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Oscillating monolithic parts (powered the DEFY Inventor sold by Zenith-LVMH)

- C - Watch unique oscillators made of steel or copper - Various functional watch parts (springs, escape wheels Δ etc.)
- LMJ used for:
- Development and prototyping (0.2-2.0mm thicknesses)
- High tech regulation system made of 1 single part 0
- Small series (1 to 100 pcs)
- Prototyping & small series for LVMH brands of mechanical parts





Flexible & stable tool for production

Main processing criteria:

- No force / No deformation
- Capacity to cut very thin bridges (30µm large, 300 µm thick, 30mm long)
- Complex shapes
- No burrs
- No heat affected zone & Low roughness Ra
- Narrow tolerances

Machining technologies able to reach these criteria:

- UV LIGA (photolithography+electroforming) for larger series
- Laser MicroJet (LMJ) water jet guided laser technology



LMJ advantages versus LIGA:

- Faster and cheaper for prototyping
- Low cost for small series

Installed machine type:

- 1 x LCS 300
- Dual laser equipped: 100 W green laser and 20 W short pulse green laser





