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## **President's Message**

Fellow Horologists:

I am saddened to report the death of Henry Weiland. Many electrical enthusiasts will recognize Henry's name but for those who did not have the pleasure of knowing him, Henry was a knowledgeable, long time collector of electric clocks. He also had an extensive horological library. Henry willingly shared both his knowledge and experience. I particularly appreciated his demonstration model of what a Self Winding Clock Company central time distribution station would have contained. This demonstration model included all the necessary relays and fault finding devices. It was enjoyable to watch the system work and coupled with Henry's running commentary, it allowed you to gain an appreciation of the complexities of time signal distribution. Our thoughts go out to his family.

Our featured article for this issue of the Journal is a reprint of the Self Winding Clock Company instructions for the installation and repair of SWCC clock movements. The information contained in the manual can be combined with the article contained in the December issue which identified the various parts used in the SWCC movements making a very comprehensive repair manual. As is very evident, this manual is taken from Henry Weiland's Library so our sincere thanks to Henry and I only wish that I could personally extend my thanks. As you read this manual, you may notice that there may be a few pages missing. If you have copies of these pages, I would appreciate it if you could loan these pages to our editor so that we could complete this manual in a future issue of the Journal.

If you have not paid your dues, please send your payment to our Secretary/Treasurer, Tony Bolek as soon as possible. Also, please take care to make out your check to "The Electrical Horology Society Chapter #78" as is shown on the dues notice. New banking rules, due in part to the fall-out from 9-11, make it imperative that checks be made out properly for tracking purposes.

By coincidence, I have had two members inquire if I knew of any qualified appraisers who have expertise regarding electrical clock collections. I was unable to help as I do not know of any appraisers who meet these requirements. If you do know of anyone, please let me know and I will pass along this information.

The Chapter is always looking for electrical clock information that we can reproduce for the EHS Journal. Please look in your library for suitable documents. Information will be scanned and returned promptly along with our sincere thanks.

We will be reviewing our classified advertisements included in the Journal so please let Tony know if you wish to run an ad next year or if there are any changes to your existing ad. As always, ads are free to Chapter #78 members. Speaking of Tony Bolek, please take note of his change of e-mail address. His new address is shown in the Contact Information shown below the classified advertisements.

For those of us who have found this to be a particularly severe winter season, please remember that snow does not last forever and that spring is on the horizon. Enjoy this issue.

Bill Ellison, FNAWCC President

### **SWCC Instructions**

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT SELF WINDING CLOCK CO., INC., BROOKLYN, N.Y. INDEX OF INSTRUCTIONS

Model "F"

Sheet No. 1

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- 5. Synchronization

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- 3. Maintenance of sweep seconds movement

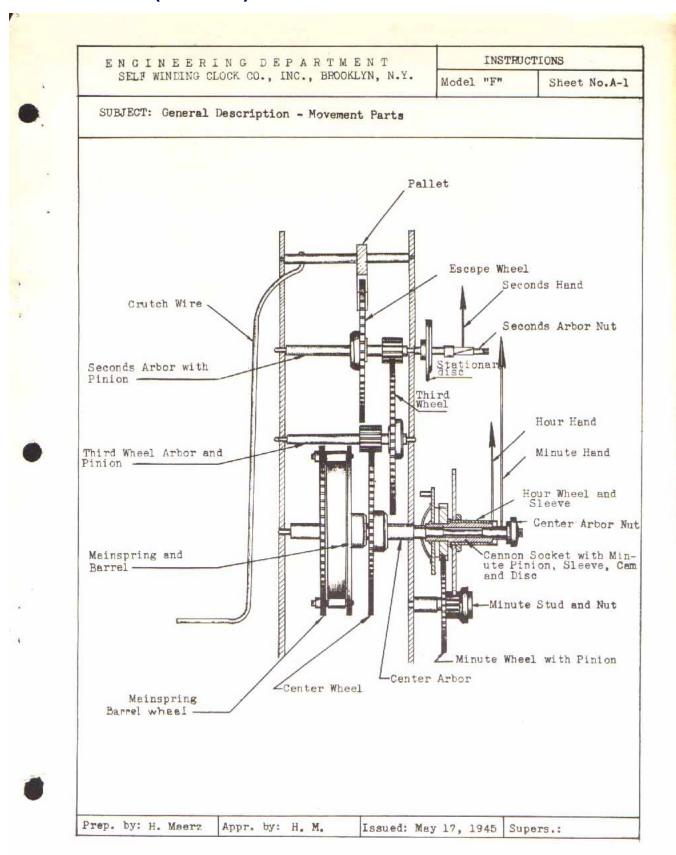
### C. ADJUSTMENTS

- 1. Hourly winding circuit closer
- 2. Adjustment of Motor Magnet and Armature
- 3. Adjustment of Motor Contacts
- 4. Adjustment of Synchronizing Levers
- 5. Adjustment of friction on Seconds Hand Arbor
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### D. MAINTENANCE

