



**Minitubes has been awarded the MICRON D'OR (Golden Micron), category « *Microtechnical parts or elements used in a component* » at the MICRONORA trade fair.**

**The Golden Micron was awarded to Minitubes for the precision machining and shaping of phynox small tubes used in the 3D architecture of an exceptional watch.**

The Microns d'Or, regarded by professionals at every edition of the fair as the indisputable benchmark of innovation, rewards micro-technological innovations that are show-cased at the fair for the first time.

#### **Story:**

RICHARD MILLE has asked Minitubes' client AUDEMARS PIGUET RENAUD & PAPI, Switzerland, to make the mechanics of the outstanding RM012 watch.

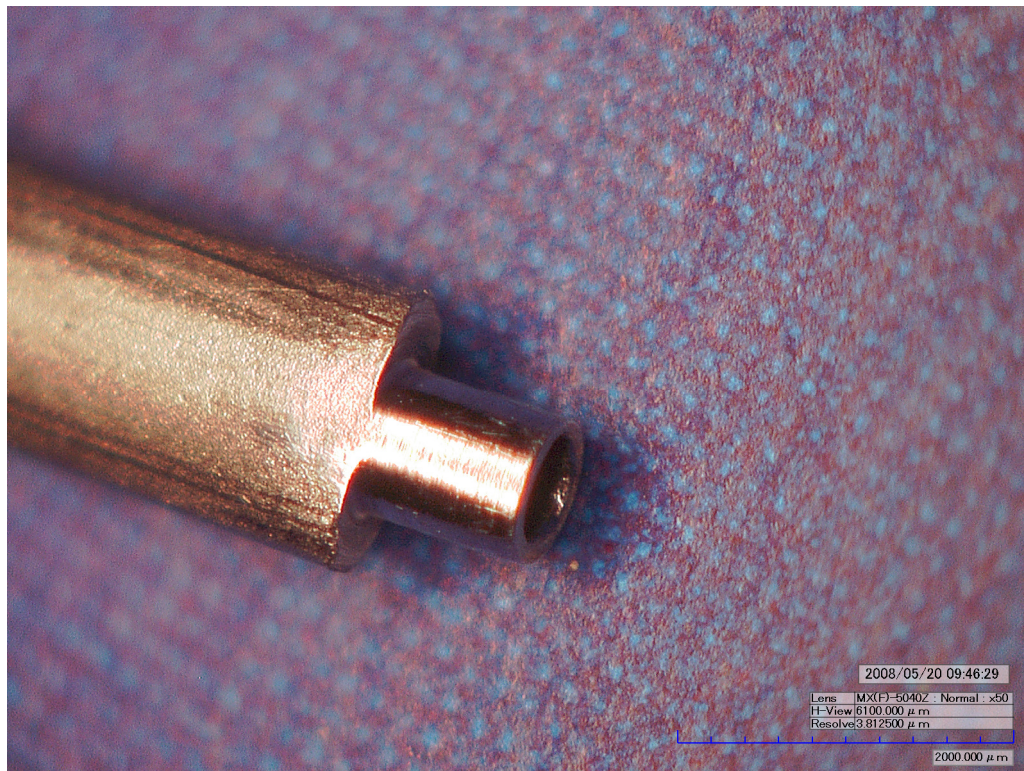
Manufacturing 19 different types of tubing with OD inferior to 1 mm, with high dimensional and geometrical requirements as well as a few micron tolerances has been one of our main challenges of the last few years. We launched this project, determined to assist our customer in developing small tubular pieces.

Since then, we have had rewards at each step:

