

MCT Sequential Two S200 Watch

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For 2014 MCT has announced a brand new watch with the Sequential Two S200, a new round-cased timepiece that focuses on the brand's signature complication for displaying the time with a new micro-rotor-based automatic movement. MCT is a young brand with a rocky history, and we are glad to see them really back on their feet with talent behind the scenes.



Originally debuted in 2009, the MCT Sequential One is still one of my favorite "modern watches" being designed by Denis Giguet. A few years after that Giguet left MCT around the time that he debuted his Opus Eleven watch with Harry Winston (hands-on here). Where is Denis Giguet today in 2014? He actually works for Van Cleef & Arpels of all places. Anyhow, in 2013 MCT came back on the scene under the design aegis of Fabrice Gonet who redesigned the original Sequential One watch with the updated Sequential One S110, a revised version of the original with some new visual details. For 2014 we get an entirely new piece with the Sequential Two S200, also designed by Fabrice Gonet.



In a 44.6mm wide case the Sequential Two S200 will come in either an 18k white gold 18k red gold case. It is round, but it isn't simple. Shaped like a cylinder, the sapphire crystal incorporates the bezel and acts like a cap over the case. It offers a wonderful ability to view the mechanism from extreme angles. The lugs are also very interesting as they have two parts and connect to the side of the case as well as underneath the case. This of course is in reference to the design of the original lugs of the Sequential One, but here in a more exaggerated manner. I also happen to really like the wide yet relatively flat crown that look easy to operate, but does not jut out from the case awkwardly.



I realize that many of you are seeing an MCT watch for the first time so what is happening on the dial may be confusing. Well allow me to explain. The watch indicates the at four points around the dial via turning triangular louvers. Between them all 12 hours can be displayed. There is a traditional minute hand that goes around the dial, and when a new hour comes the C-shaped window in the middle of the case pivots one position clockwise to point to the next set of louvers that display the current hour. The system is not only legible because of the digital hour system, but because of how easy it is to see all the information. This is pure time telling art, and very much a success despite being so unorthodox.



The movement needs a lot of power given the design so it operates at 18,800 bph and has a power reserve of 40 hours. New for the Sequential Two S200 is an automatic winding system that uses a micro-rotor. I love the modern look of the movement in the dark tone, mixed with the haute horology decorative finishing.

Adding a round-case design as well as a fresh face with automatic winding is a welcome novelty from the brand that deserves more attention. Should they continue getting their act together it will be interesting to see what else MCT has in store for us in the future. We look forward to seeing the piece in person soon. The MCT Sequential Two S200 watch will retail for **\$98,500**.
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Technical specifications: MCT Sequential Two – S200

Functions Large hours by sequential display of four prisms; central minutes. Hour prisms: three numbers on each, each hour module composed of five prisms

Movement Caliber MCT-S2 Mechanical movement developed in-house Automatic winding with 18K gold micro-rotor Balance frequency 2.5Hz/18,800vph Hairspring with Breguet terminal curve Power reserve: 40 hours High efficiency gear tooth profiles Hand-polished bevels and “côtes de Genève” No. of components: 50785 jewels.

Case 18K red gold or 18K white gold with sapphire ring around caseband Diameter 44.6 mm, height (in center) 14.5mm diameter No. of components: 43 Sapphire crystals: double anti-reflect coating on top crystal, anti-reflect coating on displayback crystal. Sapphire crystal inset in caseband Water resistance: 30 meters/ 3 ATM/ 100 feet

Strap and clasp Alligator leather with anti-allergy inner lining; double hand-stitched; 18K gold and titanium double-folding clasp.

Warranty Two-year manufacture's warranty from date of purchase