

# ROMAIN JEROME

## MOON DUST-DNA TOURBILLON LECTER

TEXT YEO SUAN FUTT One particular watch comes to mind at the mention of “Moon Watch”, but Romain Jerome’s Moon Dust-DNA has redefined the space watch of our generation — definitive wrist trophies to celebrate space exploration in general, albeit available only to the very select few.

These watches have actual extraterrestrial bits on them — their dials are based on mineral deposits that contain dust from the moon itself — these watches satisfy our lunar fetish more directly than any moonphase watch can.

The Moon Dust-DNA watches are, moreover, very broadly representative of mankind’s achievements and aspirations in space exploration: The 46mm steel and titanium case of each Moon Dust-DNA watch comprises steel from the United States *Apollo XI* spacecraft, while the rusted steel paws has fragments of the former Soviet Union *Soyuz* space shuttle. The strap is partly woven with fibers from an ISS (International Space Station) spacesuit.

The Moon Dust-DNA collection’s melding of spacecraft fragments from the US and the former USSR — old Cold War enemies and post-Cold War allies — does add a warm, hopeful glow to thoughts about cold, dark outer space.

The Moon Dust-DNA Tourbillon Lecter has a manual-wind, one-minute tourbillon movement constructed by BNB, and time is told by a pair of hands with a design that is reminiscent of the ISS’s solar panels. It has a power reserve of 120 hours, and is available in a limited edition of nine pieces.



## MOON DUST-DNA THE TRUTH ABOUT ROSWELL

It began with using metal from the rusted hull of the *Titanic* to fabricate the case: where other brands have looked to weapons and aerospace labs for exotic technologies and materials, Romain Jerome has instead mined our psyche, and put a piece of maritime legend on our wrists, salvaged from its near century-old grave on the ocean floor. Fame or infamy, there simply is no middle way with Romain Jerome watches.

“Legends” continues to be Romain Jerome’s calling card. Its latest, *The Truth About Roswell*, teases the mind with a bottomless pit of speculation and fascination. Were alien autopsies carried out at Roswell? Was the hoax tape a double bluff to conceal the “truth”? Who knows? But adding fuel to the imagination is this watch, with a dial constructed from a mineral structure containing dust from the moon, embedded with little gray men caught under a hail of watch gears.

Like all the other watches from the Moon Dust-DNA collection, *The Truth About Roswell* has fragments from the *Apollo XI* and *Soyuz* spacecraft, and the leather strap is partly woven with fibers from an ISS spacesuit. In a limited edition of nine pieces, the watch features a one-minute tourbillon made by BNB. ★

