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ULYSSE NARDIN UNIQUE FREAK X MADE FOR ELA

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ULYSSE NARDIN. A UNIQUE AND HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE BLACK DLC COATED TITANIUM AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH OVERSIZED SILICON OSCILLATOR, INSPIRED BY THE SIGNATURE COLOURS OF ELA

SIGNED ULYSSE NARDIN, FREAK X MODEL, UNIQUE PIECE,
REF. 2303-270LE-2A-ELA/1A, NO. 1/1, CIRCA 2024

Movement: Automatic

Dial: No dial. Movement treated in black, pink signature colour

Case: 43 mm. diam.

With: Black DLC coated titanium Ulysse Nardin double deployant
clasp, undated International Warranty, 5 years international warranty,
sales tag, product literature, slip case, presentation box and outer
packaging

Remark: Unique Piece made for ELA

CHF20,000-40,000 | US\$24,000-47,000 | €22,000-43,000

This stunning one-off-a-kind example of the independent
Manufacture Ulysse Nardin's 'Freak X' has been especially created
in black DLC coated titanium and pink to accord with the signature
colours of ELA.

Freak : A Wild Horological Icon That Has Revolutionised 21st Century Watchmaking

Interviewed in 2023, Ulysse Nardin's chief product officer Jean-
Christophe Sabatier comments that 'You cannot overstate the impact
of the Freak on Swiss watchmaking'. Indeed, since its debut in
2001, the Freak has been rewriting the rules of conventional high-
end watchmaking. The Freak's influence on watchmaking cannot
be underestimated, its arrival disrupted the traditional world of
Swiss Haute Horlogerie, disposing with aesthetic and technical
norms. Here was a watch with no dial, no hands and no crown. And
yet it was a mechanical watch, conceived by some of the wildest
minds watchmaking had ever known. Not only were the design and
engineering groundbreaking, the Freak was also the first Swiss
watch with an escapement made of a new watchmaking wonder stuff
- silicon. Silicon is light and elastic, frictionless, has high resistance

properties, and can be produced to very fine tolerances. Today, the use of silicon in watchmaking is commonplace, but at the turn of the Millennium, it was absolutely revolutionary. The Freak went first.

The watchmaking landscape will never be the same again - because of the Freak. The Freak's story has continued to gather momentum. Further inventions. New materials. Always the unexpected. And then in 2019, Ulysse Nardin broke the conventions of the unconventional Freak by introducing the Freak X. The concept? Still no dial. Still no hands. But this time, it did have a crown.

The Freak X was aimed at a new generation of Freak collectors. Its form was simplified - with the addition of a crown - but it was still an outlandish expression of analogue watch design. The movement bridges still doubled as the hands, and the movement included advanced developments such as the lightweight silicon balance wheel with nickel flyweights. Beating away at the watch's heart is the UN-230 self-winding movement, a marriage of the UN-118 and the high-tech UN-250 that gave the Freak Vision its unforgettable look. The watch is water-resistant to 50 meters.

The present unique Freak X, inscribed '1/1', presents pink details on the minuterie, hours and minutes pointers, hour wheel and the strap. It offers collectors the chance to obtain what is undoubtedly the most exclusive individual watch of the model whilst making an important contribution to the medical research of ELA.

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