

Rolex Submariner 1680 Red 'Mk2'



The ref. 1680 was introduced at the end of the 1960s and was the first Submariner to feature a date function. Early executions like this one, with red 'Submariner' text, are among the most desirable vintage sports watches.

This watch was produced in 1969, the very year the 1680 was introduced. Ref. 1680 Submariner's produced between 1969 and 1973 feature dials with red printed 'Submariner' text on the lower half of the dial. This uncommon and colourful details makes these 'Red Subs' beloved among collectors.

This example sports a 'Meter First' MK II dial in excellent condition. Meter first means that on the dial, 'meters' comes before 'feet' Which was done with the first pieces of this series. The four-line matte black dial features painted tritium hour markers and its original, matching tritium handset. Real collectors look at details like these.

The prices of Red 1680's increased heavily but gradually over the years which makes it very sought-after in the world of Rolex collectors. Prices doubled over the last five years and never went down since its introduction in the end of the '60s. The Red Submariner is a good example and reflection of the Vintage Rolex market which turned out to be way steadier than the modern market where hype-pieces like the 15202, 5711 and 116500 collapsed in value the last months.



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Signature: A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by a circular stamp containing the AWW logo and the year '1987'.