

Taking Care of Your Watch

How do you set your watch in motion?

If you put your automatic watch for the first time on your wrist or if it has stopped beating after you have not worn it for some time, wind your watch clockwise for 40 turns.

After having done that make a circular movement whilst holding the watch firmly in our hand. This helps the rotor to swing free.

By the way, don't worry about over winding your watch. The movement is protected by a special clutch. If the barrel spring is fully wound the clutch lets the winding stem go in neutral gear.

Setting time and date

Never use the fast set mechanism from the outset. Thus pull out the crown gently to the second position and let the hands go full circle till the date has changed. Now your watch knows it is morning. Move the hands to the 6.30 position push the crown back in.

Pull the crown out gently again this time to first position. Now you can set the date by using the fast setting mode. Just turn the crown anti-clockwise. Set the date to one day earlier than the day you want to set. Push the crown in. Pull it out to position two again and set the final day by letting the hands move around the dial.

Now set the time and push the crown back in. Make sure that it is safely in place.

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A word of caution. Never set the date by using the fast setting mode if your watch is between 9.00 pm and 3.00 am. This can damage the gear train.

The same can happen if you turn back the time by more than 24 hours by using the hands. This may lead to the day wheels coming unsettled.

Things to avoid

Your watch's dial is hand-made. The colours may fade if the watch is exposed to radiating sunlight for extended periods of time. Please keep this in mind when storing your watch.

Every watch movement is influenced by magnetic fields. Therefore watches are best kept away from devices emitting stronger magnetic fields. Mobile phones, fridges and microwave ovens spring here to mind. Mind you this list is not exhaustive. Please do not store your watch on or next to such a device for an extended period of time.

Your mechanical watch is fragile. Therefore it does not appreciate sudden strong shocks. Please keep this in mind when practising sports for instance.

Watches are made of metal. This also means that they do not like to be heated up extremely and then being shocked by a sudden change in temperature. Keep this in mind when sunbathing and cooling off in the pool or in the sea.

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Hand cream, suds and soaps

Most of the products we use in this area are rather aggressive. They are therefore not meant to be used on your watch. Your watch's gaskets might be damaged and leakage might occur.

However your watch does not mind the occasional getting wet whilst washing your hands for instance.

Taking care of the watch's case and stainless steel bracelet

Avoid anything abrasive.

Your watch is best wiped clean with a chamois cloth or a micro fibre cloth. Do not use any detergents to clean it.

At the factory we use micro fibre cloth and a sprinkle of water with a drop of EM-1. (www.emrojapan.com)

Taking care of your watch's leather strap

Our straps are made of genuine hide of free-roaming Swiss bulls. They are a natural product. However, they are not meant to come in contact with water too often.

Every leather strap appreciates the occasional rework with saddle wax. This keeps it clean and shiny.

If you wear your watch daily we recommend that you change your watch's leather strap at least every 18 months. This for hygienic reasons. If you live in a more humid climate and/or transpire readily, change it earlier.

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The buckle of your leather strap is bested wiped clean with a chamois cloth or micro fibre cloth.

Resistance to water

Gaskets tend to wear out. If your watch gets into frequent contact with suds and soaps, is subject to sudden temperature changes, gaskets need to be replaced at least once a year. This ensures that your watch remains water resistance to its rating.

Accuracy

Your mechanical watch's accuracy depends very much on the way you wear it. If you move quite readily it keeps wound tighter. To top the barrel spring up some 8 days of normal daily activity interspersed with walking about and other movements are enough to keep your watch and therefore yourself happy.

When putting your watch on your nightstand please make sure that it lies flat and not on the dial side. Putting your watch on the dial side makes it run faster as there is less than the prescribed for gravity working on the escarpment.

If you put your watch with the crown facing upwards (hanging watch) the escapement is impacted more by gravity and the watch might slow down.

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Storing your watch if not worn for a couple of days or longer.

Your watch is best stored in a dry and dark place. Always dial facing upwards.

Servicing

Your watch needs to be serviced at least every four to five years.

This ensures that all the required lubes and greases are up to standard and that all the gaskets get changed.

Please consult your authorised Montres Edouard Lauzières dealer for any servicing.

Quartz watches

All of the above applies to quartz watches too.

Quartz watches have batteries. Please make sure when it needs to be changed that it is disposed off in an environmental friendly way. Make sure that the battery gets changed when your watch stops. Otherwise the battery might be leaking acids which can damage the movement.