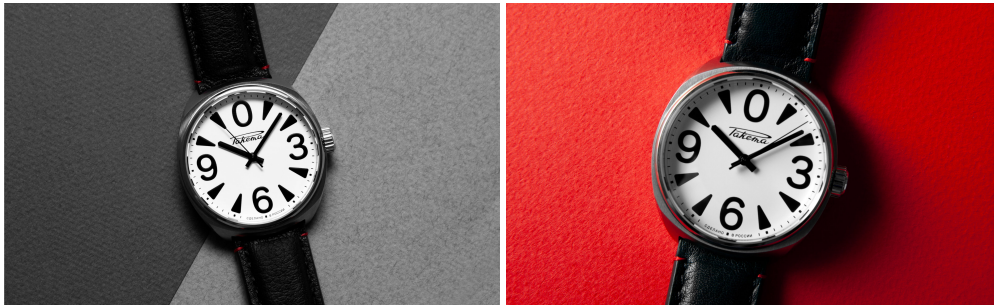
The overall design of the case is new, and at just 40mm across the Big Zero is relatively compact. The cushion-shaped case shows a mix of brushed and polished surfaces, topped with a stepped bezel. A sapphire crystal on the front and a mineral crystal caseback protects the dial and movement. The crown is set with a synthetic ruby, a link to Raketa's gem-cutting origins from 300 years ago.



The dial is as simple as can be, and you probably either love it or hate it. The iconic Big Zero design shows very large numerals at the 3/6/9/12 positions, with the signature zero on top of course. This is combined with large triangular indices for the remaining hours and a minute track around the circumference of the dial. The hands are blackened, keeping in check with the rest of the black-and-white theme. It is a pure display, one with minimal yet functional aesthetics.




The movement used inside the Raketa Big Zero is the in-house produced Calibre 2615. This is the same movement we've seen in the [Avant-Garde](https://monochrome-watches.com/raketa-avant-garde-limited-edition-0279-review-price/) (<https://monochrome-watches.com/raketa-avant-garde-limited-edition-0279-review-price/>) and [Copernicus](https://monochrome-watches.com/introducing-2021-raketa-copernicus-limited-edition-specs-price/) (<https://monochrome-watches.com/introducing-2021-raketa-copernicus-limited-edition-specs-price/>). Limited Editions and is manufactured in [Raketa's St. Petersburg factory](https://monochrome-watches.com/just-because-why-toothbrushes-are-so-important-in-russian-watchmaking-raketa/) (<https://monochrome-watches.com/just-because-why-toothbrushes-are-so-important-in-russian-watchmaking-raketa/>). It runs at a frequency of 18,000vph and uses 24 jewels. The power reserve is 40 hours, and it will indicate the hours, minutes and seconds. The red rotor is decorated with Neva waves and Raketa-branding printed in white.





The newly revamped Raketa Big Zero is worn on a black leather strap with red stitching and lining, and a steel pin buckle. It retails for **EUR 958** (excl. VAT), with worldwide delivery to your door free of charge.


For more information, please visit [Raketa.com \(https://raketa.com/w/en\)](https://raketa.com/w/en).


TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS – RAKETA BIG ZERO

 **Case:** 40mm diameter – stainless steel case – sapphire crystal on top – mineral glass crystal caseback – ruby stone set in the crown – 100m water-resistant

 **Dial:** white base dial – triangular indices and oversized numerals in black – Raketa-logo in vintage font – black hour, minute and seconds hands – black minute track

 **Movement:** Calibre 2615, in-house made in Saint-Petersburg – automatic winding – 24 jewels – 18,000vph – 40h power reserve – tested in 4 positions with an average rate of -10/+20 seconds/day – hours, minutes, seconds – red-coloured rotor with laser-engraving

 **Strap:** Black leather strap with red stitching and lining – stainless steel pin buckle

 **Price:** EUR 958 excl. taxes