

My Dude Watch

The Ultimate NH35 / NH38 / NH36

Comparison Guide

If you've spent any time in the affordable watch world, you've seen these movement names everywhere: NH35, NH38, and NH36. This guide expands the H35 Survival Guide into a full family reference so you understand exactly what you're getting.

Core Specifications (Shared Platform)

All three movements are produced by Seiko Instruments (SII). They share a common architecture and reliability reputation.

Feature	NH35	NH36	NH38
Jewels	24	24	24
Beat Rate	21,600 bph (3 Hz)	21,600 bph (3 Hz)	21,600 bph (3 Hz)
Power Reserve	~41 hours	~41 hours	~41 hours
Hand-Winding	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hacking (Stop Seconds)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date Function	Yes (Date only)	Day + Date	No Date (Open Heart Friendly)



NH35 — The Workhorse

Yes Yes Day + Date ~41 hours Yes Yes No Date (Open Heart Friendly) The NH35 is the most common automatic movement in the microbrand world. It includes a date complication, hacking, and hand-winding. It's affordable, durable, and easy to service — making it a go-to for tool watches under \$500.

NH36 — The Day-Date Upgrade

The NH36 builds on the NH35 by adding a day display alongside the date. It's ideal for field or everyday watches where additional calendar information is desired. Performance and durability mirror the NH35



NH38 — The No-Date Option

The NH38 removes the date function entirely, making it ideal for clean dial designs or open-heart watches. Without a date position, it eliminates the 'phantom date' crown click — something enthusiasts appreciate.