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## Grand Seiko Unveils Updated Evolution 9 Spring Drive Models

### Description

The Grand Seiko Evolution 9 collection has introduced five new Spring Drive watches: SLGB007, SLGB009, SLGB011, SLGB013, and SLGB015. These are not limited editions but updates to improve accuracy and functionality. This is significant, as Grand Seiko aims to enhance their already popular watches.

The new models feature familiar designs. SLGB013 and SLGB015 have blue dials inspired by Lake Suwa, while SLGB007 presents a new black dial in High-Intensity Titanium. SLGB009 returns to the White Birch design, and SLGB011 showcases a green dial inspired by Nagano Prefecture's Atera Valley.

Changes mainly focus on details. All models are time-and-date watches with textured dials and 10-bar water resistance. The most notable improvement is the three-step micro-adjustable clasp. This allows users to change the size easily without tools.

The design of the Evolution 9 collection has a modern feel, focusing on aesthetics, legibility, and comfort. Most of the watches measure 40mm wide and 11.7mm thick, while SLGB015 is smaller at 37mm.

All five watches use the Grand Seiko caliber 9RB2. This Spring Drive movement provides excellent accuracy of  $\pm 20$  seconds per year. However, it has a shorter power reserve of 72 hours compared to previous models.

Prices start at €10,400 for most models, while SLGB007 costs €11,700. The new watches will be available in September 2026.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **accuracy** //ˈækjəʊəsi// (noun): how close something is to the true value
2. **functionality** //ˌfʌŋkʃəˈnælɪti// (noun): the way something works or what it does
3. **enhance** //ɪnˈhæns// (verb): to make something better or stronger
4. **titanium** //taɪˈteɪniəm// (noun): a strong, light metal often used in watches
5. **clasp** //klæsp// (noun): a small metal part that fastens two ends
6. **legibility** //ˌledʒəˈbɪlɪti// (noun): how easy it is to read or see text

### Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. What is the starting price for most models in the Grand Seiko Evolution 9 collection?

- Option: €9,500
- Option: €10,400
- Option: €11,700
- Option: €12,000

2. Which model features a black dial in High-Intensity Titanium?

- Option: SLGB007
- Option: SLGB009
- Option: SLGB011
- Option: SLGB013

3. What kind of movement do all five watches in the Evolution 9 collection use?

- Option: Mechanical
- Option: Quartz
- Option: Spring Drive
- Option: Automatic

4. Which model is inspired by Lake Suwa?

- Option: SLGB007
- Option: SLGB009
- Option: SLGB013
- Option: SLGB015

5. What is the thickness of most watches in the collection?

- Option: 10.0mm
- Option: 11.0mm
- Option: 11.7mm
- Option: 12.5mm

6. In what year will the new watches be available?

- Option: 2025
- Option: 2026
- Option: 2027
- Option: 2028



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### True-False

7. The Grand Seiko Evolution 9 collection includes limited edition watches.
8. SLGB011 showcases a blue dial.
9. All watches in the Evolution 9 collection are time-and-date watches.
10. The Spring Drive movement has a power reserve of 48 hours.
11. SLGB015 is the largest model in terms of size.
12. The models in the Evolution 9 collection emphasize aesthetics and comfort.

### Gap-Fill

13. The new models in the Grand Seiko Evolution 9 collection include SLGB007, SLGB009, SLGB011, SLGB013, and SLGB015, which are not limited editions but updates to improve \_\_\_\_\_.
14. All five watches use the Grand Seiko caliber 9RB2, providing an accuracy of  $\pm 20$  seconds per \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The most notable improvement in the watches is the three-step micro-adjustable \_\_\_\_\_.
16. SLGB009 returns to the \_\_\_\_\_ design.
17. The Evolution 9 collection's design focuses on aesthetics, legibility, and \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Prices for the new watches start at €10,400, while SLGB007 costs \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. €10,400 2. SLGB007 3. Spring Drive 4. SLGB013 5. 11.7mm 6. 2026

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. True

**Gap-Fill:** 13. accuracy and functionality 14. year 15. clasp 16. White Birch 17. comfort 18. €11,700



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