# JAMES REMIND-0 CLOCKS



1933-1987 and beyond





#### Company Timeline:

The company was founded as National Products Corporation by Henry C. James Jr. of Monterey, CA around 1933. The factory building was located in Oakland, CA.

The first patent was received in 1937, although Henry James applied for it in 1933 and revised the application in 1936.

Henry James sold the company to Clifford Miller in 1963.

Clifford Miller moved the company to Minden, NV in 1973.

The company closed in 1987.

American Time & Signal Company of Dassel, MN resumed production.



#### Company Names & Addresses:

(As shown on the clock dials and nameplates)

National Products, Inc. Oakland, CA

Remind-O-Clock Corp. San Francisco, CA

James Clock Manufacturing Co. 5307 E. 14th St. Oakland, CA

James Remind-O-Timer Co. 5307 E. 14th St. Oakland, CA

Remind-O-Clock Corp. 1241 High St. Oakland, CA

James Remind-O-Timer Co. 1051 Airport Road Minden, NV

James Remind-O-Timer Co. (American Time & Signal Company) 140 Third St. Dassel, MN



#### Patents:

2,098,965 Granted on 11/16/37 to Henry C. James Jr. of Oakland CA for a "Clock" and was assigned to National Products, Inc.

2,806,910 Granted on 9/17/57 to Henry C. James Jr. of Oakland CA for "Clocks" and was not assigned to the company.

3,348,008 Granted on 10/17/67 to Clifford E. Miller of Oakland CA for "Timer Clock with Improved Reset Mechanism" and was not assigned to the company.

3,454,730 Granted on 7/8/69 to Clifford E. Miller of Oakland CA for "Timing Mechanism" and was not assigned to the company.



# The JAMES REMIND-O-TIMER notifies you up to 48 times a day of important matters, such as:

Time tests in schools, colleges, and laboratories.

Timers for school, hospital and restaurant kitchens.

Helping nurses keep track of medication schedules.

Keeping school bus terminals on time.

Making wake up calls in hotels, motels, and dormitories.

Keeping programming schedules for radio and TV stations.

Taking care of advance taxi calls.

Verifying reservations on airlines.

Copy of a document included with some of the clocks:

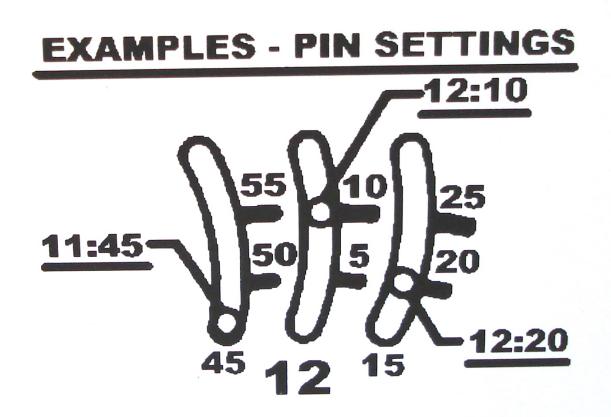


#### Features:

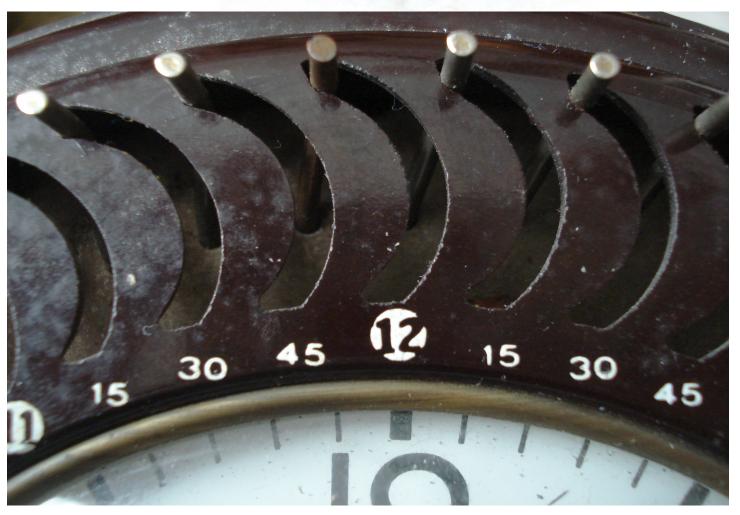
Clocks could have up to 48 alarm points in one rotation of the hour hand (either a 12 or 24 hour clock dial).

