

C7 Rapide Chronograph
Automatic

Owner's handbook

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Time on your side...

Your Christopher Ward watch has been designed and engineered by highly talented craftspeople to ensure not only accurate and precise timekeeping but also to bring a real pride of ownership that only items of the highest quality can ever hope to deliver.

You have made an investment, a good one, and the aim of this handbook is to help you make the most of that investment during what I hope will be a lifetime of ownership.



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C7 Rapide Chronograph Automatic

With the juggernaut that is the Valjoux 7750 inside, the C7 Rapide Chronograph Automatic was always going to be slightly larger than its other Rapide cousins; not only in size, but in personality.

While initial impressions may have you thinking the Chronograph Automatic is a brutish muscle car of a watch, inside it's powered by a finely tuned engine, the 7750 – one of the first movements to be designed by computer, and almost certainly the definitive mechanical chronograph in the industry.



Our case is a staggering piece of engineering – a combination of marine-grade steel and aluminium, its four-piece design is inspired by construction in Formula 1, which begins with a car's central chassis – the monocoque where the driver sits – before additional bodywork is added around it. Two vintage style pushers flank either side of its crosshatched crown, their piston shape reminiscent of the immense horsepower generated by high-performance engines from F1 to Le Mans.

The C7 Rapide Chronograph Automatic also inherits our new dial aesthetic, where double-sized numerals and sunray subdials capture the extravagance of motorsport within its dashboard-inspired design. Not only is it obviously a motorsport watch, it's distinctively a Christopher Ward motorsport one, and a turbo-charged addition to the Collection.



Technical information

Features

- Swiss made
- 25 jewel self-winding elaboré-grade mechanical chronograph
- 48 hour power reserve
- Hour, minute, second and date calendar with 60 seconds, 30 minutes and 12 hours chronograph indication
- 316L stainless steel and aluminium four-piece case
- Bi-compax dial layout with sunray-finish subdials
- Screw-down crown
- Aluminium bezel with 5 minute markers
- Anti-reflective flat sapphire crystal
- Date window with black disc
- SuperLuminova® dial indexes
- Deep-stamped screw-down backplate with unique engraved serial number

Technical

Diameter:	42mm
Height:	14.30mm
Weight:	95g
Calibre:	ETA 7750
Case:	316L stainless steel and aluminium
Water Resistance:	10 ATM (100 metres)
Vibrations:	28,800 per hour (4 Hz)
Timing Tolerance:	±15 seconds per day
Lug to lug:	48.2mm
Strap:	22mm

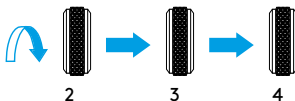


Setting the time/date



1. Crown screw-down position
2. Manual winding
3. Date setting
4. Time setting

Unscrew and then pull out



For a superior water resistance your crown is of the screw-down type. The crown should sit flush to the case (position **1**) in order to maintain water resistance.

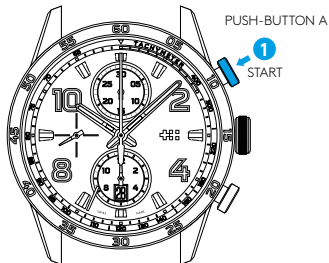
- First unscrew the crown anti-clockwise from the case to position **2** for winding in power. Wind in a clockwise direction to re-power the watch. Your C7 Rapide Chronograph Automatic has a maximum power reserve of 48 hours when fully wound. Normal wearing will allow the rotor to start re-powering the watch over time after putting it on your wrist.
- For rapid date correction pull gently into position **3** and turn in a clockwise direction.
- Pull gently into position **4** for handsetting and stopping of the second hand. For precise time setting it is recommended to pass beyond the desired minute and to set the hand backwards.

PLEASE NOTE: Date correction should not be carried out between 20.00 hr and 02.00 hr as the watch gearing will already be aligning itself to change the date.

You must always ensure the crown is fully tightened before any use in water to prevent moisture from entering the case.

Timing functions

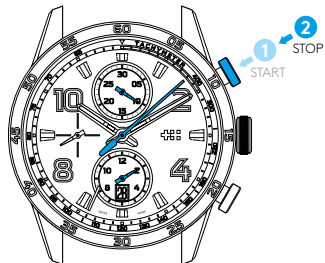
Start



Press push-button A to start timing.

PLEASE NOTE: Before starting the time, reset the chronograph hands to their original position. See the **Reset** section to set the counters to zero.

Stop

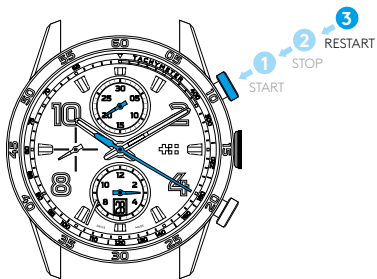


To stop the timing, press push-button A once more and read the 3 chronograph counters, for example: 2 hours / 10 mins / 8 seconds.





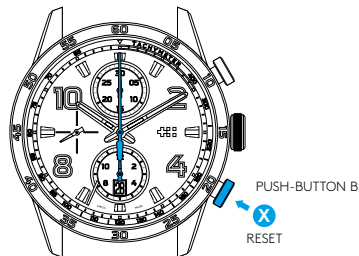
Restart/Stop



To restart the timing, press push-button **A** again (timing is resumed).

To stop timing press push-button **A** and read the 3 chronograph counters: 3 hours / 20 mins / 20 seconds.

Reset



To reset the timing, press push-button **B** (The 3 chronograph hands will be reset to their zero positions).

