

NOMOS GLASHÜTTE



NOMOS headquarters 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 the knowledge of generations. Innovative technology and a clear, functional design make every NOMOS watch unique. Tangente is the icon of the NOMOS collection and probably the most well-known mechanical wristwatch made in Germany.

No other German manufacturer produces more mechanical watches than NOMOS Glashütte. The watchmaking company is the market leader at a price point of up to 5000 euro and NOMOS watches are sold in over 60 countries worldwide.

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2. Bauhaus, Werkbund—and the legend of Glashütte

NOMOS Glashütte is a member of the Deutscher Werkbund and works according to the principles of the Bauhaus movement. Unadorned, straightforward, and with a design based on geometric forms, the focus is on utility and quality. The best materials and the workmanship 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 hand in hand at NOMOS Glashütte. Through excellence in all areas, exceptionally precise and durable watches are created: exact instruments and faithful companions. As is tradition in Glashütte: the small town in the Ore Mountains has been a center of excellence for the art of 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 the Glashütte sunburst. Since February 2022, the special features of Glashütte watchmaking have even been protected by law. The “Glashütte” designation of origin may only be used if at least 50 percent of the value of the caliber was created in Glashütte. The level of vertical integration for NOMOS calibers is up to 95 percent. This is the only way for the company to maintain full control over quality.

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NOMOS caliber DUW 4601

3. The company

NOMOS Glashütte is owner-operated, a family-run business that was 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 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 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 example for the date mechanism of DUW 6101 and DUW 4601, for a circumferential date display, as well as for a power reserve display. It is extremely rare in the world of fine watchmaking for a company to produce its own escapement as NOMOS Glashütte does—an assembly that consists of an anchor, escape wheel, and balance, which is responsible for the pace of the watch. The escapement is the heart of every watch,

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NOMOS swing system

and at NOMOS Glashütte it is called the NOMOS swing system. When it was introduced in 2014, this component made NOMOS Glashütte technologically independent.

The NOMOS swing system also ticks in 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, this class of automatics is exceptionally slim. The abbreviation DUW stands for NOMOS Glashütte Deutsche Uhrenwerke and highlights the company's credentials as a caliber manufacturer. Every caliber bearing this designation was designed in Glashütte, according to all the rules of traditional craftsmanship, and built with a great deal of care and skill in-house by a NOMOS expert watchmaker.

5. The models

NOMOS Glashütte's collection consists of 13 model families with more than 100 versions of mechanical timepieces with stainless steel cases at a price point of up to 5000 euro. Only the haute horlogerie watches in gold are more expensive. All NOMOS watches are powered by in-house calibers, some manual, some automatic. The vast majority of automatic watches from NOMOS Glashütte are equipped with the new neomatik calibers—efficient, elegantly slender movements, and highly precise, just like the watches they tick inside.

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Prizes and awards

6. Award-winning!

To date, NOMOS Glashütte has won over 170 international prizes and awards for watch-making 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 considers it an award in itself to have cooperated with Doctors Without Borders since 2012. For over 50 years, Doctors Without Borders has been providing medical emergency aid and caring for people in acute crisis situations: independently, impartially, and regardless of origin, gender, or political affiliation. More than 1.4 million euro have already been raised for the emergency aid organization through the sale of over 11,000 watches in several limited editions with distinctive designs.