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Tutima brings pride to Glashütte again with two new classic timepieces: the Patria Small Second and the Patria Dual Time

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Tutima's long-standing association with practical, tough tool-watches is well deserved, but the company has just begun to write another chapter in its history, with the biggest news for the company in many years being its return to Glashütte in 2011. The firm began there, in 1926, as a line of watches produced by Uhren-Rohwerke-Fabrik-Glashütte AG and Uhrenfabrik Glashütte AG; after a long exile, the company has re-established a manufacturing presence in its original hometown. Glashütte watchmaking has a particular stylistic as well as technical heritage, and on the occasion of its return there, Tutima celebrated with the introduction of its first minute repeater, which was also the first minute repeater ever made in Glashütte.

The Tutima Hommage Minute Repeater hewed very much to traditional Glashütte watchmaking architecture and finishing traditions, with the three-quarter movement

plate finished in matte gold, a hand-engraved balance cock, and screwed-down gold chatons for the train jewels. The design was so successful for Tutima — which is now properly referred to as Tutima Glashütte — that the firm was asked repeatedly if it would produce a time-only wristwatch in the same style.

In 2013, Tutima complied with the introduction of the Patria Small Second and Patria Dual Time timepieces. Both watches represent the same design heritage as the Hommage Minute Repeater, using classic Glashütte three-quarter-plate architecture; the distinctive screwed chatons used in the Hommage repeater; and the distinctive, elaborately made and polished-steel click spring originally seen in the Hommage repeater as well.

The movements used in the Patria are the Tutima hand-wound cal. 617/619, which run in 20 jewels with a 65-hour power reserve and a 14K-gold screw-weighted balance oscillating at

21,600vph. The calibers are clearly derived directly from the Tutima repeater cal. 800, and their relationship is instantly obvious on comparison. The Patria Small Second has, in the hand and on the wrist, a palpable sense of mass and presence, but that's a good thing — this is not an ultra-thin watch intended to exemplify the spirit of Parisian sophistication behind extra-flat watches, but rather, the reassuring solidity of good, trustworthy, enduring Saxon watchmaking in particular, and German engineering in general, and at that it succeeds admirably.

Both the Dual Time and Small Second versions of the Patria are extremely appealing watches, and with their introduction, Tutima not only further extends its range with two resolutely classic watches (clearly built with the intention of making something that will be passed from one generation to the next), but also further underscores its commitment to the Glashütte watchmaking tradition. ★

TUTIMA PATRIA SMALL SECOND

MOVEMENT Caliber 617 manual-winding movement; hours and minutes; small seconds; 65-hour power reserve

CASE 43mm; 18K rose gold; water-resistant to 30m

STRAP Alligator leather

TUTIMA PATRIA DUAL TIME

MOVEMENT Caliber 619 manual-winding movement; hours and minutes; small seconds; second time zone; 65-hour power reserve

CASE 43mm; 18K rose gold; water-resistant to 30m

STRAP Alligator leather