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SEIKO DIGITAL QUARTZ





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II. HOW TO USE



- After pushing button "A" or "B" in all modes (Stopwatch function, Alarm setting function and Time/ Calendar setting function), depress button "C" and the time digits are displayed.
- Depress button "D" in all functions to activate the illuminating light.

1. SPECIFICATIONS AND FEATURES

tem	Calibre No. A159A
)isplay medium	Nematic Liquid Crystal, FEM (Field Effect Mode)
Display system	Four-function changeover system with time, stopwatch, alarm setting and time/
	calendar setting functions.
	 Time function: Digital display system showing hour, minute, second & day. In the time function, calendar and time set for the alarm are displayed by depressing a button.
	Calendar: Digital display showing month, date & day.
	Time set for the alarm: Digital display showing hour, minute and "A" (for AM). "P" (for PM)
	 Stopwatch function: 12-hour digital display system showing hour, minute, second and 1/10 second (The 1/10 second measurement is possible up to 20 minutes.)
	 Alarm setting function: Alarm time can be set to operate at the desired minute and 12-hour (with "A" (AM)/"P" (PM) indication).
Additional mechanism	Pattern segment checking system
	Illuminating light
Crystal oscillator	32,768 Hz (Hz. = Hertz cycles per second)
Loss/gain	Loss/gain at normal temperature range
	Mean monthly rate: less than 10 seconds
	Annual rate: less than 2 minutes
	Temperature compensation device
Casing diameter	¢28.9 mm
Height	7.0 mm
Operational temperature range	$-10^{\circ}C \sim +60^{\circ}C (14^{\circ}F \sim 140^{\circ}F)$
Regulation system	Trimmer condenser
Battery power	SEIKO SB-BU silver oxide battery, 1.5V
······································	Battery life is approximately two years.
	(If the light is used 5 times a day and the alarm is used once a day.)
IC (Integrated Circuit)	C-MOS-LSI 1 piece

2. Features

(1) A complete "multi-functional" digital watch

- 1. Not only has the time function but also such functions as an alarm function and a stopwatch function as well as all functions most frequently referred to in every day use, Cal. A159A can be really called a complete "multi-functional" digital watch.
- 2. The function indicating mark on the display panel shows which function of the watch is operating.
- 3. The alarm can be either stopped or reset by the repeated pushing of the button. This easy button operation enables the watch to sound the alarm except when it is not required.

(2) Each function can be used independently

As each function of the watch operates independently, a changeover at any time of one function does not affect whatsoever the accurate and correct performance of the other function, i.e. the time, stopwatch or alarm function.

(3) Thin and compact model which is designed to sound a clear alarm

- 1. The speaker is so constructed in the movement so that the alarm sounds clearly through the front panel.
- 2. The development of the ultra-small speaker has made it possible for the movement to be made thin and compact
- despite its having an alarm function.







• The stopwatch functions and the time and calendar functions work independently. When the stopwatch functions are used for a long time, it is recommended that button "C" is depressed to indicate the time function. That prevents the button from being depressed by mistake.

elarm will sound at the required time.

III. SPEAKER MECHANISM AND ITS WORKING PRINCIPLE

1. Speaker mechanism



Example: How to change the indication of 10:08:42 AM of December 6, Monday into 7:00:00 PM of August 10, Wednesday.



* When the seconds count any number from "00" to "29", the seconds are automatically reset to "00" and starts immediately when the button is depressed. If, however, the seconds count any number from "30" to "59" when the button is depressed, one minute is added and the seconds return to "00".

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- C-MOS-LSI transmits a 4096 Hz signal to the speaker coil. 1.
- The alternative magnetic field of 4096 Hz is generated in the speaker coll. 2.
- 3.
- 4. frequency and produces a sound.

As the resonance point of the speaker is 4096 Hz, the same as that of driving signal, enough volume of sound can be produced even if the current consumption is very low. The signal transmitted to the speaker from the C-MOS-LSI is as shown in the illustration below.



Accordingly, the core of the coil becomes magnetized with the same oscillation frequency and draws the armature. As the armature is combined with the vibrating plate, the vibrating plate also vibrates with the same oscillation

IV. DISASSEMBLING AND REASSEMBLING

1. After-sale servicing instruments and materials

(1) Quartz Tester

Used to check time accuracy (Daily rate).



(2) MICRO TEST MT-10II

Used to check the current consumption and supplies a constant flow of voltage power,



(3) Volt-ohm-meter

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Used to check battery voltage and measure current consumption.



3. Working principle of the alarm circuit



(1) The alarm time memory circuit memorizes the time set for the alarm.

