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RICHARD MILLE SPLIT-SECONDS RM65-01 NO. 48/120 SOLD FOR ELA

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RICHARD MILLE. AN EXTREMELY RARE AND COMPLICATED DARK YELLOW QUARTZ TPT® LIMITED EDITION AUTOMATIC SPLIT-SECONDS CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH DATE, FUNCTION SELECTOR AND RAPID WINDING FUNCTION, SOLD TO BENEFIT ELA

SIGNED RICHARD MILLE, REF. RM65-01 FQ/3787, NO. 048/120, CIRCA 2024

Movement: Automatic

Dial: Skeletonized

Case: 42 mm. wide, 50 mm. overall length

With: Titanium Richard Mille double deployant clasp, undated Warranty, travel pouch, presentation box and outer packaging

Remark: Limited edition of 120 pieces, sold to benefit ELA

CHF350,000-450,000 | US\$420,000-530,000 | €380,000-480,000

Richard Mille enthusiasts and collectors worldwide will immediately recognize the significance of this exceptional and awesomely attractive RM65-01 limited edition dark yellow carbon TPT® Automatic split-seconds chronograph. To the best of our knowledge, the present watch is the first of its kind to be offered at auction, providing collectors with the early opportunity to obtain one of the most important and exclusive of Richard Mille's contemporary timepieces without delay. Furthermore, it is being sold to benefit the important research of ELA.

The RM 65-01 Automatic Split-Seconds Chronograph is the pinnacle of five years of meticulous development, making it the most intricate automatic timepiece ever produced by Richard Mille. Limited to just 120 pieces in a striking dark yellow Quartz TPT®, this model epitomizes the brand's technical prowess, blending multiple advanced functions, a unique architecture, and a sophisticated aesthetic. It represents a remarkable achievement in mechanical watchmaking, requiring patience, precision, and unwavering dedication.

The calibre RMAC4, featuring a six-column wheel, expertly manages time measurement. This automatic movement boasts a high-frequency balance with variable inertia, oscillating at 36,000 vibrations per hour. A pusher at 8 o'clock allows for rapid recharging of the fast-rotating barrel's spring. The chronograph's motor offers a 60-hour power reserve, powered by a variable geometry rotor. The crown's function selector lets the wearer seamlessly switch between winding mode (W), date setting (D), and hand-setting (H).

The RM 65-01 leverages the exceptional properties of Quartz TPT®, developed by NTPT™ (North Thin Ply Technology). Giving life to this composite are multiple layers of silica fibres, saturated with a yellow resin specially developed for Richard Mille and heated to 120° at a pressure of 6 bars. The result is not only extraordinarily durable but also enhances the watch's elegance with a distinct aesthetic.

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