- 1. Cleaning and Oiling
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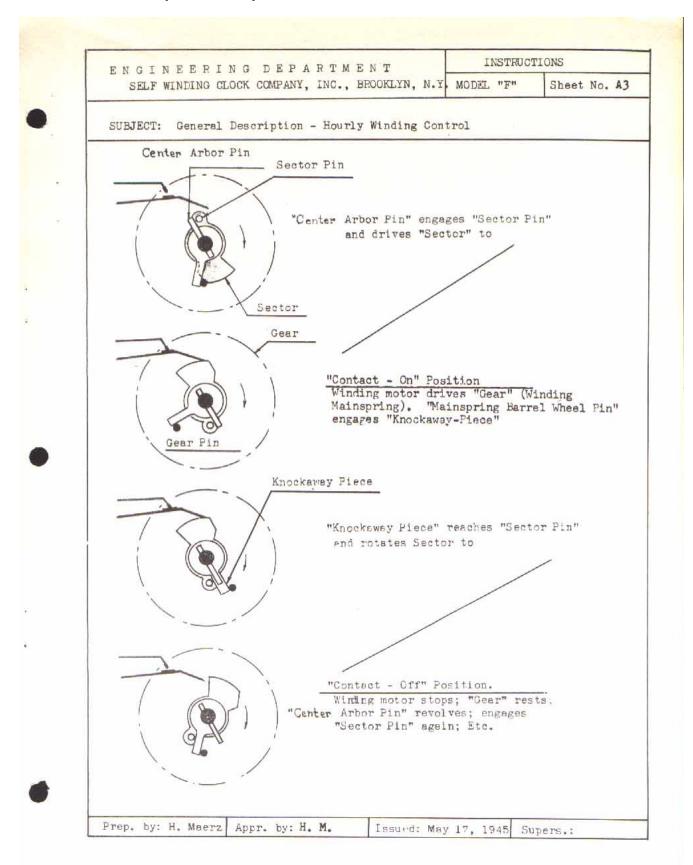
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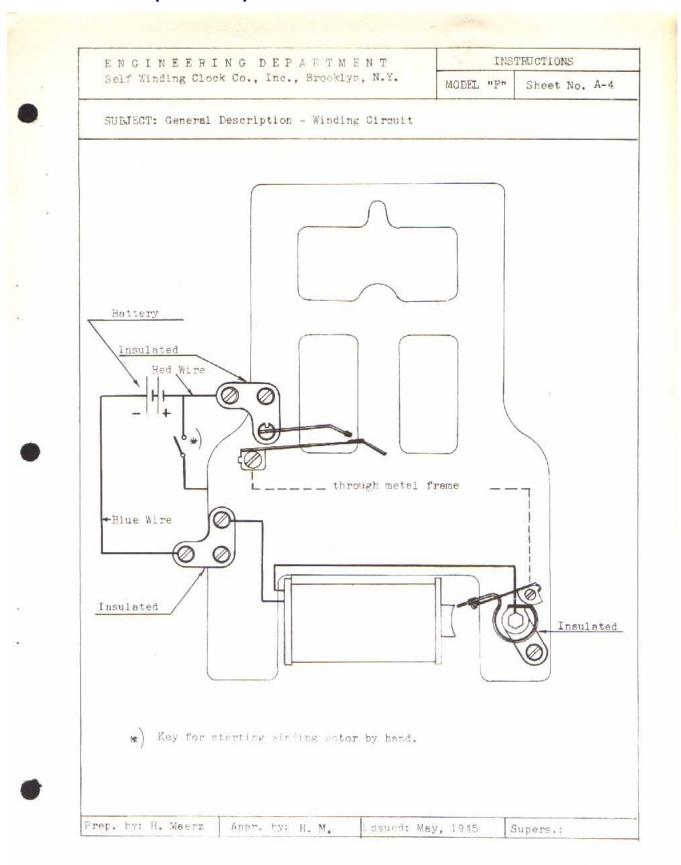


INSTRUCTIONS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT SELF WINDING CLOCK COMPANY, INC., BROOKLYN, N.Y. Model "F" Sheet No. A-2 SUBJECT: General Description - Winding Whenever "Winding Magnet" circuit is closed, "Armature" vibrates same way as the hammer of an ordinary electric bell. Winding Gear Spring barrel Mainspring Ratchet Wheel "Winding Lever" oscillates; "Pawl" turns "Ratchet Wheel", Backstop Pawl "Pinion" drives "Winding Gear" which winds up "Mainspring" Adjust pawl by bending tail so drive end is clear of teeth when tril of pawl fouches Stert of bottom of slot first turn of spring Pinion must be outside Pin "A" All turns of spring Winding Lever must be inside Studs "B" Pawl Armeture Winding Magnet Prep. by: F. Maers

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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT SELF WINDING CLOCK COMPANY, INC., BROOKLYN, N.Y. INSTRUCTIONS

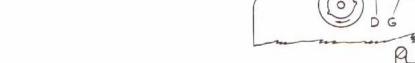
Model "F" Sheet No. A-5

SUBJECT: General Description - Synchronization

"Synchronizing" Magnet De-energized

Connecting piece (E) connects Armature (B) with Lever Arm (F) which is placed on Stud (G)

Minute Synchronizing Arm (D) is locked on Pin (S) of Sync. Latch (Y) at all times except during synchronizing periods.



"SYNCHRONIZING"

"Synchronizing" Magnet Energized

Cannon Socket Pin (U) has moved Sync. Latch Pin (S) thereby unlocking Arm (D). Magnet (A) pulls up Armature (B), which in turn pulls Levers (C) and (D) into synchronizing position.



Lever (D) synchronizes Mirute Hand, pressing on "Fars" (Q).