Clocks could be produced as alarm timers or appliance timers. Program clocks are mentioned in the first patent.

Clocks could control internal buzzers, sometimes with light bulbs, or electrical power outlets.



Label found on the back of the later (alarm timer) clocks:



Setpoint Arrangement for Clocks used as Appliance Controllers

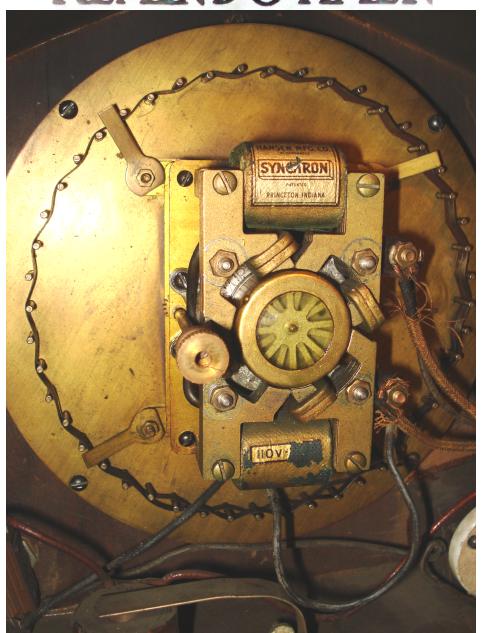


