

Clock set up tips – General

Time keeping – mechanical (wind up) clocks accuracy guidelines: approx 1m/d (7m/w)

Pendulum vibration causes change or stoppage of swing – altering timekeeping

Exposed pendulum (ie. Cuckoo clock) – air movement from heating vent, open window etc. will change swing of pendulum

Wall clocks – near to sliding or heavy door will cause clock to move on wall

Wall clocks – anchoring for security to prevent the clock from moving when door open

Mantle clocks are designed for mantles – if no mantle next best is shelf of its own.

Worst locations for mantle clock: buffet / china cabinet, piano, small side table, any flimsy furniture

Not winding fully will cause clock to be inaccurate or stop before one week

Pick a regular day to wind the clock (ie. Sunday)

Do not lift weight at all when winding chain wound clocks – guide weight with free hand only to stop from swinging.

Do not handle any brass or nickel plating with bare hands

Do not try to clean clock dial

Use lemon oil, etc seasonally to keep wood from drying out

Use extreme caution when installing or removing the pendulum – moving the leader to the left or right will change the “beat” of the clock

Transport mantle and shelf clocks upright, with pendulum removed

Transport wall clocks on their back

Do not cover the exposed hands of any clock with anything, ever, especially while transporting

When unlocking 400 day pendulum support pendulum with one hand while sliding lock with other

If you can stop your clock (by stopping the pendulum) before you go on vacation always do so

If the hour and half hour strike are out of sync on a North American made clock you need to first move the minute hand without stopping past the hour and past the half to reset this issue. Then synchronize the hours as shown in the set-up sheet