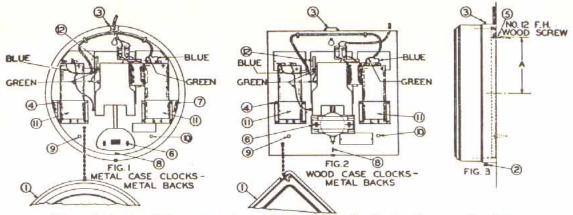
Lever (C) synchronizes Second Hand, turning "Heart-Shaped Cam"(R) to zero position.

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SHEET B-2

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSTALLING SELF WINDING CLOCKS

Styles 25, 37, 42 and 43 — 11" and 15" dials — metal cases and metal backs Styles 27, 28 and 35 — 10" and 12" dials — wood cases and metal backs.



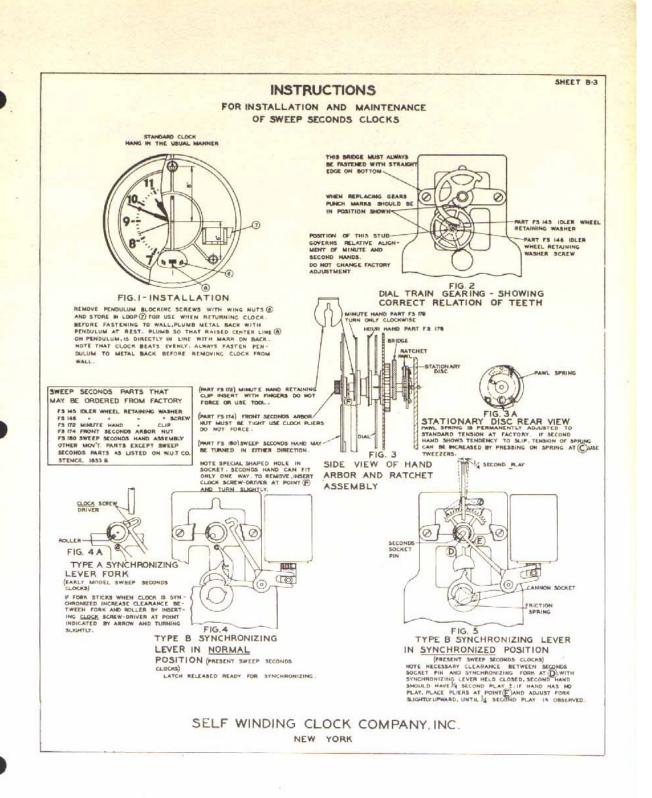
These clocks should be mounted on rigid vertical walls. To install, proceed as follows:

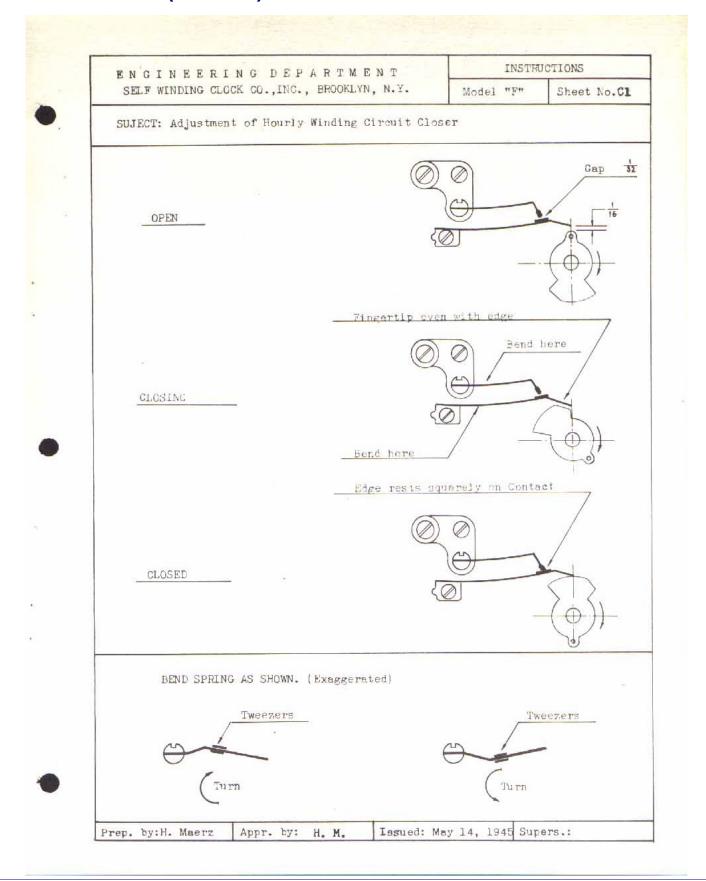
- Remove case front from metal back. Front (1) can be removed by loosening knurled screw (2) at bottom
  and lifting case off of pin or lip (3) at top. Remove straight out to prevent bending dial.
- Screws for mounting clock on wall will be found fastened to left hand battery shelf at (4). Insert the
  large mounting screw (5) in wall with head pointing up. Locate screw directly above point where dial
  center is desired. Distance between dial center and mounting screw (Dimension A Fig. 3) can be ascertained from table below.

