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The Arcanaut Arc II — Havender will be released at 19:00 CET November 30th, 2023.



## What is the Arcanaut Arc II Havender?

The Havender model is our most ambitious composite dial yet. Developed by Black Badger, known throughout the watchmaking industry as the Godfather of Lume, the Havender material comprises a finely ground layer of Scandinavian mussel shells mixed with an ultra-clear, UV-resistant binding agent.

## Where did it come from?

Arcanaut is a pan-Scandinavian brand dedicated to incorporating new and unexpected materials into its designs. The Havender project began when the team was assessing different types of materials that could possibly be subjected to the same creation process that yielded the D’Arc Matter composite seen in the brand’s previous release.

As locally-sourcing components and materials is of great importance to the brand’s identity, James Thompson reached out to a nearby mussel farm that was more than happy to supply the team with 10 kilograms of mussel shells for experimentation.

The initial cleaning process was laborious and time consuming, but resulted in bright blue shells that the team *hoped* would result in a rich blue composite (because a blue dial is something Arcanaut has never had before).

However, during the material refinement process, it became apparent that the most exciting pigment present in the shells wasn't blue at all. Rather, a lavender powder was able to be procured. The subsequent tests proved it was suitable for mixture with resin and the resulting blocks of millable material passed the strict quality control standards put in place to ensure uniformity and structural stability post-machining. Thus, the Havender material was born (and Arcanaut remained without a blue dial).

### **Why is it so special?**

No other brand uses the Havender material. It is likely no other brand in the history of watchmaking ever considered making a dial out of Scandinavian mussel shells. There may be a good reason for that, but, if there is, we haven't happened upon it yet.

Thanks to the exhaustive creation process, just 33 pieces of the Arcanaut Arc II — Havender will be made. Once it's gone, it's gone.

### **Who is it for?**

Most current Arcanaut owners are long-time collectors that had become jaded with mainstream brands and inauthentic sales practices. More experienced collectors tend to be less conservative with their choices and actively seek out something fresh and daring. Arcanaut satisfies those criteria by always leading from the front on the subject of design.

### **When is it available?**

The new Arcanaut Arc II — Havender, will be released at 7 PM CET November 30th, 2023.

Because of the extremely taxing production process, this is a limited edition model.

There will be just 33 pieces made.

Price: USD 3,950 excluding taxes and including international shipping.

The watches will be available from our official website ([www.arcanaut.watch](http://www.arcanaut.watch)) and the web shop of our US retailer, Collective Horology ([www.collectivehorology.com](http://www.collectivehorology.com)).

The word Havender is a portmanteau of "Hav" (Danish and Swedish for sea/ocean) and "Lavender".

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