

Top Quality Rolex replicas from Japan/Asia

This article talks about the popular automatic-movement Rolex replicas available on the Internet that are not Swiss-made. These types of replicas outsell the Swiss-made replicas 2-1 on the Internet for several reasons:

- some people cannot afford the Swiss-made replicas,
- some people aren't willing to pay a few hundred dollars for them,
- and some people are scammed by sites selling Japan-made replicas as Swiss-made replicas

Regardless, there are many people buying these replicas and there are so many different qualities coming from Asia that it is hard to tell which site is selling what.

As mentioned in previous articles, there are 3 main types of qualities under genuine, Swiss-made quality

- Top quality Asian-made Rolex replicas (the worst of the 3),
- Regular quality Japan-made Rolex replicas,
- And top quality Japan-made Rolex replicas (which are similar to Swiss-made replicas)

We will be discussing flaws and features of the 3 different types, as well as websites claiming to sell them and how to spot the truths and lies.

One interesting thing to note about the sites below is that almost all of them are incorrectly representing their replicas. All sites offering top quality Japan-made replicas are selling them as Swiss-made replicas, and almost all sites offering regular Japan-made replicas are selling them as Swiss-made replicas as well. This reinforces our point that the Internet is full of scams. But with careful and knowledgeable buying, you can avoid them.

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Top Quality Asian-made Rolex Replicas

Top quality Asian-made Rolex replicas are made and assembled in factories throughout Asian. Most notably, they are mainly from factories in Thailand and Taiwan. Those 2 countries make the best non-Japan-made replicas.

The wholesale prices on these watches range from \$20-50 per watch. They aren't that expensive and are prone to problems with the automatic movements. As a matter of fact, if you remove the case on the back, you will notice that some of the parts of the movement (and even the movement holder itself) is made in plastic.

But for a retail price of \$100-\$150, I would say that these watches are a worthwhile replica of a \$5000 watch. There are definitely some flaws with them, but from a distance to a regular person, they can look very close to the real thing. Visually, the watches are very good for the price, and the overall construction of the watch is similar to a normal watch being sold for \$40-60.

Here is a list of known problems/flaws with the watches:

- Not water-resistant (can't take a long shower with them)
- The gold is fake gold and looks much too shiny
- Stainless steel is plated and will wear off
- The stainless steel is usually a chrome color that is extremely shiny, almost like a mirror
- Movements are Asian-made automatic movements and can easily break down/lose time
- No hacking signal on the movement (second hand doesn't stop sweeping when you pull the crown out)
- Sweeping second hand does not sweep as smoothly as the real thing
- Many visual appearance errors
- The colors on many of the dials do not look like the real thing
- The overall watch is too light and flimsy, and the bands aren't thick enough
- The watch doesn't feel like a very high quality \$5000 watch when you hold on to it, it feels like a cheap watch you can purchase for \$50
- The cases are different shape/dimension from the real thing
- Crystal is a plastic crystal that can scratch easily
- Date magnification is incorrect (too little)
- Date wheel (the fonts on the date) are incorrect
- Most are not repairable
- Second, hour, and minute hands are too short
- Bezels do not look or feel much like the real thing (especially on Yachtmaster models, where many lines appear between the numbers)
- The crowns are not really 1-piece and are glued on at the ends
- Bands are connected by pins, not screws
- The markings on the back of the case are incorrect (there are NO markings on the back of a real Rolex!)
- Some engravings/markings are missing (such as those between the lugs and inside the clasps)
- Markings on the dial are rarely sharp, and some big flaws exist (such as incorrect text or placement of Swiss T < 25 or Swiss Made underneath the 6 o'clock marker)
- Luminescent hour markers are wrong size and sometimes glow a wrong color (Too green)
- Chronographs on Daytona replicas don't work

...and too many others to list

Viewing the list, you might think that the watches look absolutely terrible. They don't for the price. For \$100, these look like very good copies of \$5000 watches. If you are looking for an exact copy for \$100, you are probably too cheap to buy the real thing in the first place and no one will even believe you have the real thing. I advise you not buy any replica because if you show it off, people will definitely want you to take it off and show it to them (and many flaws exist on all non-Swiss-made replicas that real Rolex owners will be able to expose).

These watches are mass manufactured, and the problems/flaws found on each one are always different. You can't really give a list of the problems on every watch. But if you purchase one of them, compare it to the real thing and you can see the differences for yourself.

