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“Replica” Rolex Daytona With Working Chronograph



Rolex is certainly the most often counterfeited brand of watch today. There was a time, not all that long ago, that one could instantly spot a fake Rolex by the full-second “ticking” of the second hand. This gave away the quartz movement that was powering a watch that, in its real version, would have a mechanical movement. Another sure way to identify a fake was when the “chronograph” functions didn’t work, or were only calendar displays. This is BY FAR the most common situation with replica Daytonas.

This watch came to me from a client who got it in Asia. My external examination left me impressed with the overall quality. When I came to test the chronograph I was completely shocked. They worked. I took another close look

at the watch - maybe this was the real thing - a couple of external clues (*small ones to be sure*) lead me back to replica-land. As soon as I opened the case up, I knew I had something different from the norm. The movement looks like a copy of a Valjoux 7750 and is fairly well-made. The finish is average, but the fit to the case is good. I tested the watch for both accuracy and chronograph functionality. The watch ran a little fast (*about 10 seconds per day*) which is common. The chronograph functioned quite well, even through several cycles and re-set to zero every time. The crown is threaded and there is a large O-ring, so water



resistance is like to be acceptable, though I would not subject ANY replica chronograph to underwater use.

All in all, a surprisingly nice watch, though still not the “Swiss-Made” replica it was sold as.

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