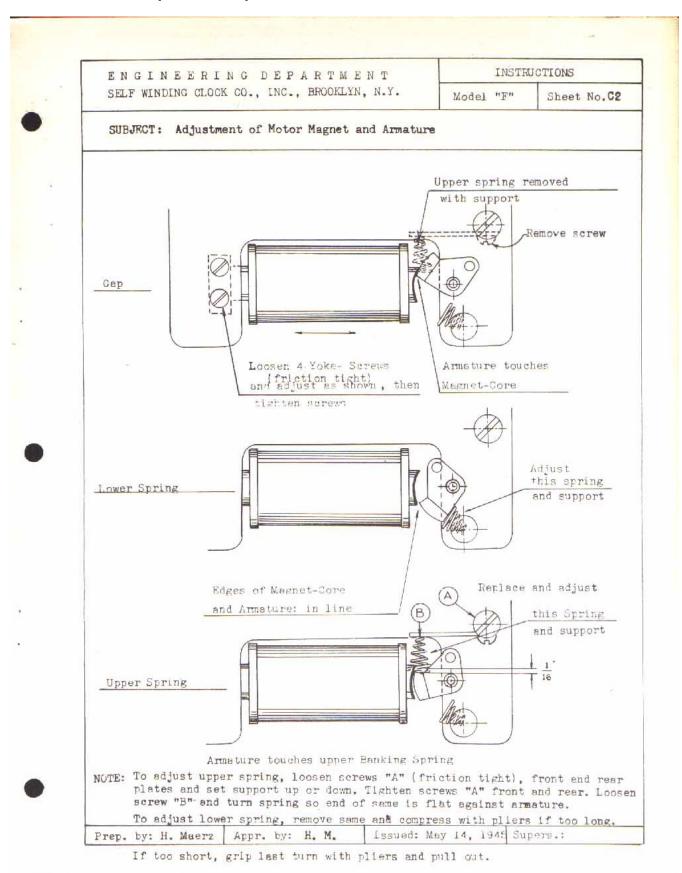
STYLE OF CLOCK		OCK	CENTER OF MOUNTING SCREW	
Nos.	25, 37, 42,	43-11 dial	6"	
**	25, 37	-15" dial	8-5/16 <sup>t</sup>	
79	27, 28, 35	- 10" dial	5-5/8*	
**	27	-12" dial	5-5/8*	
**	28, 35	- 12" dial	5-7/8"	

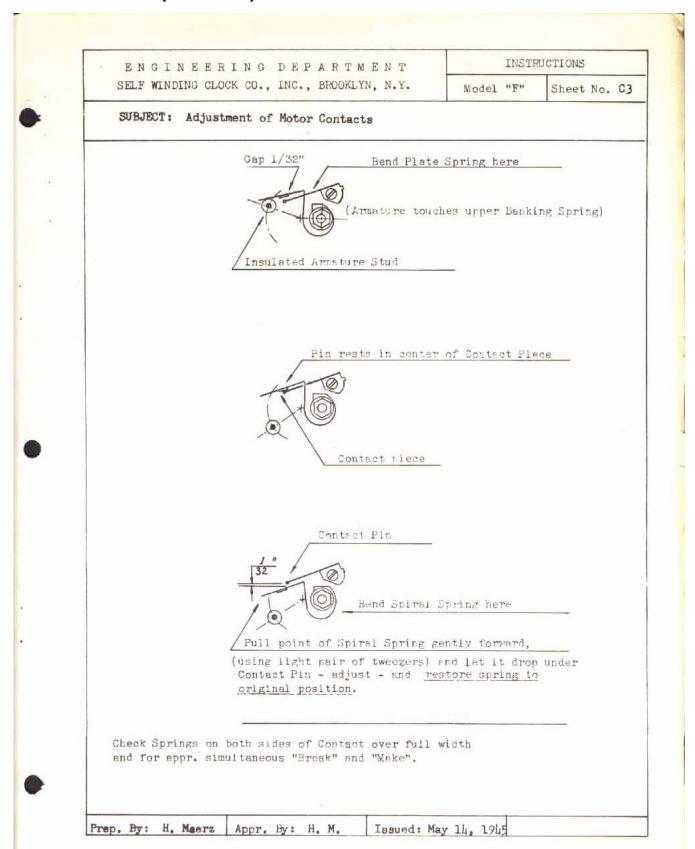
- Hang metal back on mounting screw and unfasten screws or wood block (6) holding pendulum. (Where
  pendulum is held by screws only, save blocking screws and wing nuts in loops (7) as directed) (Where wood
  blocks are used, set aside for future return shipment)
- Plumb metal back on wall by shifting slightly until tip of pendulum rod lines up with index mark (8) on back. Be sure pendulum swings freely.
- Insert two side steady screws in holes (9 & 10). Do not use nails for this fastening. If necessary to remove case for drilling holes for steady screws, reblock pendulum to avoid buckling suspension spring.
- When case is firmly fastened to wall, insert two dry cells in metal holders (11). Connect wiring harness and pull time service wires through hole or groove at top of back for connection to Fahnstock connectors.
- 7. Wind clock movement by pressing key (12) at left hand side of movement plate for about ten seconds.
- 8. Start pendulum and set hands on time.
- Reinstall case front. Top of case should catch on pin or lip at top of metal back. When case front is secure at top, push in lower part and turn up knurled screw at bottom, finger tight.
- CAUTION: Be sure case front is securely fastened to back so that it cannot fall off and result in injury or damage. Chain with hook is provided on each back to hold case front when removed for repair. Hook to battery holders (11) when not in use.
- IMPORTANT: Before leaving premises, instruct subscriber how to remove case front and how to make Daylight Saving Time changes. Caution him never to turn hands backward and to make sure front is always refastened to metal back.

