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FARER COBB AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH

Just a few years ago, things started out benignly enough – another UK watch brand offering quartz affordability and alt-style kudos. Then the mechanical models arrived, and now the chrono, for not much money – given the price of others from their white-label Swiss maker, Roventa Henex. farer.com; **£1,675**



MEISTERSINGER METRIS

No prizes for a TG reader being able to guess what inspired this design. Although available with sportish red accents, the brand-new Metris is arguably more effective in this softer colourway. Along with that retro oval case shape, this is really lovely stuff. meistersinger.com; **£1,490**



MING 17.03 GMT BURGUNDY

Ming is a new company formed by six passionate Malaysian watch collectors, led by photographer/designer Ming Thein. This could be the purest (and most affordable) distillation of a 24hr GMT feature ever committed to titanium. ming.watch; **CHF1,300 (c. £1,025)**



BALL ENGINEER MASTER II AVIATOR

The expression "on the ball"? Down to Webster Ball – the 19th-century Ohio jeweller whose finely tuned watches kept the booming US railroad on time. Now Swiss-owned, Ball has diverted its affinity for legibility and precision to the similar demands of flight. ballwatch.com; **£1,480**



ORIS DIVERS SIXTY-FIVE WORLD CLEAN UP DAY

Hats off to those makers for stepping up to the plate in the wake of recent alarm over plastic pollution. This one – a jazzy update of Oris's vintage waterbaby – has a strap made of recycled plastic. oris.ch; **£1,550**



SINN 856 ANTIMAGNETIC

Helmut Sinn (a WWII pilot turned rally driver) died in February, aged 101, and the no-nonsense robustness of his brand's latest antimagnetic tool watch is as close a horological emblem of his ridiculously colourful life as you could want. Buy it, wear it, love it. sinn.de; **£1,530**