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Model: 98A146

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Bulova Men's Classic Automatic Watch, Model 98A146. This timepiece features a sophisticated automatic movement, a distinctive skeleton dial, and a durable two-tone stainless steel design. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and care of your watch to ensure its longevity and accurate performance.

The watch is crafted from stainless steel with a silver-tone and gold-tone finish, featuring a black outer dial and an open skeleton inner dial. It is protected by a flat mineral glass and secured with a fold-over closure that includes pushers, a safety bar, and extenders. An exhibition case back allows a view of the intricate automatic movement.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW



Figure 1: Front view of the Bulova 98A146 watch, showcasing the two-tone stainless steel bracelet, gold-tone bezel, and the intricate skeleton dial.



Figure 2: Side view of the Bulova 98A146 watch, highlighting the gold-tone crown and the design of the two-tone stainless steel bracelet with its fold-over clasp.



Figure 3: Back view of the Bulova 98A146 watch, featuring the exhibition case back that reveals the automatic movement and the Bulova logo on the clasp.

SETUP

1. Initial Winding

Your Bulova automatic watch is powered by the natural motion of your wrist. Before wearing it for the first time, or if the watch has stopped due to inactivity, it requires an initial manual winding to build up a power reserve.

1. Gently unscrew the crown (if it's a screw-down crown) or pull it out to the first position (if it's a push-pull crown). For this model, the crown is typically a push-pull type.
2. Rotate the crown clockwise approximately 30-40 times. This will manually wind the mainspring and start the movement.
3. Push the crown back into its original position.

Once manually wound, the watch will continue to operate as long as it is worn regularly. Daily wear for at least 8-10 hours is generally sufficient to maintain the power reserve.

2. Setting the Time

1. Pull the crown out to the outermost position (typically the second click). The second hand will stop.
2. Rotate the crown clockwise or counter-clockwise to set the hour and minute hands to the correct time.
3. Once the time is set, push the crown back into its original position. The second hand will resume movement.

3. Adjusting the Bracelet

The stainless steel bracelet can be adjusted to fit your wrist comfortably. This typically involves removing or adding links. It is recommended to have this procedure performed by a qualified jeweler or watchmaker to prevent damage to the bracelet or clasp mechanism.

OPERATING YOUR AUTOMATIC WATCH

Your Bulova 98A146 watch features an automatic mechanical movement. This means it does not require a battery. Instead, it is powered by the kinetic energy generated by the natural motion of your arm and wrist.

- **Self-Winding:** As you wear the watch, an oscillating weight inside the movement rotates, winding the mainspring and storing energy.
- **Power Reserve:** A fully wound automatic watch typically has a power reserve of 36-40 hours. If the watch is not worn for an extended period, it will stop. Refer to the "Initial Winding" section under Setup to restart it.
- **Daily Wear:** For optimal performance, wear your watch daily. If you alternate watches, consider using a watch winder to keep your Bulova 98A146 wound and accurate when not in use.

MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Cleaning

To maintain the appearance of your watch:

- Wipe the case and bracelet regularly with a soft, dry cloth.
- For stainless steel, a slightly damp cloth can be used, followed by immediate drying. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.

Water Resistance

Your Bulova 98A146 watch is water resistant to 30 meters (3 ATM).

- This rating means the watch is suitable for splashes or brief immersion in water, such as washing hands or light rain.
- It is **not** suitable for swimming, showering, diving, or any water sports.
- Ensure the crown is fully pushed in before any contact with water.

Service

Mechanical watches benefit from periodic servicing to ensure optimal performance and longevity. It is recommended to have your watch inspected and serviced by an authorized Bulova service center every 3-5 years.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Watch has stopped or is running slow:** This is typically due to insufficient power reserve. Manually wind the watch as described in the "Initial Winding" section. Ensure you wear the watch regularly for sufficient periods.
- **Time inaccuracy:** Minor variations in timekeeping are normal for mechanical watches. If the inaccuracy is

significant, or if the watch stops frequently despite regular wear, it may require servicing.

For issues not covered here, please contact Bulova customer support or an authorized service center.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number	98A146
Movement Type	Automatic, 3-Hand, Full Skeleton
Case Material	Two-Tone Stainless Steel
Case Diameter	43mm
Crystal	Mineral Crystal
Water Resistance	30 meters (3 ATM)
Clasp Type	Fold-over closure with pushers, safety bar and extenders
Approximate Package Dimensions	5.39 x 3.62 x 3.11 inches
Approximate Item Weight	10.23 ounces

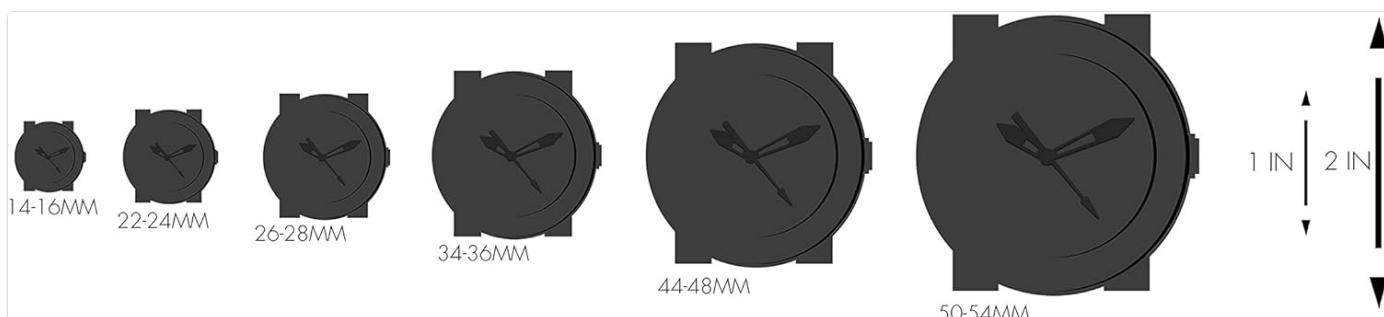


Figure 4: General watch size comparison chart, illustrating various case diameters for reference. The Bulova 98A146 has a 43mm case diameter.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Limited Warranty

Your Bulova 98A146 watch comes with a 3-year limited warranty. This warranty covers manufacturing defects under normal use. It does not cover damage resulting from improper handling, accidents, unauthorized repairs, or normal wear and tear.

For full details regarding warranty coverage, terms, and conditions, please refer to the official Bulova warranty documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Bulova website.

Customer Support

For technical assistance, service requests, or warranty claims, please contact Bulova customer support. Contact information can typically be found on the official Bulova website or in the warranty booklet.

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