

Object of Desire



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Chronometer by Jan Frydrych

The chronometer shown was created by Czech artist Jan Frydrych and is one-of-a-kind. Made of the same optical glass used on the Hubble telescope, the piece measures 20x20 cm, surrounded by a wood casing of 40x40 cm. The piece's gold appearance is due to the addition of a sheet of champagne glass within the

optical case, which was then itself coated with titanium. All metal parts including the winding key are coated with 24 K gold. Finally, to maintain stability, the chronometer has a Cardan mechanism.

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case to one microne grid. With this finish, the (visible) internal sides of the piece produce a myriad of semi-translucent mirrors. These mirrors, taken as a whole, allow one to almost see the teeth of every moving wheel at the same time. Truly, poetry in motion. €500,000 crystalcaviar.eu