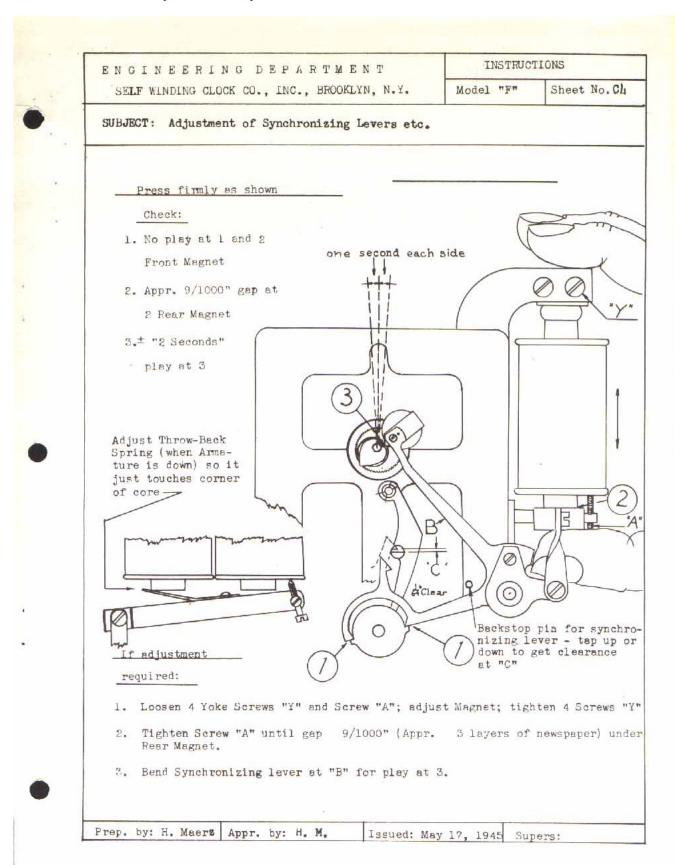
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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT SELF WINDING CLOCK COMPANY, INC., Brooklyn, N.Y. MODEL "F"

INSTRUCTIONS

Sheet No.D-1

SUBJECT: Maintenance - Cleaning and Ciling

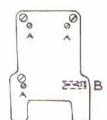
1. REMOVE: Movement from case

a. Hands

Unscrew knurled nut

Pry off minute hand with screw driver Remove hour hand by grasping at center with fingers and, while pulling, turn back and forth.

Movement with sweep seconds hand: Remove small knurled nut. Insert small screw driver between clip and hand socket and pry a little at a time, turning hand to a new position at each pry. Remove clip and proceed to remove minute and hour hands as above.



b. Dial

Remove four dial screws

c. Wires

Remove winding battery leads, synchronizing circuit and any wires to contacts

d. Movement

Unscrew three bracket screws "A" Remove bracket clamp "B"

e. Dial Train

Unscrew two knurled nuts

f. Heart-Shaped Seconds Socket

Remove contact assembly, if any Remove small, headless screw (end of arbor)

g. Synchronizing Levers

Remove knurled nut on stud

2. BRUSH: All bearings and pivot holes. Use Pyrene or similar non-combustible cleaning fluid on stiff marking brush (spin wheels while cleaning to drive out dirt). Allow to saturate for two or three minutes.

WIPE: Plates and arbors (Use cheese cloth on flat wood piece)

4. OIL: All bearings and pivots (Use fine wire or heavy needle)

Use on drop on all pivots

Trace of oil on center arbor nut and pallets

Vaseline on winding lever and pin on motor armature

CHECK: All contacts. Must be dry and clean. Smooth out all grooves with

fine emery cloth.

6. REPLACE: All parts previously removed

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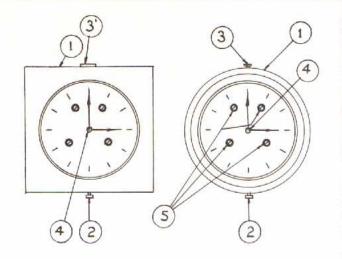
Model "F"

Sheet No. D2

SUBJECT: Maintenance - Exchanging Movements, etc.

### 1. To remove Case Front (1)

Loosen nut (2); lift case off pin (3) on lip (3'); tilt out front bottom and move straight out to prevent bending dial.



### 2. To remove Hands

Unscrew knurled Nut (4) and pry off Hands with screwdriver.

Sweep Seconds Hand: Insert small screw driver between clip and hand socket and pry a little at a time, turning hand to a new position at each pry.

