Subject: Clean that watch
Posted by Timeticker on Tue, 06 Sep 2016 21:06:18 GMT
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ok, long over due, and short on time!

1.) If you're just starting watch repair, DO NOT start on your Mother's/Aunts'/Uncle's/ or whatever, vintage highly prized watch. I suggest starting with an old parts Gruen just to familiarize yourself with the components and names of the same.
a.) Purchase a few inexpensive tools, like a set of jeweler's screw drivers, a loupe, a nice work lamp, and take advantage of what is available on Ebay. More often than not, you can get some really good deals out of the Swamp.
b.) You can buy some CD's online for beginners, and of course, there is always plenty of people here to help.
c.) I want some of the Gruenites to chime in and offer what they suggest can be purchased. I can talk forever, but there are folks out there that know this stuff as good as I do, and if not...way better!!!

Subject: Re: Clean that watch
Posted by JackW on Thu, 08 Sep 2016 02:50:57 GMT
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Timeticker wrote on Tue, 06 September 2016 21:06Purchase a few inexpensive tools, like a set of jeweler's screw drivers,

I'd say that this is the first thing that you should not skimp on... I did buy inexpensive screw drivers (Pakistan made) at first and now own a Swiss made set. For some reason, I cannot readily explain.... cheap drivers slip. This can lead to scratching a plate (best case) or damaging a hairspring (worst case).

Other things you can skimp on; not these and good drivers from the get-go will help build confidence.

My 2¢...

Other peoples 2¢...
http://forums.watchuseek.com/f6/getting-started-guide-watchm aking-tools-688276.html

Subject: Re: Clean that watch
Posted by Thojil on Thu, 08 Sep 2016 10:59:21 GMT
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JackW wrote on Thu, 08 September 2016 04:50Other things you can skimp on; not these and good drivers from the get-go will help build confidence.

Ditto, spend money on good tools if you can. You can work on a car with cheap tools, but on something as small and sensitive as a movement you can do a lot of damage using poor quality tools.

Subject: Re: Clean that watch
Posted by Timeticker on Sat, 10 Sep 2016 23:50:23 GMT
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No, if you're getting started, the whole premise is to not waste money if you're not interested. You Gents missed my point. I've seen way too many people throw money at this, then walk away disgusted because they got defeated. However, I do value your opinions as both of you carry years of experience.

Subject: Re: Clean that watch
Posted by Timeticker on Sat, 10 Sep 2016 23:52:45 GMT
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No see, I've been a mechanic for years, I would never dream of working on someone's car with cheap tools! Superb point Thojil!! Please keep the comments coming. Maybe we can get someone hooked!!! Jack, you're right about the driver set. The cheap ones are softer metal, and seem to wear out really quickly. Ok, new hopeful Gruenites, please DO buy a nice set of drivers. Thanks guys!