

**ECLA****EUROPEAN CLASSIFICATION****G04C**

**ELECTROMECHANICAL CLOCKS OR WATCHES (mechanical parts of clocks or watches in general G04B; electronic time-pieces with no moving parts, electronic circuitry for producing timing pulses G04G)**

**Note**

This subclass covers electric features of mechanically-driven clocks or watches, such as electric winding of such clocks or the provision of electric contacts thereon.

**Guide heading:**

**Electric winding of mechanical clocks; Independent electric clocks or watches**

**G04C1/00**

**Winding mechanical clocks electrically** (winding mechanically [G04B3/00](#) [N: electrical winding of spring driven arrangements for grammophones [G11B19/20](#)])

## G04C1/00B

- . [N: by electro-thermal or electro-pneumatic arrangements]

## G04C1/00F

- . [N: for clocksystems ([G04C1/02](#) to [G04C1/04](#) take precedence)]

## G04C1/02

- . by electromagnets

## G04C1/02B

- . . [N: with snap-acting armature]

## G04C1/02B2

- . . . [N: winding-up springs]

## G04C1/02C

- . . [N: having unipolar rotating armature (two-pole or multi-pole arrangements [G04C1/04](#), [G04C1/06](#), [G04C1/08](#))]

## G04C1/02D

- . . [N: with linearly moving armature]

## G04C1/04

- . by electric motors with rotating or with reciprocating movement [N: (in general [H02K33/00](#)) ]

## G04C1/06

- . . winding-up springs

## G04C1/06B

- . . . [N: by oscillating movement]

## G04C1/06C

- . . . [N: by continuous rotating movement]

## G04C1/06D

- . . . [N: by stepping rotating movement]

## G04C1/08

- . . raising weights

## G04C1/08B

- . . . [N: by oscillating movement]

## G04C1/08C

- . . . [N: by continuously rotating movement]

## G04C1/08D

- . . . [N: by stepping rotating movement]

## G04C1/10

- . Protection against overwinding (in mechanical clocks or watches [G04B1/20](#), [G04B3/06](#), [G04B3/10](#); [N: [G04B5/24](#), [G04B9/02](#)])

## G04C1/12

- . . of the spring

## G04C1/14

- . . of the weights

**G04C3/00**

**Electromechanical clocks or watches independent of other time-pieces and in which the movement is maintained by electric means** [N: Synchronisation [G04C11/00](#)]

- G04C3/00K . [N: Electromechanical switches for setting or display (in general [H01H](#))]
- G04C3/00K2 . . [N: Position, e.g. inclination dependent switches]
- [N: **WARNING**  
Not complete. See also [G04C3/00K](#)  
]
- G04C3/00K3 . . [N: Magnetically controlled]
- [N: **WARNING**  
Not complete. See also [G04C3/00K](#), [G04C3/00K4](#)  
]
- G04C3/00K4 . . [N: Multiple switches ([G04C3/00K3](#) takes precedence)]
- G04C3/00K5 . . [N: Electromechanical contact-making and breaking devices acting as pulse generators for setting]
- G04C3/00M . [N: Mounting, assembling of components]
- G04C3/02 . wherein movement is regulated by a pendulum
- G04C3/02B . . [N: using mechanical coupling (using more than one pendulum [G04C3/02K](#); using torsion pendulums [G04C3/033](#); using conical pendulums [G04C3/033B](#))]
- G04C3/02B2 . . . [N: with constant impulses]
- G04C3/02D . . [N: using other coupling means, e.g. electrostrictive, magnetostrictive]
- G04C3/02K . . [N: using more than one pendulum (synchronisation between master and slave pendulums [G04C3/02K](#))]
- G04C3/027 . . using electro-magnetic coupling between electric power source and pendulum ([G04C3/033](#) takes precedence)
- G04C3/027B . . . [N: the pendulum controlling contacts and mechanically driving the gear-train (constructional details of contact devices [G04C3/06](#), [G04C23/06](#))]
- G04C3/027C . . . [N: the pendulum controlling contacts, thereby electromagnetically driving the gear-train or several gear-trains (generating driving pulses in master-clocks [G04C3/04D](#))]
- G04C3/027D . . . [N: the pendulum controlling contacts, the pendulum driving electro-magnet simultaneously driving the gear-train]
- G04C3/027E . . . [N: the pendulum controlling indirectly, i.e. without mechanical connection, contacts, e.g. by magnetic or optic means]
- G04C3/027F . . . [N: the pendulum controlling the gear-train by means of static switches, e.g. transistor circuits]
- G04C3/033 . . using torsion pendulums; using conical pendulums (construction thereof [G04B17/00](#))
- G04C3/033B . . . [N: using conical pendulums (construction thereof [G04B17/30](#))]
- G04C3/04 . wherein movement is regulated by a balance [N: construction thereof [G04B17/06B](#)]
- G04C3/04B . . [N: using mechanical coupling]
- G04C3/04B2 . . . [N: with constant impulses]
- G04C3/04D . . [N: using other coupling means, e.g. electrostrictive, magnetostrictive]
- G04C3/06 . . using electro-magnetic coupling between electric power source and balance
- G04C3/06B . . . [N: the balance controlling contacts and mechanically driving the gear-train]
- G04C3/06C . . . [N: the balance controlling contacts, the gear-train or several gear-trains being