Z. To remove Dial

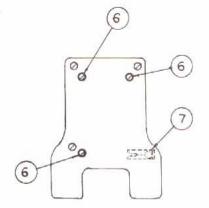
Unscrew four screws (5)

### 4. To remove Movement

First remove all wires Unscrew three screws (6) and pull clamp (7) out to the right

### 5. Metal Property Tag

Tag must be removed with movement and returned with it



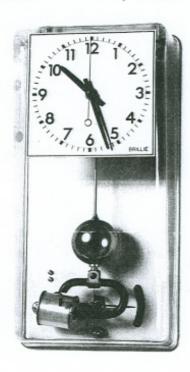
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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS SELF WINDING CLOCK COMPANY, INC., BROOKLYN, N.Y. Model "F" Sheet No. D3 SUBJECT: Directions for Setting Up Turns on Mainspring 1. Remove Front Plate of Movement and take out Center Arbor Assembly 2. Grasp both gears firmly with left hand and slide off "Sector" and Knockaway Piece as shown. 3. Grasp Gear (2) with right hand and let Spring unwind SLOWLY by loosening grip on Gear (1) slightly. 4. Grasp Gear (1) and turn Gear (2) counter-clockwise (facing Gear (2)) until longer end of Arbor Pin is in line with Gear Stud. Now make desired number of turns plus 1/4 turn. Insert "Knockeway Piece" and "Sector Piece" as shown. 5. Reinstall Center Arbor Assembly. 6. If new spring is installed, proceed as in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3. Then - knock out erbor pin and unscrew 3 nuts to remove barrel wheel "2". Install new spring with start of first turn outside of pin "A". All turns to be inside studs "B" and "C". Be sure slot at end of spring engages pin on spring hub. Replace gear end tighten 3 muts. Hold arbor so pin hole is vertical (spring completely unwound). Insert arbor pin from top if gear stud is to right of arbor or insert pin from bottom if gear stud is to of arbor. Tep pin in place with long end clearing gear stud 1/32". Proceed as in Paragraph 4. - Spring Barrel m-Knockaway Piece This hole to fit over stud "C" \_ Sector Piece Center Arbor Pin Mainspring Barrel Wheel Pin This side of pin is filed to clear bevel of knockaway piece Appr. by: H. M. Issued : May 17, 1945 Supers... Prep. by: H. Maers

## **Brillié regulator or master-clock**

# regulator or master-clock

standard 1599 type synchronized 1599 type





## **Brillié regulator or master-clock (continued)**

# regulator or master-clock

The regulator or master-clock is powered by an electro-magnetic movement with a balance-wheel which can work

about 3 years continuously.

It is supplied by a standard battery Brillié (1,3 V) and equipped with contacts of time-distribution producing reversed impulses of 1/2 minute.

On call this system can be fitted with:

synchronizing contacts producing impulses of 1 or 2 seconds,

special contacts,

regulating coil, synchronizing coil,

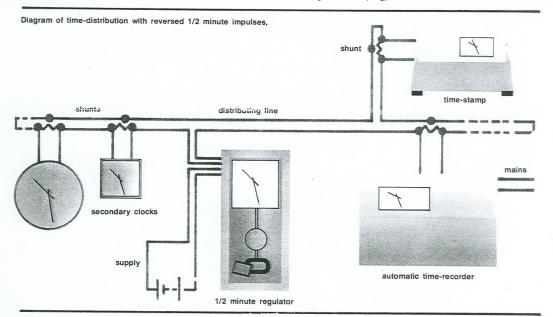
battery with operating reserve for several days, half-waterproof case fitted with ledge and that can

It can be synchronized permanently:
by means of the pips transmitted by the speaking clock through a specific telephone line,

by means of the second-pips sent out by the atomic clock (accuracy: 10<sup>-12</sup>) of the observatory of Neuchâtel and relayed by the transmitting station of Prangins (Switzerland).

In both cases the regulator gives the accurate time per-

- Accuracy: 10<sup>-5</sup> that is to say:
  1 second per day approximately
  movement mounted on a base out of duralumin,
  balance-wheel with « Invar » rod which ticks every half a second,
- regulating ball out of solid bronze,
  center-second hand,
- magnetic regulation,
- · all the visible parts white.
- · case out of transparent altuglas,
- square dial of 6,3'' (16 cm) with Arabic numerals, dimensions : 17,7  $\times$  9,84  $\times$  5,51'' (45  $\times$  25  $\times$  14 cm) weight : 13,3 lb (6 kg)





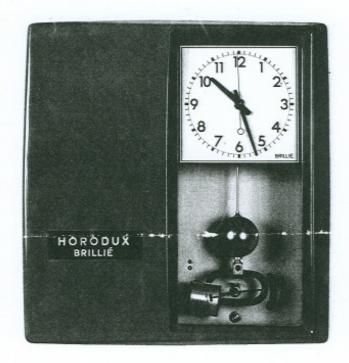
## **Brillié Horodux**

# The Horodux control systems

Chronometrical switch-gear

- « 2 circuit central »

- « C.E.R.T. central »
  « Central of the postal
  & telegraph services type »
  « Building central »





## **Brillié Horodux (continued)**

# the Horodux control systems

designed for the time-distribution in school-blocks, colleges and grammar-schools, offices, factories, telephone exchanges, power stations, publics buildings, etc.
It is housed in a laminated case with rim and base out of duralinox.

#### Chronometrical switch-gear

It centralizes the controls of ringing, time-distribution

It includes:
one 1599 regulator with an operating reserve of 2 years by means

of a standard battery, with contact of time-distribution producing reversed impulses of 1/2 minute. one SAM 510-42 program instrument which starts the bell every 5 minutes, in accordance with one to four weekly programs on one to four circuits.

one time-delay relay designed to regulate the duration of the ringing. one checking and setting system with clock for the checking of the circuit, regulating resistance, setting key, fuse.

