

WatchModLab Steel Chronograph

User Manual

VK63 Meca-Quartz Chronograph

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing a WatchModLab Steel Chronograph.

This manual provides general operating, care and support information for the Steel Chronograph platform.

Because customized watches may vary in dial layout, sub-dials, hands, bezel, bracelet or strap, logo, engraving and other details, the exact appearance of your watch may differ from the descriptions in this guide.

Unless otherwise stated, this manual is written for a Steel Chronograph configured with a VK63 meca-quartz chronograph movement.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Steel Chronograph combines quartz-regulated timekeeping with a mechanically actuated chronograph module.

The result is a practical sports watch with crisp pusher operation and a more mechanical chronograph feel than a conventional quartz chronograph.

- VK63 meca-quartz chronograph movement
- Hours and minutes display
- Small seconds display
- Central chronograph seconds hand
- Chronograph minute counter
- 24-hour indication
- Chronograph start, stop and reset functions
- Sapphire crystal on applicable configurations
- 316L stainless-steel case on applicable configurations
- Bracelet or strap options depending on the selected build

ABOUT THE VK63 MOVEMENT

The VK63 uses quartz regulation for the main timekeeping function while the chronograph is operated through a mechanical-style module. This combination provides dependable everyday accuracy with a distinctive chronograph action.

The exact sub-dial arrangement may vary with the selected dial. Refer to the final approved configuration of your watch for the position of each indication.

NORMAL TIME DISPLAY

The regular time display continues to operate independently of the chronograph. On most VK63 layouts, the continuously running seconds are shown on a small-seconds sub-dial rather than by the large central seconds hand.

The large central seconds hand is normally reserved for the chronograph and may remain stationary when the chronograph is not in use. This is normal operation.

SETTING THE TIME

1. Pull the crown out to the time-setting position.
2. Turn the crown until the hour and minute hands show the correct time.
3. Push the crown fully back into its normal position after setting.
4. If your configuration uses a screw-down crown, secure it again before water exposure.

If your specific configuration includes a date display, follow the setting method supplied for that dial and movement configuration. Do not force the crown if a function does not engage smoothly.

USING THE CHRONOGRAPH

The chronograph is controlled by the pushers on the side of the case.

Upper pusher - Start / Stop

Press the upper pusher once to start the chronograph. Press it again to stop timing.

Lower pusher - Reset

After the chronograph has been stopped, press the lower pusher to return the chronograph hands to their zero positions.

Always stop the chronograph before using the reset function.

READING THE CHRONOGRAPH

When the chronograph is running, the large central chronograph seconds hand records elapsed seconds. A chronograph sub-dial records elapsed minutes. The remaining sub-dials are used for the normal running seconds and 24-hour indication according to the selected dial layout.

Because custom dial layouts can vary, use the markings on your finished watch as the primary reference.

CHRONOGRAPH RESET AND HAND ALIGNMENT

After a reset, the chronograph hands should return to their intended zero positions.

If a chronograph hand does not return accurately to zero after normal use, stop using repeated reset attempts and contact WatchModLab for guidance. Do not remove the hands or open the case yourself unless you are qualified to service watches.

PUSHER OPERATION

- Press the pushers firmly but without excessive force.
- Do not hold a pusher halfway between positions.
- Do not repeatedly start, stop and reset the chronograph excessively within a very short period.
- Do not operate the chronograph pushers underwater unless your specific case is explicitly designed for underwater pusher operation.

BATTERY AND POWER

The VK63 is battery powered. Unlike an automatic mechanical watch, it does not require winding and does not depend on wrist movement to continue running.

When the watch stops or shows signs of a depleted battery, have the battery replaced by a qualified watch technician. The case seals should be inspected and the water resistance rechecked after the case has been opened.

WATER RESISTANCE

Water resistance depends on the selected case and final configuration. Always follow the water-resistance specification confirmed for your specific watch.

- Make sure the crown is fully closed before water exposure.
- Do not operate the crown underwater.
- Do not operate chronograph pushers underwater unless the case is specifically designed for it.
- Water resistance is not permanent and may decline as gaskets age.
- If the case has been opened, dropped or subjected to a strong impact, water resistance should be rechecked before swimming or water use.
- After exposure to seawater, rinse the exterior with fresh water when appropriate and dry the watch thoroughly.

SAPPHIRE CRYSTAL AND EXTERIOR CARE

Sapphire crystal is highly scratch resistant, but it is not indestructible. Avoid strong impact against hard surfaces.

- Wipe the case, crystal and bracelet or strap hardware with a clean microfiber cloth after wear.

- Avoid abrasive polishing products unless they are intended for the specific surface finish.
- Avoid strong chemicals, solvents and aggressive cleaning agents.
- Polished and brushed metal surfaces will naturally develop small marks through normal wear.

BRACELET OR STRAP ADJUSTMENT

Metal bracelets can usually be resized by removing or adding links. Depending on the bracelet construction, links may use screws, pins or other fastening methods.

For best results, use appropriate watchmaking tools or have the bracelet adjusted by a professional. Improper tools can scratch the bracelet or damage link components.

For strap changes, make sure the spring bars or quick-release mechanisms are fully seated before wearing the watch.

MAGNETISM, SHOCK AND TEMPERATURE

- Avoid prolonged exposure to strong magnetic fields.
- Avoid severe impact, dropping or repeated heavy vibration.
- Avoid prolonged exposure to extreme heat or cold.
- If moisture appears inside the crystal, stop exposing the watch to water and contact WatchModLab.

SERVICE AND SUPPORT

If your watch shows abnormal chronograph behavior, pusher problems, hand-alignment issues, moisture ingress, battery-related problems or visible assembly defects, contact WatchModLab and provide:

- Your order number
- A brief description of the issue
- Clear photos or video showing the problem
- The approximate date the issue first appeared

WARRANTY SUMMARY

Your WatchModLab watch is covered by a one-year warranty from the date of delivery.

The warranty covers manufacturing, assembly and production-related defects under normal use.

For confirmed warranty-related quality issues, reasonable return shipping costs will be covered by WatchModLab.

For full terms, please refer to the Warranty & Support page on the WatchModLab website.

CONTACT

For technical assistance, after-sales support or questions about your watch, contact WatchModLab through the contact options listed on the website.