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## Bulova 96B385

# Bulova Classic Wilton GMT Automatic Watch 96B385 User Manual

Model: 96B385

## INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides essential instructions for the proper use, setup, and maintenance of your Bulova Classic Wilton GMT Automatic Watch, model 96B385. This timepiece features an automatic movement, GMT function, and a date display. Please read this manual thoroughly to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your watch.



Image: Front view of the Bulova Classic Wilton GMT Automatic Watch, model 96B385, showcasing its blue dial with Roman numerals and world map design.

## SETUP

### Initial Winding

Your Bulova Classic Wilton GMT watch is powered by an automatic movement, which means it is wound by the motion of your wrist. If the watch has stopped, it needs to be manually wound to initiate operation.

1. **Unscrew the Crown:** If your watch has a screw-down crown, gently unscrew it counter-clockwise until it springs out to position 1.
2. **Manual Winding:** In position 1, turn the crown clockwise approximately 30-40 times. This will build up a power reserve.
3. **Push in the Crown:** After winding, push the crown back into position 0. If it's a screw-down crown, gently push and screw it clockwise until it is secure against the case.

## Setting the Time and Date



Image: Side view of the watch, showing the crown for time and date adjustments.

1. **Pull Crown to Position 3 (Time Setting):** Gently pull the crown out to the furthest position (position 3). The second hand will stop.
2. **Set Local Time:** Turn the crown to set the hour and minute hands to the correct local time. Ensure you distinguish between AM and PM for the date change mechanism.
3. **Set Date (if applicable):** Push the crown in one click to position 2. Turn the crown to set the date. Avoid setting the date between 9 PM and 3 AM, as this can damage the movement. If the date needs adjustment during this period, first set the time outside this window, adjust the date, then reset the time.
4. **Set GMT Hand:** The GMT hand (24-hour hand) can be set independently. In position 2, turning the crown in the

opposite direction of date setting will adjust the GMT hand. Set it to your desired second time zone.

5. **Synchronize and Push in Crown:** Once time, date, and GMT hand are set, push the crown back to position 0. If it's a screw-down crown, gently push and screw it clockwise until it is secure.

## OPERATING YOUR WATCH

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### Automatic Movement

This watch is equipped with an automatic mechanical movement. It is powered by the natural motion of your wrist. When worn regularly (approximately 8-12 hours a day), it will maintain its power reserve. If the watch is not worn for an extended period, it will stop and require manual winding as described in the "Setup" section.

### GMT Function

The GMT function allows you to track a second time zone using the dedicated 24-hour hand. This hand completes one rotation every 24 hours and points to a 24-hour scale on the dial. To set the GMT hand, refer to the "Setting the Time and Date" section.

### Water Resistance

The Bulova Classic Wilton GMT watch has a water resistance rating of 30 meters (3 ATM). This rating means the watch is suitable for everyday use and can withstand splashes or brief immersion in water. It is **not** suitable for swimming, showering, or diving. Always ensure the crown is fully pushed in and, if applicable, screwed down before any contact with water.

## MAINTENANCE

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### Cleaning Your Watch

To maintain the appearance of your watch, wipe the case and crystal with a soft, dry cloth. For the leather strap, avoid excessive moisture and harsh chemicals. If the strap becomes wet, allow it to air dry naturally.

### Storage

When not wearing your watch for extended periods, store it in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and strong magnetic fields. A watch winder can be used to keep the automatic movement running if you wish to avoid resetting the time after long periods of inactivity.



Image: Rear view of the watch, showing the transparent case back and the automatic movement.

## Service

For optimal performance, it is recommended to have your automatic watch serviced by an authorized Bulova service center every 3-5 years. This includes cleaning, lubrication, and adjustment of the movement.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Watch has stopped or is running inaccurately.	Insufficient power reserve.	Manually wind the watch by turning the crown clockwise 30-40 times. Wear the watch regularly to maintain power.
Date changes at noon instead of midnight.	AM/PM setting is incorrect.	Advance the hour hand by 12 hours.
Condensation under the crystal.	Temperature change or moisture ingress.	Contact an authorized service center immediately. Do not attempt to open the watch.
Crown is difficult to turn or pull out.	Debris or damage.	Do not force the crown. Contact an authorized service center.

If you experience issues not listed here or if the suggested solutions do not resolve the problem, please contact Bulova customer support or an authorized service center.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Number:** 96B385
- **Movement:** Automatic (Miyota 9075 GMT)
- **Case Material:** Stainless Steel
- **Case Diameter:** 43mm
- **Case Thickness:** 12mm
- **Crystal:** Anti-Reflective Domed Sapphire
- **Dial Color:** Blue with Roman numeral markers and world map design
- **Band Material:** Black Embossed Alligator Leather
- **Band Width:** 22mm
- **Clasp:** Deployment Buckle
- **Functions:** Hours, Minutes, Seconds, Date, GMT (24-hour hand)
- **Water Resistance:** 30 meters (3 ATM)
- **UPC:** 042429590601

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

Your Bulova Classic Wilton GMT Automatic Watch, model 96B385, comes with a **Limited Warranty**. This warranty covers manufacturing defects under normal use. It typically does not cover damage resulting from improper handling, accidents, unauthorized repairs, or normal wear and tear of the strap or crystal.

For detailed terms and conditions of your warranty, please refer to the official Bulova website or the warranty card included with your purchase. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

## CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, service requests, or inquiries regarding your Bulova watch, please contact Bulova customer support.

- **Official Bulova Website:** [www.bulova.com](http://www.bulova.com)
- **Service Center Locator:** Visit the official website to find an authorized service center near you.

When contacting support, please have your watch model number (96B385) and proof of purchase readily available.

