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JAEGER-LECOULTRE'S REVERSO QUADRIPTYQUE

While I'm far from blasé after 15 years of writing about watches—they will always be my thing—it takes a truly special design to blow my mind. The one I can't stop thinking about these days is the Jaeger-LeCoultre Reverso Hybris Mechanica Calibre 185 Quadriptyque.

Yes, the name is a mouthful (a standard practice for serious watches), but what this timepiece offers is considerably more complex. Not only is it the world's first watch with four faces, but it's also the first that can predict cosmic events like supermoons and eclipses. Jaeger-LeCoultre has taken advantage of Reverso's famous swivel case architecture by utilizing every possible millimeter to fit 11 complications (watch speak for any function beyond telling time). There's also a perpetual calendar, a tourbillon, moon phase displays for the Northern and Southern hemispheres—oh, and it chimes the time on demand.

Despite the immense complexity of the watch, it is exceptionally wearable. The white gold rectangular case contrasts sublimely with its blue alligator strap. It took Jaeger-LeCoultre more than six years to develop this \$1.6 million mechanical marvel, and only 10 are available worldwide. With it, the 188-year-old “watchmaker's watchmaker” maison reminds us that practice makes perfect. ♦

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