- driven electro-magnetically thereby]
- G04C3/06D . . . [N: the balance controlling contacts, the balance driving electro-magnet simultaneously driving the gear-train]
- G04C3/06E . . . [N: the balance controlling indirectly, i.e. without mechanical connection, contacts, e.g. by magnetic or optic means]
- G04C3/06F . . . [N: the balance controlling gear-train by means of static switches, e.g. transistor circuits (**synchronisation of balance** [G04C11/08K6](#))]
- G04C3/06F2 . . . . [N: Constructional details, e.g. disposition of coils]
- G04C3/06F3 . . . . [N: Driving circuits with distinct detecting and driving coils]
- G04C3/06F3B . . . . . [N: provided with automatic control]
- G04C3/06F4 . . . . [N: Driving circuits using a single coil for detection and driving purposes]
- G04C3/08 . wherein movement is regulated by a mechanical oscillator other than a pendulum or balance, e.g. by a tuning fork, [N: e.g. electrostatically]
- G04C3/10 . . driven by electro-magnetic means
- G04C3/10B . . . [N: constructional details]
- G04C3/10B2 . . . . [N: of the mechanical oscillator or of the coil]
- G04C3/10B3 . . . . [N: of the pawl or the ratched-wheel (**in general** [G04B11/04](#), [G04C11/00C](#))]
- G04C3/10B3B . . . . . [N: pawl and ratched-wheel being magnetically coupled]
- G04C3/10B4 . . . . [N: Controlling frequency or amplitude of the oscillating system (**circuits** [G04C3/10C](#))]
- G04C3/10C . . . [N: Driving circuits]
- G04C3/12 . . driven by piezo-electric means; driven by magneto-strictive means
- G04C3/12B . . . [N: driven by magneto-strictive means]
- G04C3/14 . incorporating a stepping motor ([G04C3/02](#) to [G04C3/12](#) take precedence [N: generating timing pulses [G04F5/00](#), [G04G3/00](#); setting [G04G5/00](#); synchronisation [G04C11/00K](#), [G04G7/00](#); generating commutating pulses in masterclocks [G04C13/04D](#), [G04C13/02](#); slave clocks actuated intermittently by electromechanical step advancing mechanisms [G04C13/10](#); control circuits for stepping motors in general [H02P8/00](#)])
- G04C3/14B . . [N: Means to reduce power consumption by reducing pulse width or amplitude and related problems e.g. detection of unwanted or missing step]
- G04C3/14C . . [N: incorporating two or more stepping motors or rotors]
- G04C3/16 . incorporating an electro-dynamic continuously rotating motor ([G04C3/02](#) to [G04C3/12](#) take precedence; clocks driven by synchronous motors [G04C15/00](#); [N: apparatus which can be set and started to measure-off predetermined or adjustably-fixed time intervals with electric driving means, e.g. incorporating clocks [G04F3/06](#), [G04F3/08](#); electromechanical stop watches [G04F8/00](#)])
- G04C3/16B . . [N: comprising a mechanical regulating device influencing the electromotor (**constructional details of the mechanical regulating device** [G04B 17/00](#))]
- G04C3/18 . incorporating electro-thermal or electro-pneumatic driving means
- G04C5/00** **Electric or magnetic means for converting oscillatory to rotary motion in time-pieces, i.e. electric or magnetic escapements** (**regulators** [G04C3/00](#))
- G04C5/00B . [N: Magnetic or electromagnetic means]

