

**DE BETHUNE**  
L'ART HORLOGER AU XXI<sup>E</sup> SIÈCLE

## DB25 Starry Varius

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***Offering a preview of Baselworld 2018, De Bethune once again displays its technical and aesthetic mastery by unveiling the DB25 Starry Varius, a poetic interpretation of the traditional DB25. A personalised constellation, revisited lugs and an original 42mm case compose with delightfully pure classic imparting fresh creative momentum while showcasing horological history.***

### **At the heart of the galaxy**

"The cosmos, time, the heavens above... When you want to observe time in motion without any instruments, you look upwards. This is a recurrent theme in watchmaking", explains Denis Flageollet, Master Watchmaker and creative talent of De Bethune.

Over the past few years, star-studded dials have become an integral part of the history of the Maison. Personalised according to a specific geographical location and a given date, the gold pins are fitted one by one on this star-studded sky, thus making each model truly unique. The Milky Way pattern is then gilded using the traditional gold leaf technique and enhanced by laser beam micro milling.

Today, for the first time, De Bethune offers a whole new take on the sky, framed by a slender case in polished grade 5 titanium case measuring 8.8mm thick, 42mm in diameter and featuring perfectly integrated and openworked lugs.

Like all the most recent De Bethune creations, the DB25 Starry Varius is designed to be not only pleasant to wear, but above all to reflect the brand's characteristic elegance and refinement.

The display features discreetly hand-polished rose gold hands sweeping over exactly matching hour-markers set on a silver-toned ring.

The sapphire crystal case-back with its double anti-reflective coating reveals the impeccable craftsmanship of the movement incorporating the latest De Bethune technologies. Powered by the in-house mechanical manual winding DB2105 calibre oscillating at a frequency of 28,800 vibrations per hour, the DB25 Starry Varius is equipped with the latest titanium balance wheel as well as the triple pare-chute shock absorbing system.

Once again, the Manufacture from L'Auberson has succeeded in creating an iconic, exceptional timepiece with optimised proportions equally suited to men's or women's wrists. A timepiece characterised by outstanding aesthetic finesse now set to shine in the De Bethune constellation.

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## About De Bethune

*Founded in 2002, Manufacture De Bethune is an independent watchmaker that develops and produces all its own timepieces.*

*While its production remains extremely modest in terms of volume, De Bethune displays peerless inventiveness and is distinguished by the highest level of quality and innovation within the extremely exclusive sphere of Swiss Haute Horlogerie.*

*Since its founding, De Bethune has developed no less than 26 calibres, presented 30 or so world firsts, filed a number of patents and launched around 150 one-of-a-kind models. Its timepieces have won awards in major international competitions.*

*Through its creations, De Bethune is perpetuating the work of the great 18th century master watchmakers in their quest for perfect time measurement backed by a sense of supreme aesthetic beauty. Leveraging cutting-edge scientific and technological discoveries, its efforts are devoted to inventing unique, innovative and high-performance solutions.*

*Not doing more, but doing better; drawing inspiration from the past so as to perpetually reinvent it and create bridges with other fields of knowledge: such are the principles guiding De Bethune in developing horological mechanisms and expressing artistic creativity.*

*Testifying to this quest for perfection and this tireless pursuit of beauty, the pure style, taut lines and slenderness of the cases embody a contemporary interpretation of the watchmaking art according to De Bethune.*

*Shaping 21st century watchmaking while safeguarding the finest traditions, firmly rooted in history and resolutely looking to the future, De Bethune pursues an outstanding approach effectively combining art and science.*

## **DB25 Starry Varius**

### Technical specifications

Name:	DB25 Starry Varius
Reference:	DB25VTIS3
Functions:	Hours, Minutes
Movement:	DB2005
Type:	Mechanical manual-winding calibre
Adjustment:	Winding and setting the time by means of the crown (2 positions)

### **Technical features of calibre DB2005**

Number of parts:	160
Jewelling:	27 jewels
Diameter:	30 mm
Power reserve:	6 days, ensured by a self-regulating twin barrel <i>De Bethune Innovation (2004)</i>
Specificities:	Titanium balance wheel with white gold inserts, optimised for temperature differences and air penetration <i>De Bethune Patent (2016)</i>  "De Bethune" balance-spring with flat terminal curve <i>De Bethune Patent (2006)</i>  Silicon escape wheel  Triple <i>pare-chute</i> shock-absorbing system <i>De Bethune Innovation (2005)</i>
Frequency:	28,800 vibrations per hour
Adornment:	Silver plate and barrel bridge cover adorned with "Côtes De Bethune" Hand-snailed barrels Hand-polished, chamfered steel parts

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## **Display**

Display:	Hands in hand-polished rose gold
Dial :	De Bethune star-studded sky in blued and polished titanium with hand-fitted white gold pins depicting the stars Milky Way patterns produced by laser beam micro milling, gilded with 24-carat gold leaf Silver-toned hours and minutes ring with polished rose gold hour-markers

## **Case and strap**

Case material:	Polished grade 5 titanium
Case diameter:	42 mm
Case thickness:	8,8 mm
Lugs:	Integrated, hollowed lugs
Crystal:	In sapphire crystal (1800 Vickers hardness) with double anti-reflective coating
Case back:	Open case back in polished grade 5 titanium Sapphire crystal (1800 Vickers hardness) with double anti-reflective coating
Water-resistance:	3 ATM
Strap:	Extra-supple alligator leather, alligator lining
Buckle:	Pin buckle in grade 5 titanium