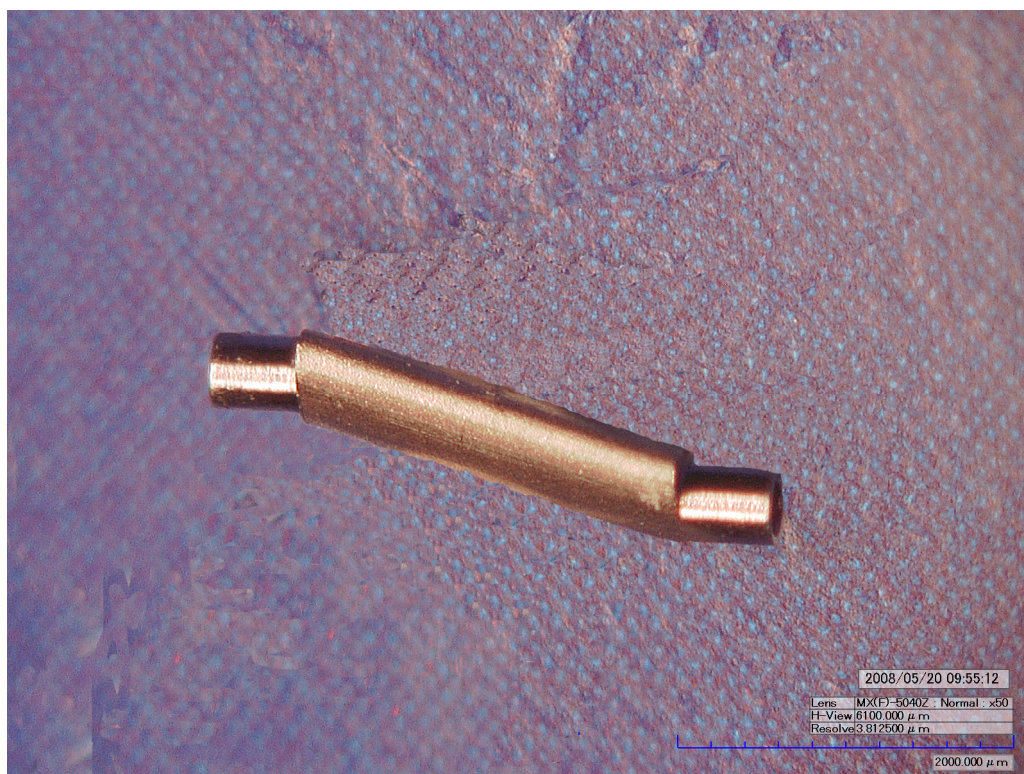
- Validation of the tubing feasibility, of the equipment and of the manufacturing process
- The satisfaction of our client with the first prototypes
- The satisfaction of our client with our quality and service
- RICHARD MILLE's RM012 watch obtained the Grand Prix De L'Aiguille D'Or at the Geneva's Grand prix de l'Horlogerie 2007
- The Golden Micron awarded to MINITUBES,

This last reward is important to us as it recognizes our work and our will to consistently make progress in manufacturing and helping in designing small tubes.

#### **Pictures:**

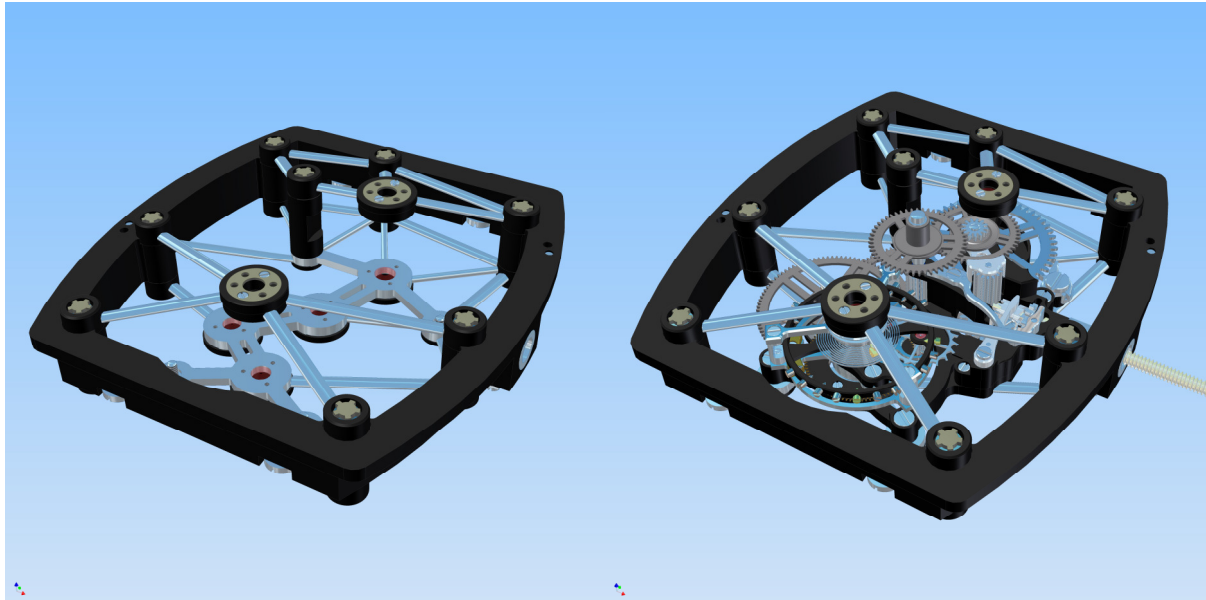


Detail of one of the 19 tubes



Another model out of the 19 tubes





Assembling of tubes and fitting of the mechanism pieces (at AUDEMARS PIGUET  
RENAUD ET PAPI)



The RICHARD MILLE RM012 watch which obtained the Grand Prix De L'Aiguille D'Or in Geneva.



Some happy owners of a RICHARD MILLE watch.

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