

Signs Your Hamilton Watch Needs Service

1. It's Running Wild

If your Hamilton has suddenly succumbed to its wild side by running fast, running slow, or refusing to run altogether, it's not being dramatic. It's signaling a deeper issue. Inconsistent timekeeping usually means dried-out oils, magnetization, or dirt buildup in the movement.



2. You Have Reservations about the Power Reserve

If your automatic used to last two days off the wrist and now taps out by dinner, the power reserve is lagging. That's not just an inconvenience. It's a sign your watch isn't storing or releasing energy properly. You can probably blame a tired mainspring, worn gear train, or a movement that's gotten dirty.



3. Winding It Now Comes With a Soundtrack

Winding your watch should feel smooth and satisfyingly quiet. If it suddenly sounds like your kid brother the morning after he got a drumset for his birthday, hit pause. Grinding or clicking noises could mean debris in the movement or worn parts doing damage with every twist.



4. Your Hands Are Off

If the hour, minute, or second hands are lagging behind, jumping around, or just not lining up, something's not right under the crystal. Watch hands off by even a few degrees today could be a scratched-up mess tomorrow. Misalignment can lead to the hands scraping against the dial, the crystal, or each other.

5. There's Fog Under the Crystal

Unless your Hamilton is starring in a moody noir film, fog isn't quaint ambiance. There shouldn't be mist trapped under the glass. That's moisture, and it's your cue to act fast. Wetness is an open bar for oxidation, and your movement's picking up the tab.



6. You Spot Rust or Tarnish

Rust is ugly, but its issues go beyond unsightliness. Rust is the enemy of everything mechanical. If you see tarnish on the case or corrosion inside the movement, it's time to stop admiring and start restoring. Even small amounts of oxidation can wreak havoc on accuracy and durability.

7. It's Been Five Years (or More)

Look, we get it. If your watch is still ticking, it's easy to assume it's fine. But five years without service is like driving 100,000 miles without an oil change. Everything still looks good and runs as expected—until it doesn't. Dried lubricants cause friction, and friction causes wear you can't undo.



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