THE MOON PHASE

Maison Alcée

The Moon Phase: an add-on module for the Persée

The Persée Moon Phase has been long awaited by Maison Alcée enthusiasts. As they assemble this complication themselves, they'll be immersed into the world of the night sky – and discover the pleasure of watchmaking all over again.

The Moon Phase comes in a beautiful presentation box and is designed to match every version of the Persée: Azur, Nuit, Or, Douce, Fantôme and Nostromo.

The set comprises 18 components, all the necessary tools, and a booklet with links to videos to help with assembly.





Personalised support

Once you've received your presentation box, we'll invite you to join a private WhatsApp discussion group giving you access to our team of horologists; they'll support you throughout the assembly process and answer any questions you may have.

The Maison is fully committed to the success of the apprentice watchmaker. Each detail has been carefully thought out to ensure he enjoys the most complete horological experience imaginable.

Two major technical hurdles had to be overcome

The challenge was designing a complication that enthusiasts could add to their Persée without having to dismantle too much of it, so as not to dull the magic of the assembly experience.

The Maison Alcée team therefore took great care in finding a technical and aesthetic solution that would allow the Moon Phase to be incorporated into each Persée irrespective of whether enthusiasts had assembled their timepiece vertically or horizontally.
Thus, only the eight-day bush and the minute wheel and pinion have to be replaced.

In this way, each enthusiast remains free to choose how their Persée is displayed.



“We need to dispel the notion that certain crafts are inaccessible.
It is only by bringing them out of the shadows that we can infuse them new energy – and enable a broader audience to see them in a new light.”

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All the attributes of a piece of high horology

Not only is the Moon Phase one of the oldest complications, but it's also undoubtedly one of the most poetic, tracking the silent progress of lunar cycles day after day.

No attention to detail has been spared on this complication; 95% of its components are made in France.

The Moon

Hammered and polished on its upper, convex face, the Moon has a delicate satin finish on the underside. Each crater is meticulously crafted by hand in the workshop, reflecting the artisans' painstaking technical commitment to making this Moon something really special.

The brilliant gratté

The brilliant gratté finish has been developed exclusively by Maison Alcée, combining gratté and hammered techniques to produce a sparkling, frosted effect and a real sense of depth.

This finish on the Moon bridge is beautifully set off by a fine circular-grained surround.





Lacquered night sky

The Moon ratchet features a gilded, engraved constellation of Persée (the father of Alcée in Greek mythology) against the backdrop of a starry night sky. The surround is graced by delicately lacquered moon phase numbers.
Circular-grained by hand, the wheels are the embodiment of watchmaking's meticulous artisanal excellence.

Every detail of the Moon Phase bears witness to Maison Alcée's passionate commitment and demanding standards, offering Time-Builders a piece that's at once technical, sophisticated and poetic, bringing together the heavens and fine workmanship.

The specificities of the Moon Phase

Technical data

- Progress of the 29.5-day lunar cycle displayed at the bottom right of the dial.
- Moon phase number moves forward every day at midday.
- Moon phase number adjusted by hand directly on the ratchet.

Materials

- Moon and wheels: watchmaking quality brass
- Bridge and pinion: 316L stainless steel
- Ratchet: aluminium

Finishings:

- Ratchet: lacquered, engraved with the constellation of Persée
- Moons: satin-polished, hammered, polished relief
- Moon bridge: hand-frosted

The Moon Phase add-on complication is available at a cost of 1,800 EUR – USD 2,100 (not including VAT).

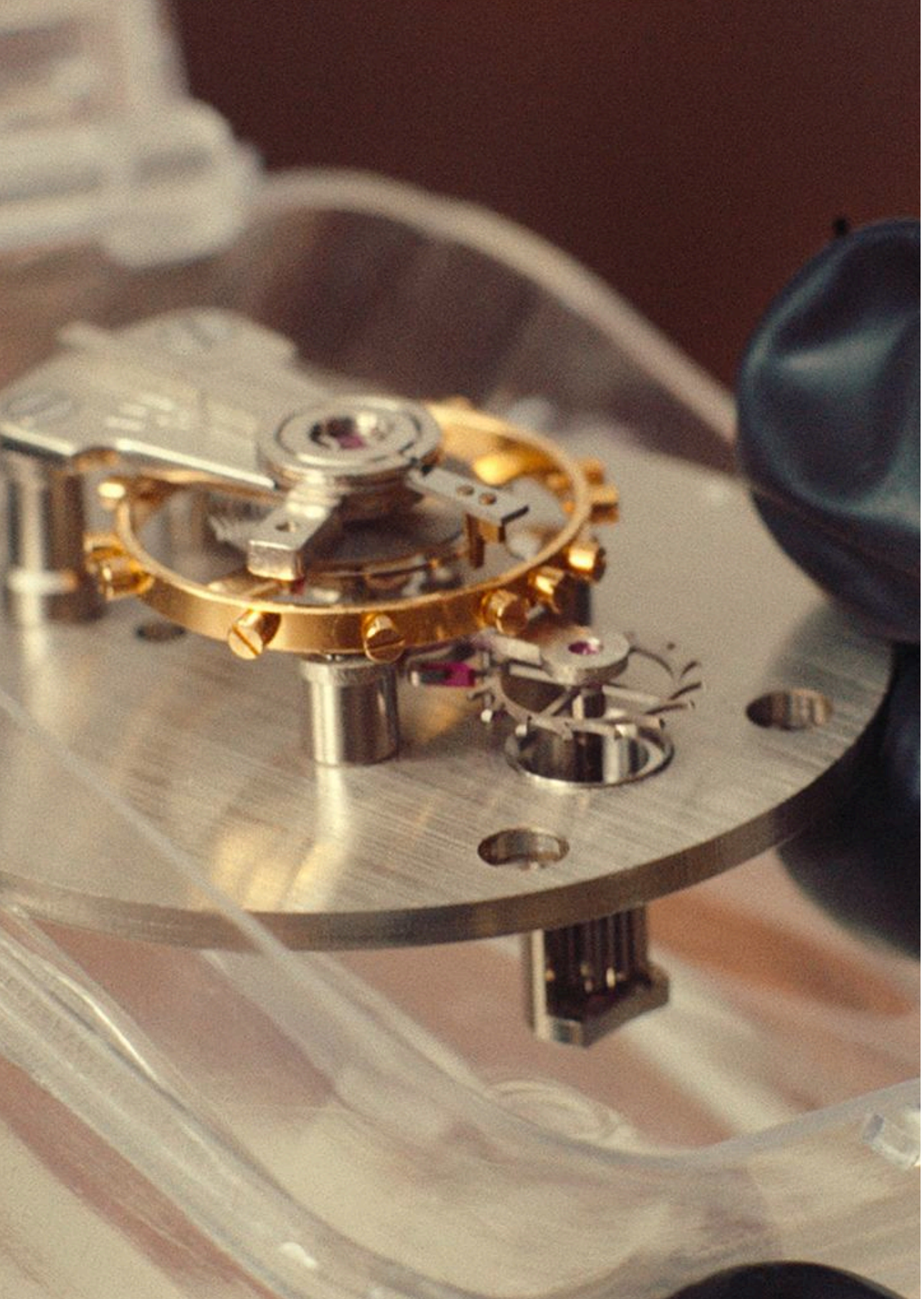




“ Taking on the role of watchmaker as you assemble this beautiful complication, handling components with simply magnificent finishings, colours and details is the ultimate horological experience.

It’s an invitation to look up, too – as we did so easily as children – admire the constellations, the stars, and the Moon, and realise how tiny we are. ”

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