



# Swiss Time

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## Stem Wind/ Stem Set Pocket Watch

On a stem wind / stem set watch the watch is wound by simply turning the crown, almost always, in a clockwise direction. The crown is attached to a stem the other end of the stem engages with the winding / setting mechanism of the watch. When the crown is pushed in the watch is in the winding position. When the crown is pulled out the watch is in setting position and turning the crown will engage the setting mechanism.



When the crown is pushed in, in the winding position, simply turn the crown in a clockwise direction, which will wind the mainspring. Some people wind their watches in a clockwise and counterclockwise motion. Please note your watch only winds in the clockwise motion; 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 stem wind watch is accomplished by carefully pulling the crown out into the setting position. Now, simply turn the crown to the desired time either clockwise or counterclockwise, and then push the crown back in to the winding position. The crown needs to be pushed in or in the winding position for the watch to run properly.

**WIND**

**SET**

