

# Depth Charged

*With newly refined elegance, rugged diver watches undergo a sea change* | By Laurie Kable |

Traditionally, diver watches have been big on function (calculating depths, dive times, and even surfacing times), but style somehow got submerged along the way. Now a new generation of underwater wonders—from the likes of Jaeger-LeCoultre and IWC, two leaders in the specialty—is combining both gearhead components and elegant form, making a splash with rose gold accents added to macho designs.

Jaeger's sleek Master Compressor Diving Pro Geographic Navy SEALs series is tested on the best: the U.S. Navy's elite combat swimmers. The range includes the limited-edition Pro Geographic, which sports a mechanical depth gauge and a dual time display that allows the wet set to track the world's 24 time zones—even while, say, exploring for Atlantis. And IWC's new red gold Aquatimer model (powered by a column-wheel chronograph movement) resists water down to 12 bar, more than 400 feet. Along with Blancpain's 500 Fathoms, Panerai's Luminor 1950 Submersible 3 Days and Richard Mille's RM 025, this swelling wave of divers rises to new levels of performance... and panache. ▲

*From top: 18K rose-gold Master Compressor Diving Pro Geographic Navy SEALs (limited edition of 300 pieces), \$45,000, by Jaeger-LeCoultre and available by calling 800.JLC.TIME and at [jaeger-lecoultre.com](http://jaeger-lecoultre.com); Aquatimer Chronograph in rose gold on rubber strap, \$19,900, by IWC and available by calling 800.432.9330 and at [iwc.com](http://iwc.com).*

