Zeppelin 8468-5

Zeppelin Atlantic Series 8468-5 Automatic GMT Watch User Manual

Model: 8468-5

Introduction

Thank you for choosing the Zeppelin Atlantic Series 8468-5 Automatic GMT Watch. This timepiece combines classic design with the advanced functionality of a true GMT movement, allowing you to track multiple time zones simultaneously. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and care of your watch to ensure its longevity and performance.

Setup

Initial Winding

Your Zeppelin Atlantic 8468-5 is an automatic watch, meaning it is powered by the motion of your wrist. If the watch has stopped, it requires an initial manual wind to build up a power reserve:

1. Ensure the crown is in position 0 (fully pushed in).
2. Rotate the crown clockwise approximately 30-40 times. This will provide enough power for the watch to start running.
3. The watch will continue to wind itself as you wear it.

Setting Time and Date

To set the time and date, follow these steps:

1. **Pull the crown out to position 2** (the outermost position). The second hand will stop.
2. Rotate the crown to set the main hour and minute hands. Advance the hands past 12 o'clock to ensure the date changes correctly for AM/PM.
3. Once the correct time is set, **push the crown back to position 0**. The second hand will resume movement.

4. To set the date, **pull the crown out to position 1** (the first click).
5. Rotate the crown counter-clockwise to adjust the date. Avoid setting the date between 9 PM and 3 AM, as this can damage the movement. If the current time falls within this window, adjust the main time hands outside this period before setting the date.
6. Once the date is set, **push the crown back to position 0**



Figure 1: Watch dial showing the main time, GMT hand, and date window. The crown is used for adjustments.

Setting the GMT (24-Hour) Hand

The Zeppelin Atlantic 8468-5 features a 'true' or 'flyer' GMT function, which allows independent adjustment of the main hour hand without stopping the watch. This is ideal for travelers.

1. First, set the main time and date as described above, ensuring the 24-hour GMT hand is synchronized with your home time. For example, if it's 10 AM home time, the GMT hand should point to 10 on the 24-hour scale.
2. When you arrive in a new time zone, **pull the crown out to position 1** (the first click).
3. Rotate the crown clockwise or counter-clockwise. The main hour hand will jump in one-hour increments, allowing you to set it to the local time without affecting the minute or second hands, or the 24-hour GMT hand.

4. The 24-hour GMT hand will continue to display your home time (or a second reference time zone).
5. Once the local time is set, **push the crown back to position 0**.

Operating

Automatic Movement

Your watch is powered by a Miyota 9075 automatic movement. This movement is self-winding, meaning it gains power from the natural motion of your wrist. When fully wound, it has a power reserve that allows it to run for approximately 42 hours without being worn. If the watch is not worn for an extended period, it may stop and require manual winding as described in the 'Initial Winding' section.

Water Resistance

The Zeppelin Atlantic 8468-5 has a water resistance rating of 5 ATM (50 meters). This means it is suitable for everyday use and can withstand splashes, rain, and brief immersion in water, such as washing hands. It is **not** suitable for swimming, showering, diving, or any water sports where the watch might be subjected to significant water pressure or prolonged immersion. Always ensure the crown is fully pushed in before any contact with water.



Figure 2: The luminous dial of the watch, providing visibility in low-light conditions.

Maintenance

Cleaning

To maintain the appearance of your watch:

- Wipe the case and crystal with a soft, dry, lint-free cloth regularly.
- For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth can be used, followed by immediate drying. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.

Leather Strap Care

The brown leather strap is a natural material and requires care:

- Avoid prolonged exposure to water, direct sunlight, and extreme temperatures.
- Clean with a soft, damp cloth and allow to air dry naturally. Do not use chemical cleaners.
- Leather straps will naturally show signs of wear over time and may need replacement.

Service and Inspection

Like all mechanical watches, your Zeppelin Atlantic 8468-5 requires periodic servicing to ensure optimal performance and longevity. It is recommended to have your watch inspected by an authorized service center every 3-5 years. This service typically includes cleaning, lubrication, and adjustment of the movement, as well as replacement of seals to maintain water resistance.



Figure 3: The transparent case back displays the intricate automatic movement, which benefits from regular professional servicing.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Watch has stopped or runs intermittently.	Insufficient power reserve.	Manually wind the watch by rotating the crown 30-40 times clockwise (crown in position 0). Wear the watch regularly to keep it wound.
Time is inaccurate.	Watch is not fully wound, or has been exposed to strong magnetic fields.	Ensure the watch is fully wound. If inaccuracy persists, consult an authorized service center for demagnetization or regulation.
Date does not change at midnight.	AM/PM setting is incorrect.	Advance the main hour hand by 12 hours. The date should change at midnight. Reset the time if necessary.
Moisture or condensation under the crystal.	Water ingress due to crown not being fully pushed in, or compromised seals.	Immediately take the watch to an authorized service center. Do not attempt to dry it yourself, as this can cause further damage.

Specifications

Model: 8468-5

Movement: Miyota 9075 Automatic GMT

Case Material: Stainless Steel

Crystal: Mineral Glass

Case Diameter: 42 mm

Case Thickness: 14 mm

Band Material: Leather

Band Width: 22 mm

Water Resistance: 5 ATM (50 meters)

Functions: Hours, Minutes, Seconds, Date, GMT (24-hour hand)

Item Weight: 68 Grams

Warranty and Support

Warranty Information

Your Zeppelin Atlantic Series 8468-5 watch is covered by a manufacturer's warranty against defects in materials and workmanship. The specific terms and duration of the warranty may vary by region and retailer. Please refer to the warranty card provided with your watch or visit the official Zeppelin website for detailed warranty information.

Customer Support

For technical assistance, service requests, or inquiries regarding your watch, please contact your authorized Zeppelin retailer or visit the official Zeppelin website for customer support contact details. When contacting support, please have your watch model number (8468-5) and purchase information readily available.
Official Zeppelin Website: zeppelin-watch.com