

**What:**

THE MINUTE REPEATER ENJOYS A RETURN TO FAVOR

The minute repeater is an increasingly popular complication, respected for its complexity, its rarity and the beauty of its sound. Here are some of the best examples available today. ▼

**✕ Sound System**  
Due to an innovative gong and striking mechanism, this repeater is renowned for sound clarity.



**5 Jaeger-LeCoultre Master Grande Tradition à Répétition Minutes**  
This 44mm masterpiece of a minute repeater, with 413 parts to make up the striking movement, is designed to maximize sound quality. Price: **\$230,000** in pink gold. Contact: Available at Jaeger-LeCoultre in Beverly Hills, Calif., 310.734.0525, jaeger-lecoultre.com.

**Centuries ago, church clocks were a vital part of local life,**

the only source of accurate time. After early watchmakers endeavored to replicate them in miniature, their work led to the late 17th-century creation of the minute repeater, which chimes the time on demand. Even today the complication is difficult to design and execute. A watch case is hardly the ideal form in which sound can resonate, so manufacturers of minute repeaters spend an inordinate amount of time on the hammers and gongs, resulting in a very limited number of these extraordinary timepieces.

**1 Patek Philippe Ref. 5216 Minute Repeater**  
This understated watch features a minute repeater as well as tourbillon escapement, a retrograde perpetual calendar and moon phases. It also comes in a 39.5mm rose gold case. Price: **CHF 695,000** (about \$709,000) Contact: 212.218.1240, patek.com

**2 Van Cleef & Arpels Poetic Wish**  
On the dial of the Midnight Poetic Wish pictured here, a young man on one of the terraces of the Notre Dame Cathedral towers moves to indicate the hour, while a mother-of-pearl cloud moves towards him. When the two meet, the hours ring out. vancleef.com.

**3 Christophe Claret Adagio**  
The Adagio features a minute repeater, large date and GMT and is available in white gold, rose gold or platinum. Price: **\$280,000**. Contact: Phil Ogle, 954.610.2234, claret.ch.

**4 Bulgari Daniel Roth Carillon Tourbillon**  
This new three-hammer minute repeater from Bulgari, a company specializing in this exclusive complication, combines the striking mechanism with a carillon-regulating mechanism. Price: **\$257,000**. Contact: 800.BULGARI, bulgari.com.

**✕ Christophe Claret**  
The Adagio comes in six different styles, but only eight of each are for sale.



**✕ Rhapsody in Gold**  
Bulgari's repeater plays an E note for minutes, a C for hours, and E-D-C for quarter-hours.



**✕ Patek Philippe**  
The iconic watchmaker first began creating minute repeaters in 1844.



**✕ Van Cleef & Arpels**  
A romantic image of a Parisian street scene comes to life when this watch strikes.

