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Summer Watches

You want to be able to get 'em wet and get 'em dirty. And you don't want to pay an arm and a leg for them.

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Summer is kicking in all its mighty force. The days are infinitely longer and the mornings now kiss you with some serious tongue -- it's that high summer feeling and it tarries with you. The heat is now your best friend and has inspired you to do much more with your days -- and, of course, nights.

Summer takes you to beaches, whether it's Fire Island or Mexico, and to sports games. Summer also keeps you up all night at provocative art galleries and speakeasies, luscious parks, fantastical dinner parties, [open-air bars](#) and bumped-up sweaty clubs. But at some point, hopefully later rather than sooner, you will need to know the time, whether you're in an illegal swimming pool on some rooftop in the city, dancing all night somewhere in a warehouse, playing Frisbee on the Montauk beachfront, yielding to a hot tub or getting naughty on the sand with whoever you've met (or dragged along) for the summer.

Here's a look at the best watches to be wearing in all these situations.

**Timex Weekender Slip Thru**

Price: \$27

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With little pretense of being anything more than a casual and affordable way to tell the time comes the Timex Weekender Slip Thru. Designed with ease in mind, and this summer in blue and green, the watch is all about comfort. Then there is the Indiglo night light, which is ideal for telling the time during the DJ's early-morning set. With an undying and simple unisex styling, there is, of course, a slight danger that a girlfriend might just nick your timepiece for good. The watch comes with a 38-millimeter case and weighs only 26.2 grams.

Sun and Fun Protection Factor: At this price if you lose it in the hot tub, or it does get repossessed at some point, the investment doesn't sting.

Alessi Marcel Wanders Dressed AL27002

Price: \$270

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The famed Dutch designer Marcel Wanders has created his first watch collection, for none other than the Italian brand Alessi. Created with a dual aesthetic, the collection, called Dressed, has two expressions. On the face, a simple design with a signature ornate swish on the hour hand that is available in black or white. On the reverse, a decorative surface, typical of Wanders' aesthetic, and perfect as a conversation piece whilst chatting to a cutie at the bar over summer. The watch comes with a 40-millimeter case and a chic leather strap.

Sun and Fun Protection Factor: Dressy for the evening, but then again not too much for the daytime either. The Dutch designer angle, and flamboyance, does make the watch vent some real sex appeal.

JeanRichard Aquascope Blue Dial

Price: \$3,600

[Buy it here.](#)



If you're looking to spend a little more cash this summer without blowing your entire budget, the JeanRichard Aquascope Blue Dial is great for getting wet and impressing any summer talent. On the work or love life front, that is. With a stainless-steel case, a power reserve of 38 hours and water resistance up to 300 meters, the watch does bring a certain active elegance to the summer. It comes with a 44-millimeter case and a blue rubber strap that can survive any activity.

Sun and Fun Protection Factor: With hopefully an extra-big summer bonus, this watch does look very impressive while you're throwing that football or turning the Kindle's digi-pages.

Swatch Scuba Libre

Price: \$85.99

[Buy it here.](#)



If you want to get wet this summer, in the city or at the ocean, the Swatch Scuba Libre is what you're hankering for. Fun with all kinds of crazy color combinations, rotating bezels and a very sturdy design, the watch offers an easy-to-read face for when you're playing games in the sun. The watch comes in a 44 millimeter case, and the straps are from unbreakable silicon.

Sun and Fun Protection Factor: Up to 200-meter water resistance in a robust casing means this watch will withstand surfing, saunas, splash pools and semi-deep diving.



Boca Grand Traveler

Price: \$330

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From the Mexican watch brand comes the Boca Grand Traveler, which combines a bit of elegance with a rugged summery lure. The beige and camel straps in combination with

the off white Italian-design-inspired face brings with it a summer spent under a palm tree. Occasionally getting up to [wine and dine](#) at a nearby tavern or café is about as much activity as this watch inspires. The watch comes with a 42.5-millimeter case and Mexican craftsmen proudly make the strap, a 16-strand braid.

Sun and Fun Protection Factor: A pliable strap for this watch is a practical pairing with your hammock, summer reading and juncture to check your iPhone.