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Your watch



POWER RESERVE

Most Blancpain self-winding watches have a power reserve of between 40 and 192 hours. This implies wearing a watch throughout the day in normal conditions of activity.

If the movement has come to a halt, it is advisable to wind it manually by at least 40 turns of the crown. This operation serves to supply the watch with the minimum power reserve required before replacing it on the wrist. Models with a calendar, which changes around midnight, must have at least 20 hours' power reserve in order to drive the entire mechanism. Otherwise, the watch is liable to stop at around midnight.

CALENDAR TRANSITIONS

In order to make the calendar move to the next date in passing midnight, a mechanical movement has to store up the required energy and then release it at just the right time. The energy requirement is such that the date, day and month in fact gradually slide (rather than jump) from one figure to the next between 9 pm and midnight; and the moon phases perform the transition between 9 am and 11 am. For all further information on calendar transitions, kindly refer to the operating instructions for your watch.

WATER RESISTANCE

Most Blancpain models are water-resistant, apart from the minute repeater. This water resistance is necessary to protect the movement from dust and damp. While it is possible to swim with a water-resistant watch, the water-resistance guarantee does not exceed two years. Beyond this period, the water resistance may be compromised, leading to costly repair. We therefore strongly recommend that you have your watch checked once a year by an authorised Blancpain watchmaker or by Blancpain.

Watches equipped with screw-locking crowns, pushers and case-backs guarantee perfect watertightness to 100 metres. For any further information regarding the crowns and pushers, kindly refer to the operating instructions for your model.

WATER-RESISTANCE GUARANTEE FOR FIFTY FATHOMS/X FATHOMS:

These models have all successfully undergone water-resistance tests at 30 bar – meeting the ISO 6425 norms. Blancpain recommends that you have the water resistance and the smooth running of your Fifty Fathoms/X Fathoms regularly checked by your nearest authorised Blancpain After-Sales Service Centre, or by Blancpain Switzerland.

WARNING

The Fifty Fathoms/X Fathoms models are not professional diving instruments. They must be backed up where necessary by a professional diving computer.

The water-resistance value is expressed in bar. 1 bar corresponds to a 10-metre water column.

MOVEMENT MAINTENANCE

A mechanical watch needs good care and lubrication. Despite the excellent quality of the oils and materials used by Blancpain, we recommend that you entrust your watch to your Blancpain representative every five years to have it thoroughly cleaned and lubricated.

Through this regular maintenance, you will prevent unnecessary wear due to drying of the oils and thereby ensure your watch continues to run smoothly for years to come.

AFTER-SALES SERVICE

Regular maintenance of the movement driving your mechanical watch is one of the key guarantees of its longevity.

The quality of after-sales service is thus essential. Each watch that returns to our workshops therefore undergoes the same process of quality control and operational verification as that of a new watch. Due to the complexity of Blancpain movements, we advise that you deal exclusively with authorised Blancpain retailers.

Consult our website (www.blancpain.com) for a list of our retailers in each country.

SMOOTH OPERATION OF A MECHANICAL WATCH

Complicated adjustments and repairs must imperatively be performed by a watchmaker representing the Blancpain brand or directly in our head office workshops.

X FATHOMS, MECHANICAL DEPTH GAUGE, DEPTH INDICATION ON TWO SCALES, MAXIMUM DEPTH MEMORY WITH SECURED RESET PUSHER, RETROGRADE 5-MINUTE COUNTER, SECONDS, ONE-WAY ROTATING BEZEL, DECOMPRESSION VALVE, SELF-WINDING CALIBRE 9918B, UP TO 5-DAY AUTONOMY.



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Kindly unscrew the crown (position A) before performing any corrections, and screw it in again once the watch has been adjusted.

THE CROWN HAS TWO DISTINCT POSITIONS:

Position A, crown in manual-winding position.

Position B, crown pulled out to time-setting position, enabling adjustment of the hours and minutes and automatically stopping the seconds hand.

USING THE RETROGRADE 5-MINUTE COUNTER

Pusher 1: starts the retrograde 5-minute counter hand.

USING THE MAXIMUM DEPTH MEMORY:

Pusher 2: before beginning the dive, check that your maximum depth hand is at zero. If such is not the case, activate the secured pusher (2) so that the maximum depth hand points to zero. Then close the security lever.

ONE-WAY ROTATING BEZEL:

Use: Before beginning the dive, turn the bezel to line up the lozenge-shaped marker (♦) with the minute hand. Thanks to this operation, dive times and any other time measurements can be instantly read off on the bezel by referring to the trajectory of the minute hand.

IMPORTANT

For the water-resistance guarantee, see pages 2-3.