**G04C9/00**      **Electrically-actuated devices for setting the time-indicating means** (of slave clocks [G04C13/03](#); mechanical setting devices [G04B27/00](#); radio-controlled time-pieces [G04R](#)) [\[N1208\]](#)

[G04C9/02](#)      . brought into action by radio transmission

[N: **WARNING** [\[N1208\]](#)

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[G04C9/04](#)      . by blocking the driving means [N: see provisionally [G04C9/00](#)]

[G04C9/06](#)      . by decoupling the driving means (combined with blocking means [G04C9/04](#)) [N: see provisionally [G04C9/00](#)]

[G04C9/08](#)      . by electric drive, [N: i.e. for mechanical clocks; see provisionally [G04C9/00](#)]

**G04C10/00**      **Arrangements of electric power supplies in time pieces** [N: (circuits [G04G19/00](#); mounting, assembling of components of electromechanical watches [G04C3/00M](#), of electronic watches [G04G17/00](#)) [\[C1005\]](#)

[G04C10/02](#)      . the power supply being a radioactive [N: or photovoltaic] source

[G04C10/04](#)      . with means for indicating the condition of the power supply [N: in general [G01R31/00B](#)]

**Guide heading:**      **Electric clock installations; Master-and-slave clock systems; Synchronous-motor clocks**

**G04C11/00**      **Synchronisation of independently-driven clocks (radio-controlled time-pieces [G04R](#))** [\[N1208\]](#)

[G04C11/00B](#)      . [N: by changing the driving speed]

[G04C11/00C](#)      . [N: by changing the ratio of the driving-gear]

[G04C11/00H](#)      . [N: by positioning of the index or by regulating the length of the pendulum in dependance on the time difference with a standard]

[G04C11/02](#)      . by radio [N: time setting brought into action by radio [G04C9/02](#)]

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[G04C11/02B](#)      . . [N: provided with arrangements to prevent synchronisation by interfering signals]

[G04C11/02C](#)      . . [N: the time-piece preparing itself on set times on the reception of the synchronising

signal]

- G04C11/04 . over a line (transmitting time signals over telephone networks [H04M11/06](#)) [N: time setting [G04C9/00](#)]
- G04C11/04B . . [N: provided with arrangements to prevent synchronisation by interfering signals]
- G04C11/04C . . [N: the time-piece preparing itself on set time on the reception of the synchronising signal]
- G04C11/06 . with direct mechanical action on the time-indicating means [N: time setting [G04C9/00](#)]
- G04C11/08 . using an electro-magnet or-motor [N: for oscillation correction]
- G04C11/08K . . [N: using an electro-magnet]
- G04C11/08K5 . . . [N: acting on the pendulum (mutual synchronisation of pendulums [G04C13/02K](#))]
- G04C11/08K6 . . . [N: acting on the balance]
- G04C11/08M . . [N: using an electro-motor]
- G04C11/08M5 . . . [N: acting on the pendulum (mutual synchronisation of pendulums [G04C13/02K](#))]
- G04C11/08M6 . . . [N: acting on the balance]

## G04C13/00

### Driving mechanisms for clocks by master-clocks

- G04C13/02 . Circuit arrangements; Electric clock installations
- G04C13/02B . . [N: master-slave systems using transmission of singular pulses for driving directly slave-clocks step by step ([G04C13/03](#) takes precedence)]
- G04C13/02B2 . . . [N: via existing power distribution lines]
- G04C13/02B3 . . . [N: via existing transmission lines (transmitting time signals over telephone networks [H04M11/06](#))]
- G04C13/02B4 . . . [N: via special lines]
- G04C13/02B5 . . . [N: by radio]
- G04C13/02F . . [N: master-slave systems using transmission of other driving signals, e.g. coded signals]
- G04C13/02K . . [N: transmission systems for synchronisation of pendulum of slave-clocks by pendulums of master-clocks]
- G04C13/03 . . Pulse transmission systems with additional means for setting the time indication of slave-clocks [N: [G04C13/02K](#) takes precedence]
- G04C13/04 . . Master-clocks
- G04C13/04B . . . [N: monitoring or controlling master-clock or system with more than one master-clock, e.g. for switching-over to standby motor or power system]
- G04C13/04B2 . . . . [N: by using devices similar to slave-clocks]
- G04C13/04B3 . . . . [N: Systems in which slave-clocks function as master-clocks for other slave-clocks (synchronisation of independently-driven clocks [G04C11/00](#), setting [G04C9/00](#))]
- G04C13/04C . . . [N: provided with supplementary means for setting or changing the time indication of the slave-clocks]
- G04C13/04C2 . . . . [N: for automatically correcting of or compensating for disturbances]
- G04C13/04C3 . . . . [N: for automatically setting of slave-clocks after correction or after setting of master-clock]

