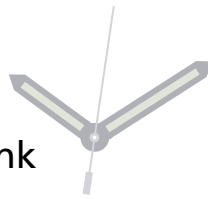


# Timepieces

that won't break the bank



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## Fit to Fly

When Chelsea Welch first entered the aviation world she was dismayed by the lack of aviation timekeepers designed for women. Pilot watches were either too large or masculine for Chelsea's likings, so she decided to do something about it. Today Chelsea Welch is the proud founder of Abingdon watches, a collection of pilots watches directed towards the female pilot—or those women who like pilot watches with style. Since its founding in November 2007, Abingdon watches have successfully launched two collections: Jackie and Amelia.

The Jackie collection (\$400) consists of chronographs with mother-of-pearl dials and cubic zirconia stones. The faux diamonds are inlaid in a rotating bezel and surround the 41.5-mm dial with date window and luminous hands. The stainless steel case and a mineral crystal protect the quartz movement. The Jackie also offers 50-meter water resistance, a solid steel bracelet and a choice of pink, light green and white dials.

The Amelia Collection is elegantly equipped with a 40-mm stainless steel case and a brass dial with mineral crystal. The black or white dial is equipped with luminous hands, red GMT hands and an applied index. This sleek dial houses a quartz movement and is water resistant to 50 meters. To add some stylish detailing to the timepiece, the Abingdon logo is etched into the back casing and the bracelet is made from genuine leather with crocodile pattern. Price: \$250.



Chronographs with crystals define the Jackie collection, made by pilot Chelsea Welch and the firm she started in 2007, Abingdon Watches. On the opposite page is a model from the company's Amelia collection.

