

“Matroskin the Cat”

The creation of the new wristmon by Konstantin Chaykin is inspired by Russia’s most popular animated character

During a Spring 2025 survey marking Russian Animation Day, Matroskin the Cat emerged as the nation’s favourite animated character, surpassing Cheburashka and Domovenok Kuzya.

Symbolically, 2025 also witnessed the start of a landmark collaboration between the Konstantin Chaykin manufacture and Soyuzmultfilm Animation Studio. This partnership resulted in the launch of the Matroskin Wristmon — a timepiece as charismatic as its literary and animated prototype, created in the early 1970s by writer Eduard Uspensky.

Positive outlook in all circumstances

Master watchmaker Konstantin Chaykin undertook the task of translating the image of the striped talking cat into a wristwatch design with energy, dedication and inventiveness aligned with both his own creative approach and the personality of Matroskin. Each design element is purposefully integrated to reinforce the character theme, ensuring maximum fidelity to the beloved cartoon character.

One of these distinctive elements is the cat’s whiskers, rendered using the guilloché relief decoration technique. They extend from the dial on to the case bezel — a first for the Wristmon collection. The design of the stainless steel case stays true to the animalistic watch theme: the upper case extensions are artfully shaped into the form of Matroskin’s feline ears. In line with other similar models, a single crown is used, which optimises the visual balance and creates a more natural-looking silhouette.

The Matroskin wristmon is especially close to the cartoon character because the cat’s face on the dial is constantly changing.

The character’s eyes serve as time indicators for hours and minutes. A dynamic touch is added by the «lunar smile» — a signature design element. Another important detail is the exclusive collector’s strap, which Konstantin Chaykin designed specifically for this model. He chose to make it leather, but not a classic solid colour — instead, it features stripes, a choice that would be hard to imagine any other way.

As “Matroskin” would approve: high-end mechanics

The Matroskin timepiece is powered by the automatic Caliber K.18-27, developed from the G200 movement. This high-grade automatic winding movement delivers a 68-hour power reserve and is supplied to the Konstantin Chaykin manufacture in a custom execution. The Joker-indication module is fully developed and produced in-facility by Konstantin Chaykin in accordance with the canons of high-end watchmaking. The finishing of its components incorporates traditional Haute Horlogerie techniques.

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Limited edition of 90 pieces.

Technical specifications

Movement:	Caliber K.18-27 with automatic winding
Joker indication module:	Made by Konstantin Chaykin manufacture
	Base movement: La Joux-Perret G200, modified for the Konstantin Chaykin manufacture, diameter 33,4 mm; thickness: 7,9 mm (with module), 28'800 vibrations per hour, 32 jewels (base movement – 24 jewels, module – 8 jewels); power reserve: 68 hours
	Movement finishing: Perlage; straight, radial and circular graining; flat polishing; hand-bevelled and polished chamfers; polishing of screw, pin and jewel countersinks; burnishing of wheel pivots; microbead blasting; and galvanic rhodium and gold plating
	Functions: Joker-indication with disc-type indicators for hours, minutes and moonphases
	Case: Stainless steel, 33 pieces, 40 mm in diameter, 12,15 mm thick, Case back: sapphire crystal window attached with 6 screws
	Dial finishing: Guilloché relief decoration, multi-layer lacquer coating, precision pad printing of markers and logo
	Watch crystals: Front: sapphire crystal with AR-coating, 33 mm in diameter ; Case back: sapphire crystal with AR-coating, 25.5 mm in diameter
	Strap: Exclusive collectible leather strap with a premium leather lining and a classic stainless steel buckle, produced by Konstantin Chaykin manufacture

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