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BETTERLINE Retro Analog Wind-Up Mechanical Chess Clock Timer (Model NY6088)

Instruction Manual

1. Introduction

The BETTERLINE Retro Analog Wind-Up Mechanical Chess Clock Timer (Model NY6088) is a traditional, battery-free device designed for timing chess games. It provides a reliable and straightforward method for managing game time for two players, ensuring fair play and adding a classic touch to your chess experience.

2. Product Overview

Key Features:

- **Mechanical Wind-Up Mechanism:** Operates without batteries, relying on a traditional spring-wound movement.
- **Dual Analog Dials:** Two large, easy-to-read clock faces for individual player time tracking.
- **Time Expiration Flag:** Features a small red flag that drops when a player's time runs out.
- **Tilted Base Design:** Provides an optimal viewing angle during gameplay.
- **Durable Construction:** Made from sturdy plastic for longevity.



Figure 1: The BETTERLINE Retro Analog Chess Clock Timer, showing its dual dials and compact design.



Figure 2: Rear view of the chess clock, highlighting the mechanical winding keys and time setting knobs.

3. Setup

1. **Winding the Clock:** Locate the winding keys on the back of the clock (refer to Figure 2). Gently turn each key clockwise a few times (approximately 360 degrees) to wind the internal spring mechanism. Avoid overwinding, as this can damage the clock.
2. **Setting the Time:** On the back of each clock display, you will find small time setting knobs. Rotate these knobs to set the minute and hour hands to the desired starting time for each player. For a standard game where each player has 30 minutes, set both clocks to 5:30. This means that when 30 minutes have elapsed, the clock will read 6:00, indicating the end of that player's allocated time.
3. **Initial Position:** Before starting a game, ensure both buttons on the top of the clock are in the neutral (up) position. This will keep both timers stopped.



Figure 3: A close-up of one of the clock dials, showing the red flag mechanism that signals time expiration.

4. Operating Instructions

1. **Starting the Game:** The player who is to make the first move presses the button on their side of the clock. This action will stop their clock and simultaneously start their opponent's clock.
2. **Making a Move:** After a player completes their move on the chessboard, they press the button on their side of the clock. This stops their clock and starts their opponent's clock.
3. **Time Expiration:** Each clock features a small red flag near the 12 o'clock mark. As the minute hand of a player's clock approaches 12:00, the flag will begin to rise. When the minute hand reaches exactly 12:00, the flag drops, indicating that the player's allocated time has run out. In competitive play, the player whose flag falls first loses the game due to time.
4. **Pausing the Game:** To pause both timers during a game (e.g., for a break or adjudication), ensure both buttons on the top of the clock are in the neutral (up) position. This will stop both clocks until play resumes.

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Video 1: Demonstration of the BETTERLINE Analog Chess Clock in use, showing how to press the levers to switch between players' times.

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Video 2: Overview of the BETTERLINE Analog Chess Clock, showcasing its design and basic functionality.

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Video 3: A brief demonstration of the Analog Chess Clock's operation, including winding and starting the timer.

5. Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the exterior of the clock. Avoid using harsh chemicals, abrasive cleaners, or excessive moisture, as these can damage the finish or internal mechanisms.
- **Storage:** Store the chess clock in a dry environment, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures, to prevent material degradation and maintain optimal performance.
- **Regular Winding:** Even when not in active use, it is recommended to occasionally wind the clock mechanisms to keep the internal springs lubricated and prevent them from seizing, ensuring long-term accuracy.

6. Troubleshooting

- **Clock Not Running:** Ensure that the clock mechanism is fully wound. Verify that one of the top buttons is pressed down, which should start the corresponding player's timer. If both buttons are in the neutral (up) position, both clocks will be stopped.
- **Inaccurate Timekeeping:** If the clock appears to be running too fast or too slow, check that it has not been overwound. Consistent inaccuracy may indicate a need for professional adjustment or repair.
- **Buttons Sticking:** If the top buttons feel stiff or stick, ensure no debris is obstructing their movement. Avoid forcing the buttons.

7. Specifications

Attribute	Detail
Brand	BETTERLINE
Model Number	NY6088
Color	Red
Material	Plastic
Product Dimensions	2.17"D x 6.1"W x 3.54"H
Item Weight	360 Grams (12.7 ounces)
Power Source	Mechanical Wind-Up (No Batteries Required)

8. Warranty and Support

For detailed warranty information, product registration, or technical support, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official BETTERLINE website. You may also contact customer service through the retailer where the product was purchased.

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