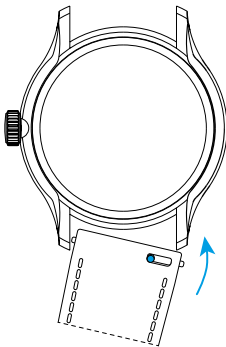
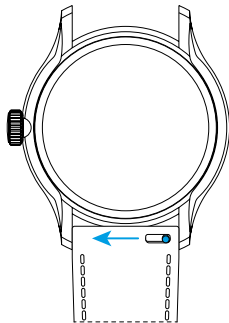
Straps and bracelets

As you would expect, we place as much emphasis on the quality of our straps and bracelets as we do our watches. We only use the finest leathers for our straps. Similarly, we only use the finest metals in the construction of our bracelets, all of which are precision engineered for durability, efficiency and comfort.

The following guidelines explain how easy it is to use and adjust your Christopher Ward strap or bracelet.

Using the quick-release pins on your strap

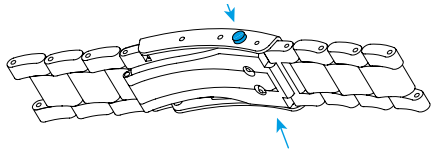
1. Locate the quick-release pin on your strap. Pull the pin to the side to detach your strap.



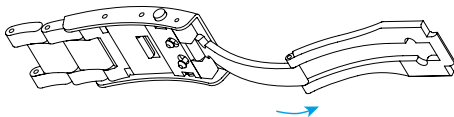
2. To reattach your strap, align the pins to the lug holes and click the strap into position. Repeat for the other side.

Integrated bracelet with micro adjustment

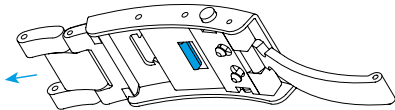
1. Press buttons to release.



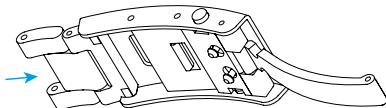
2. Pull open the clasp.



3. There are five micro adjustment positions, which allows for a maximum extension of 8.4mm. To extend, pull the lever to unlock and simultaneously pull on the bracelet into the desired position.



4. To shorten, simply push the bracelet back into the clasp.



Water resistance

Although your watch has been through vigorous static pressure testing, it is worth remembering that there are many variables that can affect the water resistance of your watch.

For instance, arm movements during swimming and the sudden impact of diving and water sports will drastically increase the pressure the watch is under. Wearing your watch in the bath, shower, or sauna can also have an effect as a rapid increase in temperature can cause seals to expand and in extreme cases, malfunction or create condensation.

For these reasons, the water resistance rating of your watch (as shown) should only ever be considered a guideline and we strongly recommend they are always adhered to.



1 ATM (10 metres)

Safe to wear your watch while washing your hands with tap water.



3 ATM (30 metres)

Washing your car and/or general hose pipe usage.



10 ATM (100 metres)

Water resistant to most household shower units.



15 ATM (150 metres)

Safe to use while snorkelling in open water.



30 ATM (300 metres)

Ideal for experienced divers and those practising scuba-diving.



60 ATM (600 metres)

Professional divers, experiencing prolonged exposure underwater.



100 ATM (1000 metres)

Professional deep sea diving.

Our watch care programme

Your watch is constructed from the finest components and materials available including one of Switzerland's finest mechanical movements. As with all watches of this quality, with the right care and attention, your new Christopher Ward watch has the potential to become an heirloom piece giving further joy to future generations. It's for this reason we have created our industry leading approach to after-sales care, starting with our famous 60|60 Guarantee which remains the most comprehensive guarantee in the world of watchmaking.

Visit our website for more details about our 60|60 Guarantee and Service and Repair Programme.

60|60 Guarantee

1. 60 Day free returns

Our success depends on you being completely happy with your new Christopher Ward watch. You have up to 60 days to return your watch, absolutely free of charge, and receive a replacement or full refund by return – so long as it has not been worn and is returned in perfect condition.

2. 60 Month movement guarantee

Your watch, at its heart, has a top quality precision engineered Swiss movement – so it's very unlikely to give you problems with the minimum amount of care and attention, including a regular service. We recommend you return your watch to us every 3/4 years for a service, so our expert technicians can keep your fine timepiece in peak condition.

Servicing and repairs...the Christopher Ward way...

Our innovative approach to servicing and repairing your Christopher Ward watch means that having your watch serviced or repaired doesn't mean months of waiting followed by an exorbitant bill – which is more or less the experience guaranteed by every other luxury watch brand. We have developed an easy, quick and affordable expert service and repairs programme that doesn't cost the earth and has your watch back where it belongs – on your wrist – in double-quick time.

Keeping in touch with Christopher Ward

From small beginnings just a few short years ago (our first workshop was actually a refurbished chicken shed!), Christopher Ward has won a worldwide following for his eponymous watch brand and can justifiably claim to manufacture the most affordable luxury watches in the world.

For many, the philosophy behind the brand, of trying to put luxury watches within the reach of everyone, is as attractive as the watches themselves, as is the very open approach of the business which means that Chris and the team spend a lot of time communicating personally with our customers – many of whom have become friends.

As the owner of a Christopher Ward watch, if ever you need to get hold of us we are at your service. We have listed some useful contact details on the back cover.

There is also always something new going on at our website at **www.christopherward.co.uk** and, if you haven't already discovered the independent forum dedicated to our brand at **www.christopherwardforum.com** we would recommend a visit. Informative and fun, it's a great place to hear the unexpurgated view of Christopher Ward.



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