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Rolex Datejust 16030 – 36mm – Engine Turned Bezel – Full Set – 1988

Own a piece of horological history with this Rolex Datejust reference 16030, one of the most iconic and enduring designs ever produced by Rolex. Combining timeless styling with robust engineering, this late-1980s example offers both everyday wearability and strong collector appeal — especially as a full set example.

Originally sold in the UK in April 1988, with documented resale through Goldsmiths in 2022, this watch carries a desirable and traceable history.

Key Details

- Model: Rolex Datejust
- Reference: 16030
- Year: 1988 (papers dated April 1988)
- Case Size: 36mm
- Case Material: Stainless steel
- Bezel: Engine-turned stainless steel bezel
- Dial: Silver
- Hour Markers: Baton markers
- Date: At 3 o'clock with Cyclops
- Crystal: Plexiglass
- Movement: Rolex Calibre 3035 automatic
- Power Reserve: Approx. 42 hours
- Water Resistance: Originally rated to 100 metres
- Bracelet: Rolex Jubilee bracelet
- Clasp: Folding clasp
- Wrist Size: Fits up to approx. 19cm
- Guarantee: 12-month mechanical guarantee

Condition Report

Case: Very good overall condition with light wear consistent with age.

Bezel: Engine-turned bezel well defined and in good condition.

Dial: Clean silver dial with excellent legibility.

Crystal: Plexiglass in good condition with minor age-related wear.

Bracelet: Jubilee bracelet showing some sag consistent with age.

Overall: A strong and honest vintage example.

Working Order

Fully serviced in-house in 2026.

Running at approximately +5 seconds per day.

Operating reliably and supplied with our 12-month guarantee.

Our View

The Datejust 16030 perfectly captures the essence of vintage Rolex — understated, versatile and built to last. The engine-turned bezel sets it apart visually from fluted or smooth variants, offering a slightly more utilitarian aesthetic while remaining unmistakably Rolex.

What really elevates this piece is its full-set status, something increasingly difficult to find with watches of this age. Combined with its excellent timekeeping and wearable 36mm proportions, this is a superb option for both collectors and those looking for a classic daily Rolex.