

# How to set time on a handwinding three-hand watch

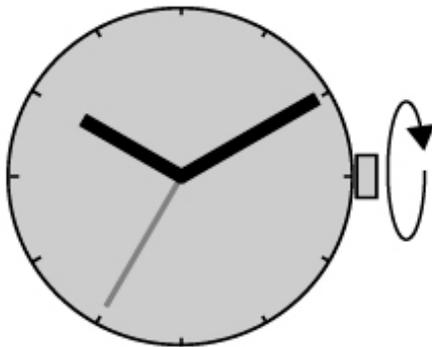
## 1. Remove the watch from your wrist

Do not wear your watch while you wind and set it. If you leave your watch on, you risk winding your watch at an awkward angle and, in turn, damaging the internal components and potentially loosening the crown.

## 2. Unscrew crown (10 ATM or higher watches only)

If your watch is 10 ATM (or higher) water resistant, you probably first have to unscrew the crown, by turning it anti-clockwise. If you cannot turn the crown clockwise, the crown is screwed down.

## 3. Make sure the watch is running

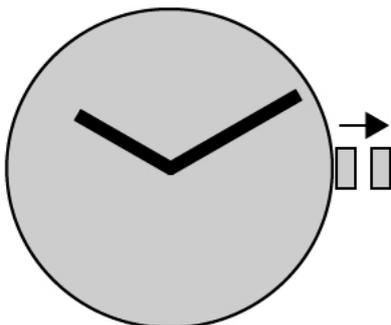


If it has been a long time since you have worn your watch, you'll want to make sure it is running before you set the time.

If you have a *hand winding watch*, first make sure it is fully wound.

To wind your watch turn the crown clockwise until you feel resistance. Your watch is adequately wound once you feel this and over-winding it could cause damage.

## 4. To set the time, pull the crown fully out

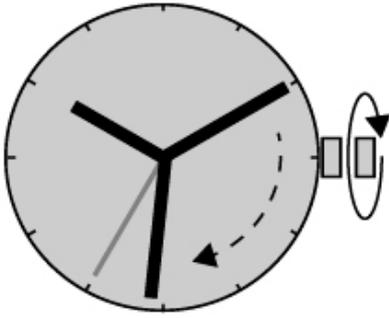


To set your watch's time, simply pull the crown out to the furthest position from the watch base. The hands stop to help you accurately set the time.

## 5. Check the correct time

Before setting the time, make sure you have access to a (digital) reference clock, based on atomic timekeeping. For example on the website <https://time.is> you can find the correct time for your region.

## 6. Set the time



Gently turn the crown clockwise (or away from you) until you set the correct time, with the minute hand *1 minute ahead* of the correct time.

Note the position of the second hand (in this example at 35 seconds). Now check the reference clock, and wait until the second count reaches 35. Then immediately press the crown back to the starting position. The watch will start running again at the correct time.

## 7. Screw the crown back in

If applicable, screw the crown down to ensure it is pressurized and water-tight.

If you overshoot your desired time, do not turn the crown counter-clockwise to go back. Turning the crown counter-clockwise will force and damage the watch's movement. Instead you will have to continue winding clockwise until you come back around to the correct time again and repeat the time setting process as above.

## Problem solving

### Watch does not run or is slow

If, after setting the correct time on your watch the second hand has not immediately moved or is slow, it is advisable to have your watch checked by a licenced watch maker.