Don't be scared off by the list of problems and flaws. Again, for the price, you can't expect much better (except maybe the Japan-made replicas). You can't expect to pay \$100 for a perfect replica

of a solid gold Rolex watch made to Swiss quality standards – that’s not going to happen. Even though Rolex watches are overpriced, they are still made by skilled watchmakers, and not by machines in Asian sweat shops.

Many dealers claim to be selling Japan-made replicas, but are really selling Asian-made replicas. As a matter of fact, there are currently not many known Japan-made replica dealers on the Internet – they are all selling Asian-made replicas.

Here is a list of giveaways to see if a dealer is really offering Asian-made replicas:

- The blue color on their 2-tone Submariner is pale, and not a bright blue like a genuine Japan-made replica
- Under the 6 o’clock marker and OUTSIDE the hour markers, it does not CLEARLY say “Swiss Made” or “Swiss T < 25”. Many Asian-made replicas do say it, but it is either not aligned properly or is INSIDE the hour markers (which does not comply with Swiss-made standards)
- Yachtmaster models have multiple lines between the number markers on the bezel
- The sweeping second hands on the Yachtmasters are a bright red
- The date font is obviously incorrect and not magnified correctly
- The gold is a very bright, brassy color, instead of a genuine gold color
- The luminescent hour markers are a pale green color instead of a more bright color
- They offer dress models! Regular Japan-made replicas do NOT come in dress models
- The 12 o’clock marker (upside down triangle) is too small compared to the real thing
- The bezels on the Submariner replicas are too thin

Check out this list of dealers, and brief notes beside each one

Replicas-r-us.com

Their mens models are all Asian-made replicas. Check out the list above and you will see the many flaws.

Repliclord.com

Their blue face Submariners are the dead giveaway. Compare the color of the blue with their Swiss-made replicas (their Swiss-made Submariners are really top quality Japan-made replicas).

Knockedoffcheap.com

Their mid-grade Rolex replicas are Asian-made replicas. A dead giveaway are their inconsistent pictures – they are obviously not taken by themselves. The pictures are stolen from elsewhere. Also, their Yachtmasters have those patches between the numbers on the bezels, as well as incorrect (blocky) date fonts.

Replicaland.com

Look at their 2-tone Submariner, some of their Yachtmaster bezels, as well as their low prices.

QualityReplicas.com

As usual, look at the color of the face on the Submariners, and compare it to the ones on some of the Japan-made replicas websites.

Areplicamall.com

Hard to tell, because their pictures are taken from various websites, and they do not have any close-ups or consistent photos of any one watch. However, they do offer credit cards – we highly recommend you pay ONLY with a credit card so you can try to get your money back if their watches turn out to be non-solid stainless steel (like they claim).

2002watch.com

They do not have any pictures of Submariners, but they do have many dress watches and their Yachtmaster replicas have the patches between the numbers.

Watchreplica1.com

They have pictures of Japan-made Submariners, however, their 20-day warranty scares us off. Also, they don't have any close-ups of the watches so it's hard to tell. Their Yachtmaster Japs are definitely Asian-made replicas.

Replicamall.com

Look at their Submariner and Yachtmaster styles.

Allreplicas.com

Low prices, unclear warranty policies, and no clear pictures indicating Japan-made replicas.

Regular Japan-made Rolex Replicas

Japan-made replicas are obviously from Japan. The movements are Japan-made, as well as most parts from the watches. They are either imported into the USA and assembled here, or sent off to other parts in Asia to be assembled. Nevertheless, most parts are made in Japan and are very high in quality.

The watches usually retail for \$150-\$250, and the quality is considerably better than the Asian-made replicas. If we were to recommend anything, it would be to spend the extra dollars to purchase a genuine, Japan-made replica instead of an Asian-made replica.

Wholesale, they will cost \$50-75 each, and the quality is definitely the same as any \$150-\$250 watch, if not better. The movements are much better and will last longer than Asian-made replicas. They have some similarities as Asian-made replicas, but differ in many ways as well.

For one, the construction, weight, and feel of the watch are completely different. If you put a Japan-made replica beside an Asian-made replica, the differences are night and day. Japan-made replicas have thicker and better bands, and are constructed from solid stainless steel. The gold is genuine gold plating, so it looks almost like the real thing. The reason the color is slightly off is because the gold is not solid and not as good as the gold that Rolex uses.

