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## **DB28 Skybridge**

An infinite expanse of the heavenly firmament stretches across its dreamlike face. Ancestral skills and the latest scientific breakthroughs meet and mingle under the impetus of David Zanetta and Denis Flageollet. They merge to make this timepiece a perfect summary of highly aesthetic ambition and peerless technical precision. Skybridge embodies the entire repertoire of the Manufacture De Bethune.

While classically inspired in terms of its round shape, its 12 o'clock crown and its hunter-type back borrowed from pocket watches, the ultra-light mirror-polished titanium case of the DB28 with its distinctive floating lugs nonetheless proclaim the collection's modern and indeed futuristic nature.

A nocturnal window on infinity, Skybridge features a whole host of astonishing shimmering effects, in turn brilliant or intensely radiant with the blue that has been a House signature for the past eleven years.

An eminent reference to the famous 18th century clocks, this star-studded sky in mirror-polished and blued titanium derives its power and beauty from its concave shape and its multiple decorations crafted in the company workshops in the village of L'Auberson.

The spherical moon-phase display is accentuated by an arrow-shaped bridge that appears to be pointing towards infinity.

Two flame-blued and mirror-polished steel hands gracefully sweep across a constellation delicately highlighted by a minute circle.

The heart of this immensity is sprinkled with white gold and diamond stars. Topped with hour-markers resembling tiny suspended spheres, these sparkling splendours lend a sense of timeless depth to the celestial canopy.

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## **DB28 Skybridge**

### Technical specifications

Name:	DB28 Skybridge
Reference:	DB28CEN / S
Functions:	Hours, Minutes, Spherical moon phase indication at 6 o'clock
Movement:	DB2105v6
Type:	Mechanical hand-wound movement
Adjustment:	Winding, setting the spherical moon phase and the time by means of the crown (3 positions)

### **Technical features of calibre DB2105v6**

Number of parts:	242
Jewelling:	27 jewels
Diameter:	30 mm
Power reserve:	6 days, ensured by a self-regulating twin barrel <i>De Bethune Innovation (2004)</i>
Specificities:	Silicon annular balance encircled by a white gold ring <i>De Bethune Patent (2010)</i>  "De Bethune" balance-spring with flat terminal curve <i>De Bethune Patent (2006)</i>  Silicon escape wheel  Spherical moon phase indication accurate to a degree of one lunar day every 122 years – <i>De Bethune Patent (2004)</i>  Triple pare-chute shock-absorbing system blued <i>De Bethune Innovation (2005)</i>
Frequency:	28,800 vibrations per hour
Adornment:	Curved, mirror-polished and blued grade 5 titanium plate cover Mirror-polished grade 5 titanium barrel bridge cover, Hand snailed barrels Hand-polished, flame-blued and chamfered steel parts



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### **Display**

- Display: Mirror-polished flame-blued stainless steel hands  
Spherical moon phase indication in palladium and flamed-blued steel accurate to a degree of one lunar day every 122 years at 6 o'clock – De Bethune Patent (2004)
- Dial : De Bethune star-studded sky in blued and polished titanium with hand-fitted white gold and diamonds pins depicting the stars  
Mirror-polished steel spherical hour-markers  
Sandblasted silver minutes ring

### **Case and strap**

- Case material: Mirror-polished grade 5 titanium  
Case diameter: 45 mm  
Case thickness: 11,5 mm  
Lugs: Short or long floating lugs in mirror-polished grade 5 titanium – *De Bethune Patent (2006)*  
Crystal: In sapphire crystal (1800 Vickers hardness) with double anti-reflective coating  
Case back: Screwed down open back in polished grade 5 titanium and 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 mirror-polished grade 5 titanium