It centralizes the controlling and the checking and setting elements for two circuits of time-distribution. It includes

one 1599 regulator with an operating reserve of 2 years by means of a standard battery, with contact of time-distribution producing reversed impulses of 1/2 minute.

one power relay
2 checking and setting systems with clock for the checking of the
circuit, regulating resistance, setting key, fuse.

### « C.E.R.T. central »

It sends out reversed impulses of 1/2 minute designed for a circuit of time-distribution and reversed impulses of 1/2 second for recorder-circuit. It includes

one 1599 regulator with an operating reserve of 2 years by means of a standard battery, with contact of time-distribution producing reversed impulses of 1/2 minute, synchronizing coil and contact. one RB88 power relay which sends out reversed impulses of 1/2 second, capacity: 10 A/127 v.

### « Central of the postal & telegraph services type »

It centralizes the controlling, supplying, checking as well

as the setting.
It includes:
one 1599 regulator with an operating reserve of 2 years
by means of a standard battery, with contact of time-distribution
producing reversed impulses of 1/2 minute.

one checking system (similar to that used by the Postal & Telegraph Services) with clock for the checking of the circuit, voltmeter, milliammeter, regulating resistance, setting key and automatic fuses.

one automatic charger of 6, 12 or 24 v.
one sender of direct or reversed impulses of 1 and 5 seconds
(similar to those used in telecommunications).

### « Building central »

It centralizes the controls of time-distribution as well as setting and those designed for the ringing of an electric bell every half an hour

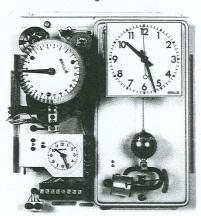
a standard battery, with contact of time-distribution producing reversed impulses of 1/2 minute.

one checking and setting system for secondary clock with checking

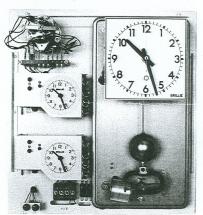
clock, regulating resistance, key, fuse.
one SCC.HD.R ringing device designed for the starting of an electric bell every half an hour.



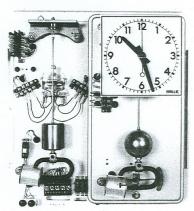
### Chronometrical switch-gear



### « 2 circuit-central »



### « C.E.R.T. central »

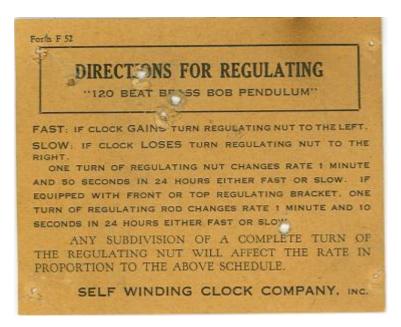


### Touching-up a SWCC label

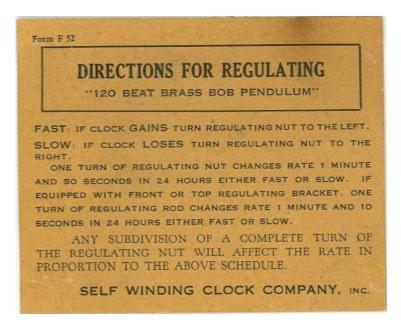
You don't have to be an artist to touch-up an old label riddled with tears and holes from where the pendulum came to rest during transportation or storage. All you need is access to scanner, a computer with the Windows operating system and a printer (preferably color). Below is an example of a label I retouched using the rather basic "Paint" program that comes standard with Windows. I know there are more powerful programs you can use, but I wanted to demonstrate you don't need to spend a lot of money on fancy software to get some amazing results. Since I'm more of a PC than a Mac, I can't advise you on what software you can use on a Mac, but I'm sure they come loaded with software that is equally up to the task.

On the next page I'll try and walk you thru a couple of simple steps that will allow you to get immediate results.

## **BEFORE**



**AFTER** 



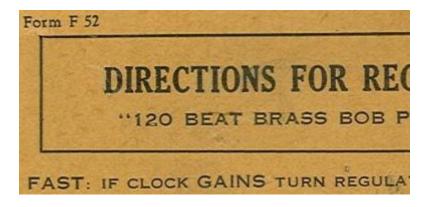
## **Touching-up a SWCC label (continued)**



What a mess!



After a little work!



Much better!

**Step 1:** Under the View tab, zoom the area you want to repair to about 600 x 600px.

Step 2: Try to copy existing letters and shapes you can use to paste over the distressed areas. In this example, I chose to copy the "I" and "O" to paste over the damaged letters. Back under the Home tab click the rectangular selection shape. Enclose the letter you want to copy with the selection box, left click, move the cursor into the box, right click and select Copy. Move the cursor out of the selection box and right click again. Select Paste, and your copied area will appear in the upper left hand corner of the display. Use the mouse to drag the copy you made over the area to be repaired. When you are happy with the placement, hit the escape key. If you make a mistake you can always hit the undo icon or type Ctrl+z.

**Step 3:** Repeat the above step to repair damaged shapes like the boarder in the upper figure.

**Step 4:** Copy background areas to cover defects. In this example, I filled in the holes. Try to use areas adjacent to the damaged area to get a seamless blend.

**Tip:** Frequently save intermediate copies as you work so you can easily recover from errors. Nobody's perfect.

Step 5: Print your work!

