

## Zeppelin 9690-3

# Zeppelin 9690-3 Méditerranée Automatic Men's Watch

## Instruction Manual

### INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Zeppelin 9690-3 Méditerranée automatic watch. This timepiece combines classic design with sophisticated mechanical functions. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your watch to ensure its longevity and accurate performance.

### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Zeppelin 9690-3 Méditerranée features a 42mm silver-colored case with a 14mm height and a screw-down case back, offering a view of the automatic movement. The dark blue dial is accented with golden Arabic numerals and includes multiple displays.

- **Case:** 42mm silver-colored case with a visible screw-down case back.
- **Dial:** Dark blue dial with golden Arabic numerals, featuring a 24-hour display, weekday display at 9 o'clock, date display at 6 o'clock, and a power reserve indicator at 12 o'clock.
- **Movement:** Reliable automatic mechanical movement, self-winding through wrist motion. No battery replacement is required.
- **Strap:** Blue leather strap with elegant brown contrast stitching, 20mm width, secured with a buckle clasp.
- **Crystal:** Slightly domed mineral glass, resistant to daily wear.
- **Water Resistance:** 5 ATM (50 meters), suitable for splashes and hand washing.



Image: Detailed view of the watch dial, highlighting the various functions and golden numerals.



Image: The transparent case back revealing the intricate automatic movement.

## SETUP

## Initial Winding

As an automatic watch, the Zeppelin 9690-3 is powered by the motion of your wrist. If the watch has stopped or has not been worn for an extended period, it may require manual winding to initiate operation. To manually wind the watch, turn the crown clockwise approximately 20-30 times while it is in its normal, pushed-in position. This will build up a sufficient power reserve to start the movement.

## Setting the Time

1. Pull the crown out to the furthest position (Position 2).
2. Turn the crown to move the hour and minute hands clockwise until the desired time is set. Ensure to account for AM/PM if setting the 24-hour display.
3. Once the time is set, push the crown back into its normal position (Position 0).

## Setting the Date and Day

1. Pull the crown out to the first click position (Position 1).
2. Turn the crown clockwise or counter-clockwise to adjust the date and day displays. Refer to your watch's specific mechanism for direction.
3. **Important:** Avoid setting the date or day between 9 PM and 3 AM, as this can interfere with the automatic date change mechanism and potentially damage the movement. If you need to set the date during these hours, first set the time outside this window (e.g., to 6 AM), adjust the date/day, and then reset the correct time.
4. Once the date and day are set, push the crown back into its normal position (Position 0).

## OPERATING THE WATCH

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### Automatic Movement

Your watch is powered by an automatic mechanical movement. It winds itself through the natural motion of your wrist. When fully wound, it has a power reserve that allows it to run for a certain period (typically 38-42 hours) even when not worn. Regular wear will keep the watch wound.

### Power Reserve Indicator

The power reserve indicator at 12 o'clock shows the remaining running time of the watch. When the indicator is at its maximum, the watch is fully wound. As the power reserve depletes, the indicator will move towards the minimum. If the indicator is low, wear the watch or manually wind it to replenish the power.

### 24-Hour Display

The 24-hour sub-dial provides an additional time reference, indicating whether the main time display is in the AM or PM cycle, which is crucial for accurate date and day changes.

## MAINTENANCE

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### Cleaning

To maintain the appearance of your watch, wipe the case and crystal regularly with a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth can be used, followed by immediate drying. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.

### Water Resistance (5 ATM)

Your watch 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 during hand washing. It is **not** suitable for swimming, showering, diving, or any water sports. Always ensure the crown is fully pushed in before any contact with water.

## Leather Strap Care

The leather strap is susceptible to wear and tear from moisture, sweat, and direct sunlight. To prolong its life, avoid prolonged exposure to water and direct sunlight. Clean the strap with a soft, damp cloth and allow it to air dry naturally. Avoid using leather cleaners that are not specifically designed for watch straps.

## Service

Mechanical watches benefit from periodic servicing (typically every 3-5 years) by a qualified watchmaker to ensure optimal performance and longevity. This includes cleaning, lubrication, and adjustment of the movement.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Watch has stopped:** If the watch has stopped, it likely needs to be wound. Manually wind it by turning the crown clockwise 20-30 times, or wear it for several hours to allow the automatic movement to build up power.
- **Time is inaccurate:** Ensure the watch is sufficiently wound. If it continues to be inaccurate, it may require adjustment by a professional watchmaker.
- **Date/Day not changing:** Check if the time is set correctly, especially the AM/PM cycle. Ensure you are not attempting to set the date/day between 9 PM and 3 AM.

## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Model Number</b>	9690-3
<b>Case Diameter</b>	42 mm
<b>Case Height</b>	14 mm
<b>Movement Type</b>	Automatic Mechanical
<b>Water Resistance</b>	5 ATM (50 meters)
<b>Crystal Type</b>	Mineral Glass
<b>Strap Material</b>	Leather
<b>Strap Width</b>	20 mm
<b>Country of Origin</b>	Germany

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

Your Zeppelin watch is covered by a manufacturer's warranty against defects in materials and workmanship. Please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase for specific terms, conditions, and duration. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

## SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or service inquiries, please contact your authorized Zeppelin dealer or visit the official Zeppelin website for contact information. When contacting support, please have your watch model number (9690-3) and purchase details readily available.