The Miya Co. movements on the latest ones have hacking signals (when you pull the crown out, the second hand stops sweeping), and the crystals are mineral crystals (not as good as sapphire crystal, but much better than a cheap plastic crystal). The crown is also one-piece, and the bezels look and feel very similar to the real thing. On the latest versions, they even have screws on the band instead of pins, and they even have engravings on the insides of the clasps.

They also have very accurate colors and markings on the dial, including the "Swiss T< 25". The second, hour, and minute hands are much longer than on Asian-made replicas, although they are not as long as genuine Rolex watches.

Water-resistance is not as much of a problem (you can shower in them), but there have been a few problems reported with swimming in them. Since genuine Rolex owners never swim in them anyways, there's nothing really to worry about.

The sweeping second hands sweep very smoothly, but they have been known to lose a bit of time. Also, like the Asian-made replicas, the dials sometimes have small particles inside them that can be seen upon close inspection.



Here is a picture taken from Idealwatches.com's website which compares Asian-made replicas with regular Japan-made replicas. The replica on the left is a Japan-made replica, and the one on the right is an Asian-made replica. Notice several things from this photograph:

- The bezel on the Asian-made replica has "patches" between the markers. For example, between the "10" and the "50" marker on the Asian replica, there are 4 separate patches. Upon close inspection, they are fuzzy lines. They do not exist on genuine Rolex watches and only come with Asian replicas.
- The gold on the left watch does not look as shiny and brassy as the one on the right. Although it does not look exactly like a genuine Rolex, it is much better than the Asian replica.



Here is another picture. Notice the much thicker links on the Japan-made replica as compared to the Asian-made replica.



Here is a 3rd picture. Look at the differences in the color of the faces. The watch on the right is clearly an Asian-made replica. This is by far the easiest method to tell whether a site is selling Asian or Japan-made replicas.

Here are some other known problems/flaws with genuine Japan-made replicas:

- They only come in sport models! This is by far the most important flaw, and the easiest way to tell whether sites are selling them
- While some Japan-made replicas have hacking signals, others don't
- The bands are still slightly thinner than a genuine Rolex
- Size/dimensions of the case are slightly smaller than a genuine Rolex
- The markings on the face are still not as sharp as the real thing
- The stainless steel on some models has been heard to wear off after a year, but that only happened on replicaone.com so they were probably shipping out non-solid stainless steel bands
- The color of the gold doesn't look exactly like the real thing, but good enough
- The quality of the materials used on the watch doesn't really feel like the real thing
- The markings on the back of the watch (which should be none) are not accurate, or have a glass back
- Like all other replicas, the biggest giveaway is the dates are not magnified correctly, and the date fonts are not the same as a genuine Rolex

One major advantage of these replicas over genuine, Swiss-made replicas is that on the 2-tone Submariner models, the gold does pass through the clasp, just like on the brand new genuine Rolex watches! Genuine Swiss-made replicas, however, don't have this feature.

Here are a list of sites delivering regular Japan-made replicas

Watchreplica1.com

They claim to be selling Swiss-made replicas, but all customer complaints we've received so far points to them shipping out regular Japan-made replicas. Some customers report them not delivering real cheap watches on the 2-tone Serti Submariner replicas as well.

Replicaland.com

All customer complaints so far also point to them shipping out their Japan-made replicas as Swiss-made replicas. They stopped accepting credit cards because too many customers have complained and returned every watch they've shipped out.

Replicas-r-us.com

Their Swiss-made replicas, as you can observe on their pictures, have very incorrect date magnification. They, like all other sites, claim to be offering Swiss-made replicas, but their watches look just like Japan-made replicas. Since they only have sport models listed, that's another indication.

HouseofRolexes.com

You can see by the screws on the Submariner bands as well as the markings inside the clasps. However, their dress styles and Yachtmasters are all Asian-made – check out the date fonts compared to the better Submariner models (because Japan-made replicas only come in sport models).

So basically, judging by their whole site, they only offer regular Japan-made replicas. Whether you pay \$150 for it, or \$450 for the “Swiss-made” version, you will be receiving the same watch. And their Japan-made replicas come only in the Submariner models.

IdealWatches.com

They have the best prices on regular, Japan-made replicas, compared to the other sites. However, we have heard of some problems from their customers about them delivering promptly. They usually take as long as 2 weeks before delivery on their Japan-made replicas. We highly advise you contact them to confirm delivery time BEFORE ordering.