- G04C13/04D . . . [N: Arrangements for generating normal driving pulses]
- G04C13/04D2 . . . . [N: by starting an independent mechanical driving devices, e.g. motor controlling the contacts]
- G04C13/04D3 . . . . [N: by switching on an electromagnetic driving device, e.g. electro-motor, controlling the contacts]
- G04C13/04D4 . . . . [N: by using current generating driving device]
- G04C13/06 . . . Contact devices (for simultaneously winding several clocks [G04C1/00](#))
- G04C13/06B . . . . [N: controlled by a pendulum or a balance]
  
- G04C13/08 . Slave-clocks actuated intermittently
- G04C13/10 . . by electromechanical step advancing mechanisms [N: independent clocks or watches incorporating a stepping motor [G04C3/14](#); stepping motors in general [H02K33/00](#)]
- G04C13/10C . . . [N: setting the time-indicating means (master-slave systems with setting means [G04C13/03](#); adjusting independently-driven clocks [G04C9/00](#), [G04C11/00](#))]
- G04C13/11 . . . with rotating armature
- G04C13/12 . . by continuously-rotating electric motors [N: independent clocks [G04C3/16](#); clocks driven by synchronous motors [G04C15/00](#)]
- G04C13/14 . . by electrically-released mechanical driving mechanisms

#### **G04C15/00**      **Clocks driven by synchronous motors**

- G04C15/00B . [N: without power-reserve]
- G04C15/00B2 . . [N: provided with hand-actuated starting device]
- G04C15/00B3 . . [N: provided with automatic-starting device]
- G04C15/00B4 . . [N: provided with means for indicating disturbance]
- G04C15/00B5 . . [N: provided with means for checking sense of rotation]
  
- G04C15/00C . [N: with power-reserve]
  
- G04C15/00H . [N: Synchronous clock systems, e.g. provided with radiolink or using transmission of alternating current via existing power distribution lines]
- G04C15/00H2 . . [N: Setting the time-indicating means, e.g. by controlling the frequency or by changing the drive of the separate clocks by using an auxiliary motor]
- G04C15/00H3 . . [N: Automatic stabilisation of net frequency with regard to time, e.g. by comparing one of the clocks with an independent clock, means being provided for automatic compensation of disturbances]
  
- G04C15/00T . [N: Lubricating]

**Guide heading:**      **Indicating the time or producing time signals electrically**

**G04C17/00**      **indicating the time optically by electric means ([G04C19/00](#) takes precedence; by mechanical means [G04B19/00](#), [G04B19/20](#))**

- G04C17/00B . [N: by bands]
- G04C17/00B2 . . [N: with date indication]

- G04C17/00F . [N: by flaps]
- G04C17/00F2 . . [N: with date indication]
- G04C17/00K . [N: by a combination of different types of indicating devices, e.g. flaps and drums]
- G04C17/00S . [N: by discs (by drums [G04C17/00T](#))]
- G04C17/00S2 . . [N: with date indication]
- G04C17/00S2B . . . [N: electromagnetically driven, e.g. intermittently (clocks incorporating a stepping motor [G04C3/14](#))]
- G04C17/00T . [N: by drums or drum-like devices]
- G04C17/00T2 . . [N: with date indication]
- G04C17/00V . [N: Combined electro-optical and electro-mechanical displays (see provisionally also [G04G9/00H](#))]
- G04C17/02 . by electric lamps

#### **G04C19/00 Producing optical time signals at prefixed times by electric means**

- G04C19/02 . by electric lamps
- G04C19/04 . by indicating members moved electrically, e.g. flap, band

#### **G04C21/00 Producing acoustic time signals by electrical means [N: (for mechanical clocks or watches [G04B21/08](#), [G04B25/00](#))]**

