

Grace Your Wrists with the Timeless and Elegant Cartier Santos 100 XL

Cartier watches are one of the best status symbols that have ever been. The high quality workmanship that goes into constructing these watches and the keen attention paid to design and details reflects in each piece making them a unique luxury collection.

This collection is named after Alberto Santos-Dumont, the Brazilian aviator and Louis Cartier's friend. The newer Santos 100 collection was released in 2004 to mark the 100th anniversary of Cartier's first watches for men. The Cartier Santos 100 XL, rightly considered as the most masculine of watches, comes in different ranges and with modifications. The first thing you will notice with the Cartier Santos 100 XL is the size as compared to other Santos watches. The 100 XL normally come in two sizes - medium and large, but the Santos XL 100 Chronograph is available in the extra large size as well.

The clock face is elegant and beautiful to look at, square shaped with a distinct edge to it. The dial window is made of crystal sapphire and comes with a guarantee of being scratch resistant and durable. The watch face is adorned with classic silver toned dials, and black Roman numeral hour markers set against a white or silver background. The Cartier Santos 100 XL runs on a Swiss precision, self winding or automatic movement and marks time based on your arm movements. This bypasses the need for batteries. They are also water resistant up to a depth of 100 metres or 330 feet which means you can go swimming, snorkeling, and pool side diving without worrying about water related damage to your watch. The Cartier Santos 100 XL is less bulky compared to the Omega or Rolex dive watches making it a better option

One is spoilt for choice when it comes to the bands alone which range from steel, combination of steel and gold, rose gold, yellow gold, black and brown leather, and metal options. The Cartier watch comes with the trademark secure band clasp mechanism making it easy to close, and prevents accidental opening of the clasp. The bands fit comfortably and are easy to wear. They look good for all occasions - formal and business.

Some of the 100 XL models are available with diamond embellishments. They come in attractive presentation boxes and the Cartier warranty. This watch is definitely for men with bigger wrists. If you have smaller wrists, you should try it on before buying.

There are more pros than cons for this product.

Pros:

- High quality and scratch proof material with excellent craftsmanship.
- Water resistant up to a depth of 100 metres.
- Self winding mechanism makes batteries redundant.
- The secure clasp mechanism prevents accidental opening of the band.

Cons:

- Formal look makes it difficult to accessorize with casual or semi casual party wear.
- Fits and suits men with bigger wrists.
- The steep price tag makes it unaffordable for many buyers.

The colors, style and materials used make them an ideal compliment to your wardrobe. These watches are simple and classic in style, without the often distracting and unnecessary extras. The watches manufactured today are as timeless, sleek, and elegant as they were 100 years ago.

This Cartier classic remains a favorite with customers, especially those shopping online for watches. The positive reviews are a reflection of the quality, style, performance, and reputation of this watch brand over the decades. Sporting one such Cartier watches on your wrist - the Cartier Santos 100 XL is a great way to reveal your good tastes in accessories. It surely is a must buy for anyone who can overcome the steep price tag of these connoisseur pieces.

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