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**FLIGHT TIME**

Inspired by the original WWII Laco Pilot watches, the Laco Paderborn houses the time tested Swiss ETA 2824-2 automatic (self-winding) movement. Under a domed sapphire crystal, heat blued hands and the dial markers are treated with SuperLuminova C3. A 42 mm stainless steel case and engraved steel case back achieve water resistance to 5atm and, like the original Luftwaffe models, has “FL23883” engraved at 9:00 on the side. Paderborn watches are delivered on a brown leather strap with rivets in a zippered box. Retail price is \$849. Go to [www.longislandwatch.com](http://www.longislandwatch.com) for a special price of \$769 and keep checking back as they seem to sell out as quickly as they arrive.



Abingdon watches are brought to life by a female pilot who, like most pilots, is also a big fan of wristwatches. Filling a niche for an instrument-type watch with a feminine touch, the Aviatrice collection acknowledges that function can also be fashionable—and in this case even affordable at \$299. The Ameila is a dual time zone timepiece with date window on a Cloud White or Runway Black dial. At 40 mm she is by no means petite, but neither is the stainless steel case overbearing. An inner bezel with aviation calculations rotates via the extra crown and the quartz movement sits in a 5-atm-rated case. Variations include a new all-black limited edition on black PVD stainless bracelet for \$359. [www.abingdonwatches.com](http://www.abingdonwatches.com)



If you find yourself ready to step-up to a Swiss-made mechanical brand with a substantial heritage without breaking the bank, Glycine is always a good choice. As a vetted and historical member of the watch industry, Glycine will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year. They continue to offer a lot of watch for the money, and a great example is the KMU 48. Although “affordable” (for a Swiss Made brand) nothing about this watch should be inferred as cheap—even though at \$1,925 (black PVD version \$2,000) it is one of the best values in an authentic and superbly crafted Swiss-Made timepiece. You’ll feel the precision engineering each time you wind the ETA 6498-1 manual wind movement – no grinding or skipping, just a smoothly operating system designed to last. With a substantial 48 mm case and minimal bezel, the KMU is easy to read at a glance, but at just under 11 mm tall it can still fit under your sleeve—not that you’ll want to hide it. Integrated qualities include: sapphire crystal on top, a mineral crystal back, water resistance to 10 atm, and Super Luminova where it needs to be. [www.glycine-watch.ch](http://www.glycine-watch.ch)