- G04C21/02 . Constructional details ([G04C21/04](#), [G04C21/16](#) take precedence) [N: sound producing devices in general [G10K](#), e.g. [G10K1/00](#)]
- G04C21/04 . Indicating the time of the day (acoustic indication of time [G04B21/00](#))
- G04C21/06 . . by striking mechanism
- G04C21/08 . . . with snail
- G04C21/10 . . . with locking plate
- G04C21/12 . . by electro-acoustic means
- G04C21/14 . . . Electro-acoustic time announcement, i.e. spoken
- G04C21/16 . producing the signals at adjustable fixed times
- G04C21/18 . . by mechanically unlocking an electro-mechanical vibrator, e.g. actuated by the leakage flux of the electric driving means
- G04C21/18F . . . [N: provided with means for sheeting off or temporarily stopping the signal]
- G04C21/20 . . by closing a contact to ring an electro-mechanical alarm
- G04C21/20B . . . [N: by the hand(s) or handlike members closing the contact]
- G04C21/22 . . . put into action by the arbor of a mechanical alarm work
- G04C21/24 . . . put into action by the spring of a mechanical alarm work
- G04C21/26 . . . put into action by the vibrations caused by the operation of a mechanical alarm work



- G04C21/28 . . by closing a contact to put into action electro-acoustic means, e.g. awakening by music
- G04C21/30 . . with provision for a number of operations at different times, e.g. ringing the bells in a school
- G04C21/30B . . . [N: by the hand(s) or handlike members closing the contacts]
- G04C21/32 . . . giving indications at a number of places each at a different time, e.g. system of alarms in a hotel
- G04C21/32B . . . . [N: by the hand(s) or handlike members closing the contacts]
- G04C21/32K . . . . [N: adjustable from the different places themselves]
- G04C21/34 . . Devices on watches or similar portable timepieces
- G04C21/36 . . Signal repeating devices
- G04C21/38 . . Adjusting the duration of signals
  
- G04C23/00** **Clocks with attached or built-in means operating any device at preselected times or after preselected time-intervals** (if restricted to producing acoustic time signals by electrical means [G04C21/00](#); mechanical alarm clocks [G04B23/02](#); apparatus which can be set and started to measure-off predetermined intervals [G04F3/06](#); time or time-programme switches which automatically terminate their operation after the programme is completed [H01H43/00](#))
  
- G04C23/02 . Constructional details
- G04C23/04 . . Housings, supports, shielding, or similar stationary parts
- G04C23/06 . . Driving or regulating means
- G04C23/08 . . Programming means
- G04C23/10 . . for actuating any element which operates, or initiates the operation of, the device concerned
- G04C23/12 . . Electric circuitry
  
- G04C23/14 . Mechanisms continuously running to relate the operation(s) to the time of day
- G04C23/16 . . acting only at one preselected time or during one adjustable time interval
- G04C23/18 . . for operating one device at a number of different times
- G04C23/20 . . . with contacts operated, or formed by clock hands or elements of similar form
- G04C23/22 . . . with the actuating element carried by a disc
- G04C23/24 . . . . the actuating element controlling another element mechanically
- G04C23/26 . . for operating a number of devices at different times
- G04C23/28 . . . with contacts operated, or formed, by clock hands or elements of similar form
- G04C23/30 . . . with the actuating element carried by a disc
- G04C23/32 . . . . the actuating element controlling another element mechanically
- G04C23/34 . . with provision for automatic modification of the programme, e.g. on Sunday
- G04C23/34G . . . [N: some operations being performed at another time]
- G04C23/34H . . . [N: another programme being carried out]
- G04C23/34M . . . [N: some operations being overridden]
- G04C23/36 . . . by external influences
  
- G04C23/38 . Mechanisms measuring a chosen time interval independently of the time of day at which interval starts



- G04C23/40
  - . . using continuously-running mechanism
- G04C23/42
  - . . acting only at the end of a single time interval
- G04C23/44
  - . . . with provision for selection from a number of preset intervals
- G04C23/46
  - . . . with provision for adjustment of the interval ([G04C23/44](#) takes precedence)
- G04C23/48
  - . . acting at the ends of successive time intervals
- G04C23/50
  - . . with provision for modification of the interval(s) by external influences
  
- G04C99/00** **Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass** [\[N0704\]](#)