Top Quality Japan-Made Replicas

These replicas, like the regular Japan-made replicas, are known to come from Japan. Some parts do come from China, but for most parts, it comes from Japan.

Most people who sell these try to sell them as genuine Swiss-made replicas. That's because they do have a lot of similarities with genuine Swiss-made replicas. For one, the size, and feel of the watch is very good. The weight is lighter than the real thing, but on non-gold models, they are very, very good.

They also have very high quality Japan-made automatic movements used on top Seiko/Zenith watches coming from Japan. The movements all have hacking signals, and watches are also reported to be waterproof with general daily use and shallow water swimming. The crystals are mineral crystals, but they are better in quality than the regular Japan-made replicas.

The backs can be opened with a Rolex tool, and they usually come with replica green stickers as well.

Overall, they are great replicas, and they are supposed to retail for about \$300 each. But virtually every single dealer is selling them as “Swiss-made replicas for low prices... \$300-\$600”. They wholesale for about \$150, so if a dealer can sell one for \$600, they stand to earn \$450 off the sale!

Don't be fooled by these claims. They are definitely great replicas for \$300, but not worth \$600. The gold found on them is usually gold-wrap, and the gold color is too brown compared to a genuine Rolex. The date magnification is also slightly off, and the date fonts are also slightly off.

Amongst the other problems/flaws with them:

- The stainless steel is solid, but is not 440-grade. You can tell when you hold a genuine Rolex and feel that their stainless steel feels a lot better
- The weight of the watch is slightly lighter than the real thing. The difference is negligible to a regular person, but any watch with gold on it is too light since it's not solid gold nor triple-wrapped
- They do not carry a 2-tone Submariner Serti or mid-sized Yachtmaster models
- The date fonts are not exactly correct in size, type, nor background
- The markings on the dial are not as sharp
- There are no markings on the case between the lugs
- The green hologram sticker don't look as good as on genuine Swiss-made replicas
- The size of the screws is smaller than on a genuine Rolex watch and a genuine Swiss-made replica

Here is a list of known sites selling top quality Japan-made replicas

Swiss-replica-watches.com

The original site with pictures of their own watches, they are trying to sell them as Swiss-made replicas. They don't accept credit cards, but are charging Swiss-made prices for the watches. Not a good buy at their listed prices, but a real good buy if they were selling them for a retail of \$300 or so each.

Swisswarehouse.com

Notice they are using the same pics as swiss-replica-watches.com. The prices are better, but they don't look like they accept credit cards. If possible, pay by credit card, or at least use an escrow service.

Knockedoffcheap.com

They are stealing pictures from various websites on the Internet. They also don't accept credit cards. In addition, the very first picture at the top looks like an Asian replica, and I even see a few pictures of genuine Rolex watches inside there. Nevertheless, they sound like they may be offering top quality Japan-made replicas, but we strongly advise you pay by credit card or use an escrow service.

Replicamall.com

Another site stealing the pictures from swiss-replica-watches.com. Their prices are much too high for Japan-made replicas.

Triwatches.com

Same website as swisswarehouse.com

Handwatches.com

You will have a tough time paying a premium if you are being charged in Euros. The dates under the magnifications look much too small to be genuine Swiss-made replicas. In addition, they accept checks only from USA customers. We highly recommend at least using an escrow service if you are going to buy from them.

Houseofrolexes.com

Another site taking the pictures from swiss-replica-watches.com. They have a small, but reasonably priced selection. Their 6 month warranty is a dead giveaway, but make sure you pay by a credit card and not Western Union. Since they don't accept credit cards, a

common scam might be shipping out Jap/Asian watches and you can't do anything about it.

Highrollerwatches.com

Your best bet for a top quality Japan-made replica. They accept credit cards, but avoid offering gold models because the single-wrap usually wears off.

Summary

I hope you've learned something from reading this article. The key to making a smart purchase is to make an informed one. Make sure you are receiving what you're paying for. Low pricing isn't everything – it's usually a dealer's way of sucking you into buying a cheaper replica.

The most important thing for you to learn is that dealers often (and usually) lie about their watches to increase their own sales. Don't fall for their tricks – you deserve better, especially when paying over \$100 for a watch.

There are many differences between these watches. Read the Specifications article written by another staff member for more information about the specifications of each type of watch.