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Stem Wind/ Lever Set Pocket Watch

The Lever Set system is used with many high-grade and all American Railroad grade pocket watches as a safety precaution. This system helped to prevent the watch from being accidentally set to the incorrect time. The Lever Set feature was an actual requirement for Railroad Timekeeping. Lever Set watches require the bezel to be removed, or opened, and then a small setting-lever is pulled out to engage the setting mode. Do NOT pull the crown out, simply turn the crown with the setting lever out and your hands will move.



When the setting lever is pushed in, simply turn the crown in a clockwise direction, which will now wind the mainspring. Some people wind their watches in a clockwise and counterclockwise motion. Please note your watch only winds in the clockwise motion; however, some people find it easier to "back-wind" so as not to have to remove their hand from the crown. It will do no damage to your watch to "back-wind" or wind in the counterclockwise direction as watches have a ratcheting system to allow for this feature keeping your mainspring from unwinding. Wind the watch until you reach the end of the mainspring and it won't wind any further. If you only wind the watch until you feel tension, it will not be enough, and your watch will never function properly.

You must wind your watch until it stops.



A routinely serviced and well-maintained pocket watch should have a run time of 24 to 35 hours with a full wind. High-grade pocket watches can have a longer run time, with some including the Illinois Bunn Special having a run time of approximately 60 hours. Please note if you do not use your pocket watch everyday it is all right to let it sit you do not have to wind it when it is not in use. If you do use your watch on a daily basis it is a good idea to get in the habit of winding your watch

everyday; this helps with consistent timekeeping.



Setting a Lever Set watch is accomplished by gently unscrewing the front bezel (the ring that holds the crystal) remember righty-tighty, lefty-loosey. On hunter-cased pocket watches (those with a lid) the bezel does not

typically have to be removed. You should see a little notch in the bezel for the set lever. Set Levers are typically located at the 1:00 position to the 5:00 position on your watch. Once you have located your setting lever use your fingernail to simply pull it out. Once the lever is pulled out simply turn the crown either clockwise or counterclockwise to set your watch. Push the lever in toward the dial and reattach the bezel if it was removed.