You can experiment with some of the other Paint features like the color picker or the pencil to fill in one pixel at a time. This is a more advanced technique that you may want to try your hand at.

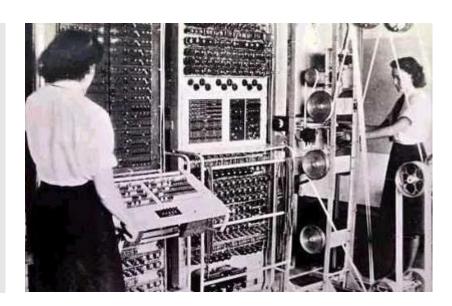
That's all there is to it! Remember, practice makes perfect.

Tony Bolek

## **Electric Horology Links**

### Calling all Members:

If you have a link to an interesting internet site you think other members may enjoy visiting, let us know and we build a list in the Journal. Of course it should be about electric clocks or watches. Sites with information about repair and restoration tips and techniques are also encouraged.



Here are a few links to get things started. We can categorize the list as it grows.

- 1) http://revereclocks.com/index.php?p=1\_9\_History-of-Revere-GE-Clocks
- 2) http://clockhistory.com/telechron/warrenclockco/
- 3) http://www.ahsoc.demon.co.uk/ehg/electricalindex.html
- 4) http://www.roger-russell.com/jeffers/jefhour.htm
- 5) http://electric-clocks.com/
- 6) http://www.abbeyclock.com/western.html
- 7) http://www.telegraph-office.com/pages/time.html
- 8) http://www.nawcc.org/museum/nwcm/galleries/precision/precision.htm

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### **Mart Ads**



## All Mart Ads are FREE:

- Send copy to the attention of the Editor: Tony Bolek 55500 Cleveland Shelby Township, MI 48316
- Limit 3 Lines

### **Hard to Find Parts**

BULLE Suspension assemblies, fabric type, just like originals. TIFFANY Single Contact suspensions springs (.004"). Clock Trade Enterprises (CTE), Box 264, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080; (313) 882-9380

TIFFANY Double Contact Suspension Springs: Use a Hamilton Ladies Watch Mainspring, Specifications: HAMILTON 6/0 #2521, 1.4mmx 0.12mm x 11 1/4". Available from: Bill Schroeder @ &3.00 each + postage. 6033 N. Sheridan Rd., #31H, Chicago, IL 60660; (773) 275-2563. Also available from most watch parts suppliers.

### For Sale

Telechron B rotors rebuilt using Telechron factory tooling, parts and paperwork. Most commonly used rotors are in stock for a quick turnaround. Also repair service offered for Telechron, GE, Revere and Hershede electric clocks. All Good Time Clock Service, 119-B Courtland St., Rockford, MI 49341; (866) 914-8463

Glass dome for the large Bulle clock. We also have glass domes for the Tiffany Never Wind, Barr, Poole, and Kundo clocks. If I don't have it in stock, I'll try to get it. Ben Bowen, PO Box 4718 Dowling Park, FL 32064; (386) 658-1167; E-mail me at www.glassdomes.com.

CD containing over 100 electric clock systems, such as ATO, Brillie, Bulle, Campiche, Eureka, Garnier, Gent, Hipp, Holden, Magneta, Poole, Scott, Shortt, Synchronome, Tiffany, Vaucanson, Wagner, Warren & many more. Price \$30, includes shipping. J. E. Bosschieter; E-mail me at <a href="mailto:BoscoClocks@Zonnet.nl">BoscoClocks@Zonnet.nl</a>.

"A Guide to Electrical Horology" by Martin Swetsky, FNAWCC. A step by step book on the repair and servicing of Tiffany Never Wind, Poole & Barr, Bulle, Eureka, Synchronome, Self Winding, American Clock Co. (Chicago), Standard Electric, ATO, Sempire, NoKey, Brille, Pulsynetic, etc. Cost \$42.00 Post Paid. Contact Michell Swetsky, 10 Chelsea Way, Fairport, NY 11450; E-mail me at <a href="https://www.SwetskyNY.net/agteh">www.SwetskyNY.net/agteh</a> or <a href="https://www.SwetskyNY.net/agteh">MSwetsky@Rochester.rr.com</a>.

Electronic "master clock" for old slave dials: \$50. "Governor" makes Eureka clocks keep quartz-accurate time with no change to the clock: \$95. Voltage regulators: \$35 to \$55. Bryan Mumford, 3933 Antone Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110; (805) 687-5116; E-Mail www.bmumford.com.

BANGOR Electric Clock Parts, New Factory original parts ... too many to list separately. Call or e-mail with your needs. Elmer Crum; (727) 868-0181; E-mail at electrichorology@juno.com.

Tower & Street Clocks - Electric Time Company, manufacturers new tower and street clocks. Exact replacement movements for Telechron large clocks. Electric Time Company, Inc., 97 West Street, Medfield, MA, USA (508)-359-4396/800-531-2562 FAX 508/359-4482 - <a href="http://www.electrictime.com">http://www.electrictime.com</a> - <a href="mailto:sales@electrictime.com">sales@electrictime.com</a>

I have set up a facility to rewind the coils for Kundo and Jungens moving magnet pendulums. If anyone is interested in this, contact me John R. (Jack) Seeley, FNAWCC, at <a href="mailto:jackclok@bellsouth.net">jackclok@bellsouth.net</a>. Suggestions welcome, since I have not decided on a price.

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