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.

Christopher Ward
C8 Flyer Automatic

After the popular reception received by the C8 Power Reserve and UTC Worldtimer in 2016 – two watches that launched our redesigned aviation range, and showcased its distinctive new aesthetic – requests soon began to flood in for the cornerstone of any aviation collection: a mechanical three-hand model with date wheel. The C8 Flyer Automatic fulfils those criteria in bold British fashion, proudly staking its place in a market obsessed by the B-Uhr clock.

In joining our aviation collection, the Automatic inherits the C8’s case – finished either in DLC (diamond-like carbon) or steel – and embossed crown. A neat detail carried over from the previous iteration of the Flyer is its backplate, deep-stamped with an image of the pioneering Farnborough wind tunnels that helped develop the Spitfire and Concorde.

The collection’s recognisable aviation aesthetic emerges completely intact in its intricate detailing. Inspired by the Smiths Mk II clock found inside the Spitfire, the Automatic has a multi-layered dial – an outer ring slopes inwards, while cutaway index markers provide additional depth. SuperLuminova®-coated hands and numerals then ensure the C8 Flyer Automatic remains highly legible, no matter what conditions (or aviation operation) you find yourself in.
C8 Flyer Automatic

Technical information

Features

- Swiss made
- 26 jewel Sellita self-winding mechanical movement
- 38 hour power reserve
- Steel or DLC (diamond-like carbon) case
- Multi-layered dial with lume-dipped hands
- Anti-reflective flat sapphire crystal
- SuperLuminova® numerals and indices
- Screw-down backplate deep-stamped with Farnborough wind tunnel design
- Push-down crown with deep-stamped ‘Flyer’ motif
- Whip stitch Tiber leather strap with CW motif clasp

Technical

| Diameter: | 44mm |
| Height: | 12.05mm |
| Weight: | 96g |
| Calibre: | Sellita SW 200-1 |
| Case: | 316L stainless steel |
| Water Resistance: | 5 ATM (50 metres) |
| Vibrations: | 28,800 per hour (4Hz) |
| Timing tolerance: | ±20 secs per day |
| Lug to lug: | 53.2mm |
| Strap: | 22mm |
How to operate your C8 Flyer Automatic

Setting the time/date

1. Crown position
2. Date setting
3. Time setting
The crown should sit flush to the case (position 1) in order to maintain water resistance.

- For rapid date correction pull gently into position 2 and turn in a clockwise direction.
- For setting the time pull gently into position 3 and turn anti-clockwise to advance the time. For precise time setting it is recommended to pass beyond the desired minute and to set the hand backwards.
- Push the crown back to position 1.

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. The crown should always be pushed in after adjustment, and it is best to do so from position 3 to avoid advancing beyond the desired date.
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.
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.

5 ATM (50 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.

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.

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