

Thinner Beauties

Watchmakers are slimming down this season with ultra-thin models that ooze elegance. When the occasion calls for professional polish keep it sleek. These designs speak to refinement while fitting comfortably under your sleeve. —Laurie Kable



Piaget Emperor

Wafer-thin watches are nothing new for Piaget, which developed its first slim model more than 50 years ago. This year's Emperor Coussin Tourbillon Automatic Ultra-Thin carries on the legacy with a design that reveals the tourbillon and rotor. At 10.4 mm thick, it's also the world's slimmest self-winding tourbillon.

Emperor Coussin Tourbillon Automatic Ultra-Thin, price upon request, by Piaget at Merry Richards



Audemars Piguet Jules Audemars

Imagine devising a tangle of toothed wheels and levers that can track the date, moon phases and leap years without adjustment until 2100, and you'll have an idea of how complex a perpetual calendar watch is. Now consider that Audemars Piguet's Jules Audemars Perpetual Calendar houses such a mechanism, made from 355 hand-finished components, measuring a mere 4 mm thick.

Jules Audemars Perpetual Calendar in 18K pink gold with brown or silvered dial, \$70,900, by Audemars Piguet at Swiss Fine Timing



A. Lange & Söhne Saxonia

In the hamlet of Glashütte, in the former East Germany, A. Lange & Söhne has recaptured the straightforward, quality-driven watchmaking values of its 19th-century founder. This year, Lange revamped its überclassical Saxonia collection, which includes the Saxonia Thin, powered by a new in-house manual movement. At 5.9 mm thick, Saxonia Thin is the thinnest watch Lange has ever built.

Saxonia Thin in 18K pink gold, \$19,700, by A. Lange & Söhne at Sidney Garber

Cartier Ballon Bleu

When it comes to elegance, Cartier is tough to beat. This year, the Paris house streamlined its Ballon Bleu with an extra-flat version, balancing the reduced profile with a larger 46 mm diameter. "Ultra-thin watches are not a question of performance, but of well-balanced aesthetics," says Cartier President Bernard Fornas.

Extra-Flat Ballon Bleu de Cartier Limited Edition watch in platinum, \$35,900, by Cartier at Trabert & Hoeffler

