

Introducing the Ollech & Wajs OW 350CI

Ollech & Wajs Zürich is pleased to announce the release of a new heritage-inspired field watch, the OW 350CI.

The OW 350CI is the result of a collaboration with the Atelier Zevaco, a vintage motorcycle restoration workshop based in Zürich. The collaboration resulted from a meeting between enthusiasts of old mechanics at the 2019 le Mans Classic. The idea to collaborate around the restoration of an iconic Swiss vintage motorcycle, the Condor 350, naturally emerged.

The aim of each restoration project undertaken by the Atelier Zevaco is to preserve original functionalities, and to respect the original philosophy that led the design of the motorcycles. "Factory knows best" is the motto applied to each project, guiding both technical and aesthetic choices.

Of both Swiss and military heritage, with reversed gearbox controls, the Condor 350 is an iconic motorcycle for all those who did their military service in Switzerland in the 1970s and 80s. It has a Ducati engine in a Swiss body assembly. Designed to be durable and easier to maintain, the Condor 350 was a dispatch and escort motorcycle that could carry rifles and other military equipment. It is still loved and used by many collectors and motorcycle enthusiasts.

For this collaboration, the Atelier Zevaco undertook the restoration of a 1977 Condor 350. While retaining its military and utilitarian appearance, quality materials were chosen for its restoration. The saddle is handmade by René Wenger, Zürich based saddler, in oak colored oiled Spanish vegetable leather. Touches of gold and yellow were added to contrast with a khaki frame. The motorcycle has undergone a complete restoration, while remaining faithful to its original qualities, to its spirit, retaining its patina and soul.

Ollech & Wajs Zürich was founded to manufacture high quality, modern and durable Swiss mechanics with functional, simple, and timeless designs. Ollech & Wajs Zürich released one of the very first 1000m waterproof diver's watches in 1964, its Astrochron was worn by three key NASA figures, and its M65 was adopted by many American troops during the Vietnam War.

The OW 350CI is a left-handed mechanical field watch developed with the same philosophy. Its name and design refer to the Condor 350 and its inverted controls (commandes inversées). Its khaki dial has yellow indexes to respect military color codes. It is also equipped with a 300m waterproof case, a 12h rotating bezel in stainless steel, and a 2824-2 ETA movement adjusted in 5 positions. The OW 350CI is a tool watch that can be worn in any condition. It can be put on the left wrist to avoid damaging its oversized crown during a dive, a mission, or when practicing motorsports.

The OW 350CI will be available for CHF 1146 on September 26th on our website www.ow-watch.ch and at authorized Ollech & Wajs distributors. The first 56 OW 350CI sold will be numbered on their crown.

Specifications

REFERENCE: OW 350CI

YEAR: 2021

DIMENSIONS: 39.56 mm X 12.5 mm

CASE: brushed 316L stainless steel, screwed bottom, screwed crown, rotating steel bezel 12h.
Made in the Swiss Jura

GLASS: sapphire with anti-reflective treatment

CADRANT: hands and indexes in Super-LumiNova®.

WATERPROOFING: 300m/ 30atm

MOVEMENT: automatic ETA 2824-2 OW5P, 28,800 bph, with a power reserve of +/- 38 h.
Engraved main plate Ollech & Wajs Zurich 1956, and machined rotor OW

ORIGIN: more than 90% Swiss Made, excluding belts and packaging

BRACELET: 20mm wide, leather and natural linen, Italian origin

PACKAGING: leather from Great Britain, Italian kraft paper

WARRANTY: 3 years against any manufacturing defect