NOMOS
GLASHÜTTE

The NOMOS headquarters located in the former train station of Glashütte

NOMOS Glashütte: Facts, figures, identity

1. The NOMOS Glashütte brand

Since 1845, some of the world's finest watches have been made in the Saxon town of Glashütte. NOMOS Glashütte continues this tradition of German precision watchmaking, producing watches for the decades to come, mostly by hand – using high-quality materials, masterful craftsmanship, and knowledge passed down through the generations. Innovative technology and a clear, functional design make every NOMOS watch unique.

With references in both stainless steel and gold, the brand is renowned for its slender and elegant modern timepieces. Tangente is the icon of the NOMOS collection and probably the most well-known mechanical wristwatch made in Germany.

NOMOS Glashütte is Germany’s largest producer of mechanical watches and the market leader in its price category, with a presence in more than 60 countries worldwide.

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2. Bauhaus, Werkbund – and the heritage of Glashütte

NOMOS Glashütte is a member of Deutscher Werkbund and follows the principles of the Bauhaus movement. Unadorned, straightforward, and with a design based on geometric forms, the focus is on utility and quality. The finest materials and meticulous craftsmanship are the hallmarks of this movement, which has redefined the concept of luxury. With this goal in mind, the design, construction, parts production, and watchmaking departments work closely together at NOMOS Glashütte. Through excellence in all areas, exceptionally precise and durable watches are created; exact timekeeping instruments and faithful companions for everyday life.

As is tradition in Glashütte: this small town in the Ore Mountains has been a center of excellence for the art of mechanical watchmaking since the mid-19th century. Engineering and craftsmanship, precision, and a love of detail have been honed here over the decades and are expressed in many of the local caliber features, from the three-quarter plate to Glashütte sunburst. Since 2022, the special features of Glashütte watchmaking have even been protected by law. NOMOS watches are almost entirely produced on site.

3. The company

NOMOS Glashütte is an owner-operated business founded by Roland Schwertner in 1990, directly after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Uwe Ahrendt is the company's CEO. 240 employees work for NOMOS Glashütte, the majority of them in the traditional watchmaking location of Glashütte, where the mechanical movements and watches are made. Other locations include Berlin, New York, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Como in Italy. In 2024, the company's management was awarded the German Federal Cross of Merit for the company's commitment to democracy and openness to the world, as well as for its contribution to the international reputation of Glashütte as a center of fine watchmaking.

4. The mechanical calibers

NOMOS Glashütte produces all 13 of its calibers in-house in Glashütte, which includes both automatic and hand-wound movements. The company owns several patents; for the date mechanism of DUW 6101 and the power reserve display of DUW 4401, for example.

It is extremely rare for a watch company to produce its own escapement – the assembly of escape wheel, pallet fork, balance and balance spring that regulates the watch's rate – as NOMOS Glashütte does. The escapement is the heart of every watch, and at NOMOS Glashütte it is called the NOMOS swing system. When it was introduced in 2014, this component made NOMOS Glashütte independent in terms of technology as well.

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The NOMOS swing system also powers the company's neomatik calibers: DUW 3001, DUW 6101 (with a date display), and DUW 3202 (with worldtime and 24-hour displays). At just 3.2, 3.6, and 4.8 millimeters in height respectively, these automatic calibers are exceptionally slim. The abbreviation DUW stands for NOMOS Glashütte Deutsche Uhrenwerke and highlights the company's credentials as a caliber manufacturer. A caliber bearing this designation was designed in Glashütte, in accordance with the local traditions of fine watchmaking, using modern in-house technology.

The NOMOS swing system with a blue balance spring

5. The watch models

The iconic Tangente model is a consistently functional and straightforward watch that has always been one of the brand's bestsellers. The sports watch Club, which combines robust functionality with style, has become equally successful.

NOMOS Glashütte's collection consists of 13 model families with more than 100 versions of mechanical timepieces with stainless steel cases. But that is not all: NOMOS Glashütte also introduced gold watches into its core collection in 2013 with the Lux and Lambda models. Since then, select NOMOS models have been elevated in rose, white, and yellow gold – namely Ludwig, Metro, Orion, Tangente, and Tetra.

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All NOMOS watches are powered by in-house calibers; some manual, others automatic. The vast majority of automatic watches from NOMOS Glashütte are equipped with the new neomatik calibers – slender movements of the highest precision, which allow NOMOS to create correspondingly elegant watch models.

Tangente in three sizes and versions

6. Award-winning!

To date, NOMOS Glashütte has won over 180 international prizes and awards for watchmaking and design, such as the Grand Prix d'Horlogerie de Genève, the Red Dot: Best of the Best, the Good Design Award, as well as the Green Good Design Award.

NOMOS Glashütte is proud of its longstanding partnership with Doctors Without Borders and has been supporting the organization since 2012. For over 50 years, Doctors Without Borders has provided medical emergency aid in acute crisis situations: independently, impartially, and regardless of origin, gender, or political affiliation. More than 1.6 million US dollars have already been raised through the sale of over 11,000 watches in several limited editions with distinctive designs.

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