#### The Clocks:





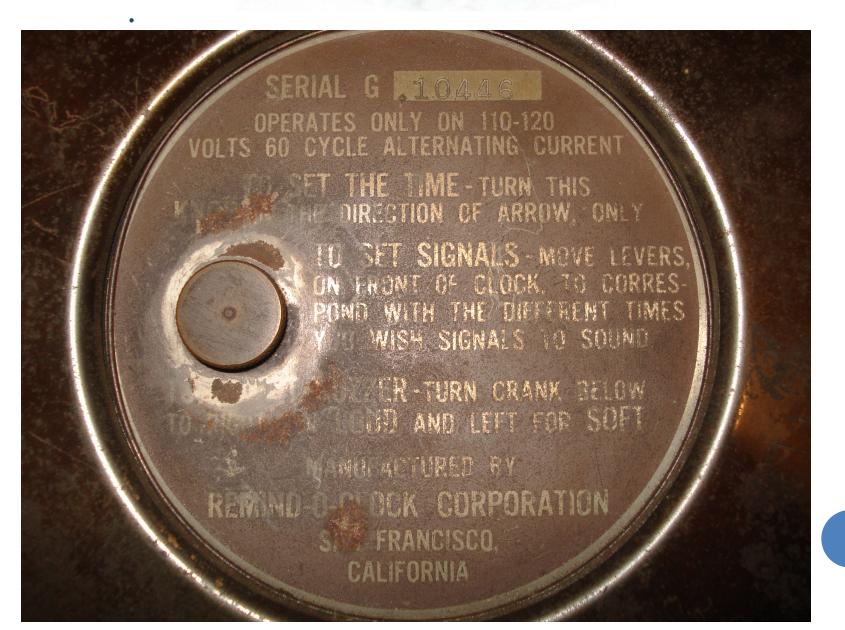










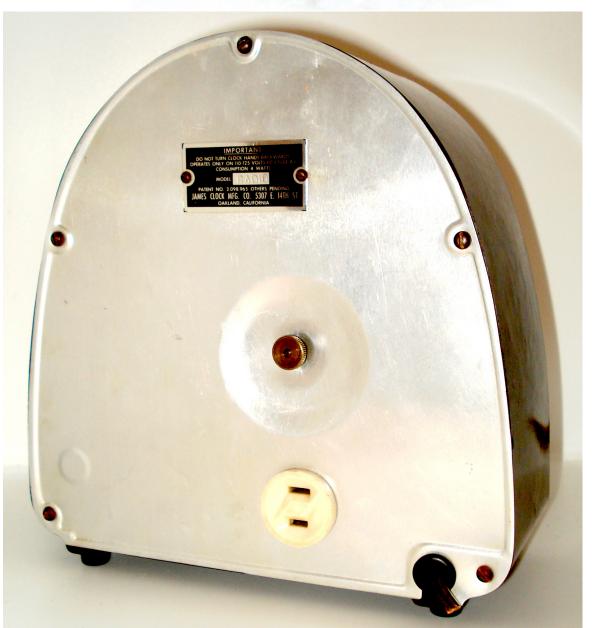












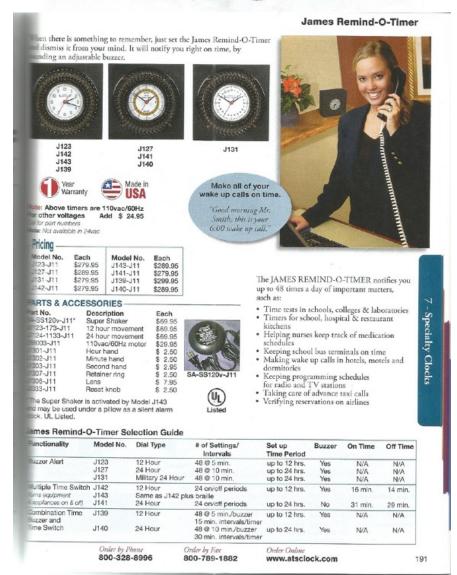




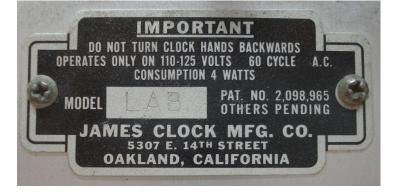






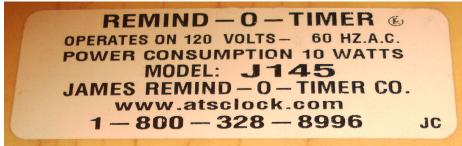












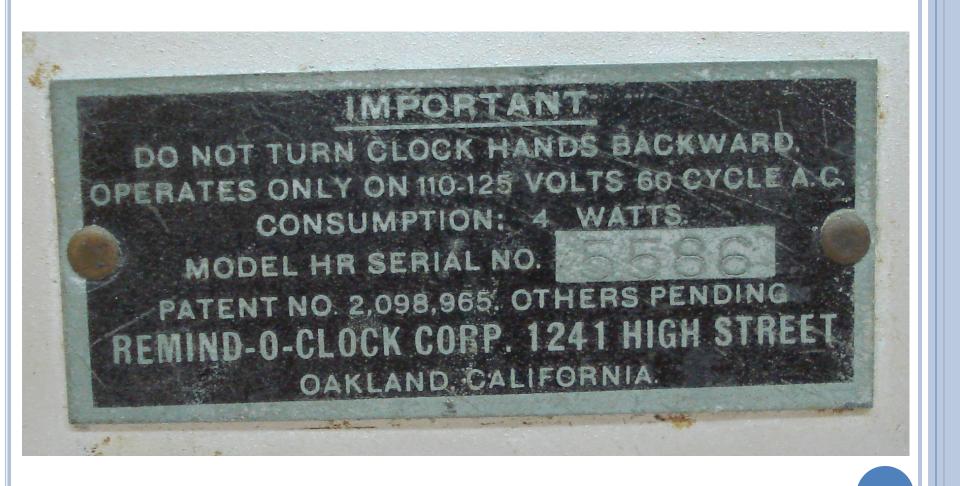


#### Private Label Clocks:



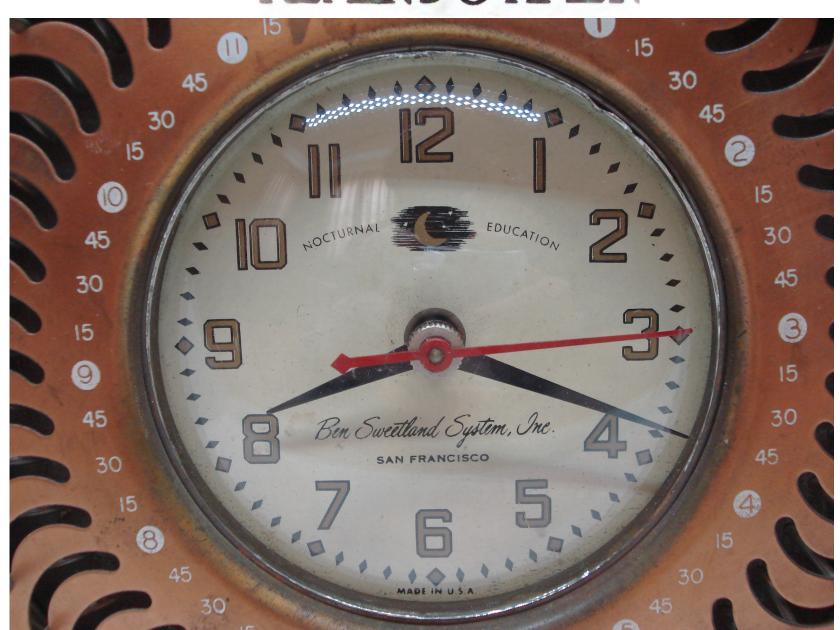
"Bridget" Stove/Range/Oven Control Timer/Clock







