

Press Release: Micromilspec and Black Badger team up again for Broken Hour

Lost in feudal Japan and hunted by the Syndicate, The Black Badger discovers that broken time may be his only way home

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One-time 24-hour sales window: May 29, 18:00 CET to May 30, 18:00 CET

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Oslo, Norway - Broken Hour looks like something has happened to it, because in The Black Badger's world, something has. The hour hand is fractured, the GMT hand is damaged, and the date window has been blasted wide open. These details aren't decoration. They're the first clues to a story that began before the watch even had a name.

Micromilspec introduces the **Micromilspec x Black Badger Broken Hour**, a new collaborative GMT watch created with James Thompson, better known as Black Badger. It is delivered with a fully realized 12-page printed comic book that explains how it came to be this way.

For Henrik Rye, Founder and CEO of Micromilspec, the point was to make sure the strange stuff still felt rooted in the brand. *"Broken Hour isn't just a graphic on a GMT watch,"* he says. *"Every little detail belongs to the same story."* Underneath all of that, he adds, it remains *"a proper Micromilspec GMT."*

The collaboration was built from the world outward. Before Broken Hour had its final shape, The Black Badger already had a universe around him, one full of bad decisions, awkward escapes, and trouble with authority. In this universe, time is not just something you measure. It can be stolen, corrupted, controlled, and, eventually, broken. That gave the team a different way into the design. Broken Hour could still be a capable GMT watch, but it also had to feel like evidence from the story: something repaired, repurposed, and still ticking after the original plan had gone badly wrong.

"From the start, we approached Broken Hour almost like creating a video game," says James Thompson. *"We had built the world first, then asked: what would these characters actually wear? It didn't feel that revolutionary while we were talking about it, but it's what allowed the whole project to properly take shape."*

Project Sabotage gave the first physical glimpse of that world. Its orange accents and slightly unhinged Black Badger logic now carry into Broken Hour through the orange chapter ring, orange rubber strap, white dial, and the sense that things have gone wrong in exactly the right way.

The watch is built on the same platform as Micromilspec's Dualtimer. Underneath all the chaos, it is powered by the Sellita SW330-2 automatic movement, offering hours, minutes, seconds, date, and a GMT hand for tracking a second time zone. The QuadGrip dive bezel adds another functional layer, while the 42mm microblasted stainless steel case, screw-down crown, sapphire crystal, and 20 ATM water resistance keep it aligned with Micromilspec's professional watchmaking roots. The orange rubber strap comes as standard, with a matching microblasted stainless steel bracelet also available.

The broken hour hand, damaged GMT hand, blasted date window, and Samurai Black Badger caseback are not small visual jokes. They are physical mementos of The Black Badger's haphazard journey through the space/time continuum. Some details are there for collectors to find. Others are probably there because Micromilspec and Black Badger enjoyed themselves a little too much.

Each Micromilspec x Black Badger Broken Hour will be delivered with a full **12-page printed comic book** telling the next chapter of **The Time Wars**. The comic has been treated as part of the object rather than a bonus insert. Norwegian comic artist Henri illustrated it as a full printed

chapter, with story by Micromilspec and character creation by James Thompson. It gives Broken Hour its origin story, then lets the reader decide how reliable The Black Badger's version of events really is.

"People are collecting the story as much as the actual product itself," says Thompson. "That's been a really fun part of this project, because the watch isn't just sitting next to the comic. It belongs inside that world."

The Micromilspec x Black Badger Broken Hour will be available through a **one-time 24-hour sales window**, opening on **May 29, 18:00 CET** and closing on **May 30, 18:00 CET** at **<https://www.micromilspec.com/products/black-badger-broken-hour>**. Readers can sign up now on the product page to be notified when the sales window opens. All orders placed during the sales window will be honored. Once it closes, Broken Hour will never be offered or produced again.

Pricing starts at **USD \$1,950** for the orange rubber strap or **USD \$2,200** for the matching microblasted stainless steel bracelet.

The technical details are listed below. The unofficial damage report is best left to the comic.

Technical Specifications

Special features

- One-time 24-hour sales window
- Samurai Black Badger caseback
- Full 12-page printed Black Badger comic book included with every watch

Case

- Microblasted stainless steel case
- QuadGrip dive bezel
- Screw-down crown
- Scratch-resistant sapphire crystal
- Diameter: 42mm, thickness: 12.5mm
- Water resistance: 20 ATM / 200m

Bracelet and straps

- Orange rubber strap as standard
- Matching microblasted stainless steel bracelet is also available

Dial

- White dial with orange chapter ring
- "Broken" hour hand and GMT hand
- "Blasted" date window
- Super-LumiNova indexes and hands

Movement

- Self-winding mechanical movement, Sellita SW330-2
- Functions: Hours, minutes, seconds, date, GMT
- Frequency: 28,800 vph / 4Hz
- Power reserve: 56 hours

About Black Badger

Black Badger is the creative identity of James Thompson, a designer and maker known for his experimental use of materials, color, lume, and unexpected visual storytelling. His work has crossed jewelry, watches, objects, and collaborations with some of the most distinctive names in contemporary watchmaking. With Broken Hour, Black Badger's world expands further, turning a watch launch into a physical chapter of a larger fictional universe. It is a natural extension of Thompson's approach, where material experimentation, humor, and world-building often sit much closer together than traditional watch design usually allows.

About Micromilspec

Established in 2019, MICROMILSPEC is an independent Norwegian watchmaker specialized in made-to-order watches for military, first responders, and special clients.

Watches are designed and developed in Oslo, while manufacturing and assembly are handled by a network of trusted partners in Switzerland. Working closely with some of the industry's leading manufacturers and specialists, all projects are executed with technology, materials, and quality that are usually beyond the scope of most independent micro and boutique brands.

Other Micromilspec projects include:

- Canadian, Norwegian, and French Special Forces
- U.S. Space Force
- His Majesty The King's Guard, Royal Guards battalion of the Norwegian Army
- 330 Squadron, SAR helicopter unit of the Royal Norwegian Air Force
- SAR Canada
- Fridtjof Nansen-class frigates, naval combatant units of the Royal Norwegian Navy
- Telemark Battalion, mechanized infantry unit of the Norwegian Army
- Armoured Battalion, infantry unit of the Norwegian Army
- 2nd Battalion, infantry unit of the Norwegian Army
- Smoke Divers unit of the Oslo Fire Brigade
- Asymmetrical Warfare Group, American anti-terror unit
- Swedish 323rd Parachute Ranger Squadron

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