

Citizen BL5194-52L Aviator

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Live somewhere warm? Buy this watch.

This is an HK/Japan market model. I bought it out of my pleasure with my other Promaster. It may be pretty, but it deserves the Promaster label it wears. It has:

- Medium size: 39mm wide, 12mm thick - nice and wearable
- 100m water resistance
- 1/10th second chrono
- alarm
- 24 hr clock in subdial
- 9 month power reserve
- perpetual calendar (good until 2100)
- 2nd time zone quick switch

The crown doesn't lock down, but rather operates the 'mode' that is indicated by the 6 o'clock subdial.

The face, forget being a solar panel, is just beautiful:

The bracelet is fantastic. This is my 3rd Duratech Titanium watch and it really is a great material, not just strength to weight ratio, but also the hardness/scratch resistance compared to regular Ti (or should I say to the oxidized outer layer of regular Ti). The bracelet configuration is awesome too - so vented, great for hot days, yet doesn't catch arm hair.

It says quality. It sold out fast when I had found it. I've seen it in early 2006 for around \$450, and for what you get, it's still a bargain.