

Press release - Glashütte, 26 March 2026

For Moritz Grossmann's 200th birthday

Born of tradition: the HAMATIC Silver-Plated by Friction anniversary edition combines innovative engineering, watchmaking artistry and exceptional aesthetics

The year 2026 is a special one for the Moritz Grossmann manufactory in Glashütte, as its founder and namesake was born on 27 March 1826 - exactly 200 years ago. Not only does he continue to shape the present-day watch brand, he also influenced the craft of watchmaking and the fate of his hometown, Glashütte. This is because Moritz Grossmann was a genius watchmaker and ambitious scientist, profound author, initiator of the German Watchmaking School in Glashütte and personality who set much in motion.

For the manufactory, Moritz Grossmann's 200th birthday is a fitting occasion for a series of special models. These anniversary watches unite the founder's cutting-edge ideas with the modern watchmaking craft. They reinterpret his legacy, and not by imitating historical concepts. Rather, they represent the creative, ongoing development of Moritz Grossmann's innovations.

In keeping with his spirit, the watches feature modern manufacturing methods to achieve technological perfection and exceptional aesthetics, both of which were ambitions of the founder. The manufactory today realises his visions with soul and passion, making it one of a small number of watchmakers globally which master every detail of the time-honoured craft and breathe new life into it.

Special anniversary model: HAMATIC Silver-Plated by Friction

The first special model being released for the 200th birthday of Moritz Grossmann is the limited edition HAMATIC Silver-Plated by Friction. The anniversary year is referenced with an '1826' engraving on the balance cock. The vintage 'M. GROSSMANN' logo on the dial, appearing just as it did in 1875, is a further homage to history.

The model's name is a reference to its unconventional mechanism. Inside is the calibre 106.0 with exceedingly effective automatic winding thanks to a pendulum-style hammer weight, a feature which led to the mechanism being called a hammer automatic movement. This historical idea was further developed by Grossmann's engineers in a masterful way and has been given a fresh interpretation in the HAMATIC movement.

The manufactory calibre 106.0 has further exclusive features, too, including for example stop seconds for setting the time precisely and fine finishes carried out by hand at the manufactory.

An aesthetic 'face' for the mechanism

The model's name also reflects the elaborate design of the dial, which is silver-plated by friction. This finish, which can also be thought of as silver-plating by grit, is a rare one. It uses a historical technique where the dial is given a fine-grained, velvet-like texture by hand-brushing it with various pastes and powders. The surface then softly reflects the incident light.

Only a handful of specialists still master this technique, which is practised completely by hand and requires a high degree of concentration, a delicate touch and a great deal of experience. However, the end result justifies the time it takes: the interaction of light and shadow, of gloss and matt, creates a singular effect which maintains its radiance even as time goes by. It is complemented fittingly by the cool blue of the numerals and scales as well as the vintage Moritz Grossmann logo. Aside from that, this special model is introducing a further premiere: the Arabic numerals representing the hours on the Hamatic's dial, which for the first time are taking the place of the Roman numerals previously used.

Carrying on the founder's tradition

The anniversary model is a direct reference to Moritz Grossmann's ingenuity, with a movement featuring numerous details attributable to the manufactory's founder. His historical movements had quintessential characteristics such as a index pointer with a poising screw, a large balance wheel, raised screws and the straight cut of the three-quarter plate.

The fine, handcrafted hands made of blue annealed steel are also quintessentially Grossmann, with a hue that perfectly matches the typography on the dial of the HAMATIC Silver-Plated by Friction.

A debut for Moritz Grossmann's birthday

The special edition HAMATIC Silver-Plated by Friction, with a white gold case, will be released on 26 March 2026. This model is limited to 18 pieces and fitted with a blue kudu leather strap.

Technical data for HAMATIC Silver-Plated by Friction

Reference:	MG-004040
Movement	Manufactory calibre 106.0, automatic winding, regulated in five positions
No. of parts	312
Jewels	38, of which 3 in screwed gold chatons
Escapement	Lever escapement
Oscillator	Shock-resistant Grossmann balance with four inertia screws and two poising screws, Nivarox 1 balance spring
Balance	Diameter: 10.0 mm, frequency: 21,600 semi-oscillations/hour
Power reserve	72 hours when fully wound
Functions	Hour and minute, small second with stop seconds
Operating elements	Crown in 750/000 gold for winding the watch and setting the time
Case dimensions	Diameter: 41.0 mm, height: 11.35 mm
Movement dimensions	Diameter: 36.4 mm, height: 5.15 mm
Case	Three-part, in 750/000 gold
Dial	Brass, engraved, set in blue and silver-plated by friction
Hands	Manually crafted from steel, annealed to a blue hue
Crystal and display back	Sapphire crystal, antireflective coating on one side
Strap	Hand-stitched kudu leather with prong buckle in 750/000 gold
Special features	Grossmann balance; click pawl in reduction gear; adjustment with Grossmann micrometer screw on cantilevered balance cock; pillar movement with 2/3 plate and pillars made of untreated German silver, hand-engraved 2/3 plate and cantilevered balance cock; wide, horizontal Glashütte ribbing, double-band snailing on the mainspring barrel; raised gold chatons with pan-head screws; separately removable clutch winding mechanism; stop seconds for hand setting; automatic winding with oscillating hammer, bidirectional click wheels; idler with pawl clicks, manual yoke winder; special '1826' engraving on balance cock

Moritz Grossmann watches:

Moritz Grossmann, born in Dresden in 1826, was deemed a visionary among Germany's great horologists. In 1854, his friend Ferdinand Adolph Lange persuaded the young, highly talented watchmaker to establish his own mechanical workshop in Glashütte. Apart from building a respected watchmaking business, Grossmann was committed to political and social causes. He established the German School of Watchmaking in 1878. Moritz Grossmann passed away unexpectedly in 1885, after which his manufacture was liquidated.

The spirit of Moritz Grossmann's horological traditions sprang back to life in 2008 when trained watchmaker Christine Hutter discovered the venerable Glashütte brand and had it re-registered. She developed concepts and was inspired by the vision of reviving Grossmann's legacy more than 120 years later with a particularly exquisite wristwatch. And she convinced private watch enthusiasts to support her in making this dream come true. On 11 November 2008, she founded Grossmann Uhren GmbH in Glashütte.

At Grossmann, gifted watchmakers are preserving traditions without copying historic timepieces. With innovation, superb craftsmanship, a combination of traditional and contemporary manufacturing methods as well as precious materials, they are celebrating 'Schönstes deutsches Handwerk' with their timepieces.

Information and image material for download:

HAMATIC Silver-Plated by Friction:

<https://my.hidrive.com/share/gy19fpgb00>

Grossmann Uhren GmbH:

<https://my.hidrive.com/share/8p0kgeshxo>

To the website:

<https://www.grossmann-uhren.com/>

For further information and high-resolution images, please contact:

PRESS CONTACT:

Valérie Henzen - Communications/Marketing

Uferstr. 1

01768 Glashütte

Tel.: +41 79 3824 976

Fax: +49 3505 332 0099

Email: valerie.henzen@grossmann-uhren.com



HAMATIC Silver-Plated by Friction



HAMATIC Silver-Plated by Friction