Ben Sweetland System, Inc. – San Francisco, CA "Nocturnal Education"







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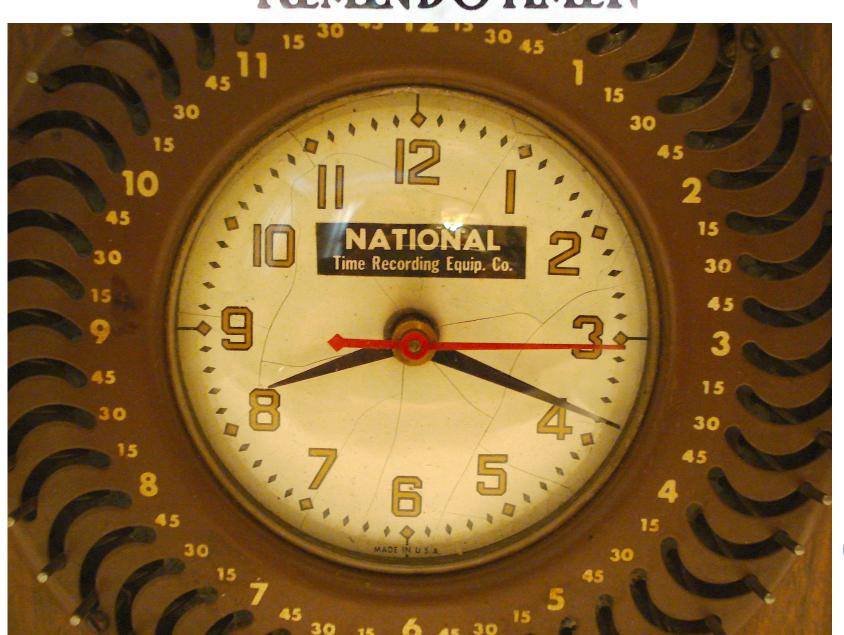


Melvin Powers – Hollywood, CA "Sleep-O-Matic Timer"

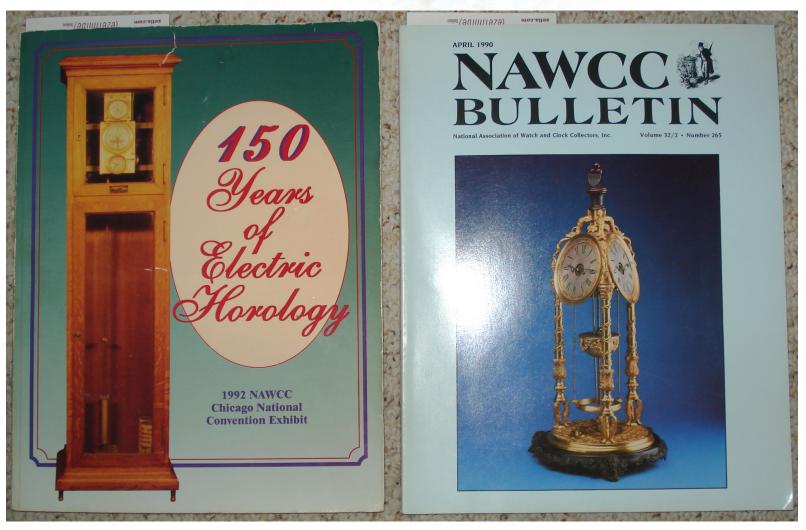




National Time Recording Equipment Co.







For more information, check out the articles by Joe Bartels in the book "150 Years of Electrical Horology" and the April 1990 Bulletin

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