- (2) The coincidence circuit checks the time in the time counting circuit with the time set for the alarm memorized by the alarm time memory circuit to see if both times coincide with each other.
- (3) The alarm signal generating circuit transforms the signal received from the frequency divider circuit, into the signal shown in the illustration on the previous page.
- (4) The alarm control circuit decides whether to operate the speaker or not according to the output from the coincidence circuit. Also, it is the control circuit that starts or stops the alarm. The output of the control circuit during alarm operation takes the pattern shown in the illustration on the previous page.
- (5) The speaker driving circuit amplifies the signal received from the alarm control circuit and operates the speaker.

For after-sale servicing of SEIKO Quartz Digital Cal. A159A, the following instruments and materials are necessary.



(5) Inserting disk (S-161) Used to disassemble the glass,



(6) Plastic supporting disk (S-173) Used to reassemble the glass.



HOW TO USE QUARTZ TESTER QT-77

K. Hattori & Co., Ltd. has put on sale its new Quartz Tester QT-77. When measuring the watch accuracy by the new Quartz Tester QT-77, be sure to follow the instructions below.



Preparations before measurement

Make sure that the voltage indicated by the supply voltage setting switch is the same as the voltage rating of your household power supply. If it isn't, turn the fuse holder counterclockwise (arrow-marked direction) and remove the fuse. Pull out the supply voltage setting switch and adjust it to the voltage rating of your power supply, and set the fuse back in position.



 Battery for Electro-magnetic/electric-field detection microphone DM-1

If the microphone is to be used for the first time, insert the battery (supplied along with the microphone) into the microphone. It is recommended to check the battery voltage periodically. (The voltage of each battery should be at least 1.5V.) When the microphone is not used turn the electro-magnetic and electric-field detection Changeover/Power switch to "STEP, SWEEP, LE" side, to preserve the battery life.

Measurement of time accuracy (daily rate)

- 1. With the power switch (F) off, insert the power supply cord plug into the power cord connector. Leave the Quartz Tester (QT-77) to stand for approximately 20 minutes.
- 2. Turn on the power switch (F). The power lamp (A) will light up.
- 3. i-ut the plug of the electro-magnetic/electric-field detection microphone DM-1 (J) all the way into the input jack (I).

 4. Depress white button (LC) of the watch selection button.

5. Set the measuring time selection switch (G) at "4 sec.", "6 sec." or "10 sec."

The daily rate can be measured at any position 4 sec., 6 sec. or 10 sec.

It is generally accepted, however, that the longer the measuring time is the more accurate will be the measurement.

- 6. Insert the earphone cord plug into earphone terminal (E).
- 7. Turn the level adjuster (H) to AUTO position (turn it counterclockwise until a click is heard).
- 8. Push the switch (L) of the microphone (J) to the LC. ON position (electric-field detection function).

Place the watch on the microphone.
 Place the watch with its liquid crystal display facing the mark [] (k) in the center of the microphone.

Put on the earphone, and move the watch on the microphone in various ways, for example by changing its position and angle, and the volume will change. Determine the watch position and direction where the earphone sound becomes loudest. At this time, the input indicator (C) will remain lit.

- Note: In almost all cases, all the above procedure will do for the measuring the daily rate. If the input indicator flashes or does not light up at all, turn the level adjuster to keep the input indicator lit during measurement.
- 10. Read the daily rate on the display panel (B). If the daily rate of the watch exceeds the measurable range, it is not displayed on the panel.
 - *Note:* If there is any perspiration or oil on the glass of the watch, the Quartz Tester QT-77 does not pick up the signal.

Be sure not to put the watch in a vinyl bag when it is measured.











How to replace the glass

(Do not disassemble the glass except when the replacement of the glass and the panel cover is necessary.)

• How to remove the glass

- Place a chamois sheet on the inside of the caseband and push the glass outward with a finger for disassembling.
- Use S-220 if it is impossible to remove the glass by pushing it wit!, a finger. Inserting disk: S-161 Supporting disk: ϕ 33.0 - ϕ 35.0 mm
- Place a vinyl sheet between the glass and the sup-
- porting disk as shown in the illustration.
- Remove the glass together with the panel cover.





(i) Set the plastic gasket.

- Be sure to replace the plastic gasket with a new one.
- Be careful not to mistake the upper side for the lower side.

(ii) Reassemble the panel cover.

- Be sure to set the back side of the panel cover in position of the caseband firmly.
- Make sure that the space between the caseband and the edge of the panel cover is uniform in width.
- (iii) Place the glass.
- Be careful not to mistake the upper side for the lower side.
- (iv) Fix the glass (use S-220)
 Inserting disk: Flat disk (S-173)
 Supporting disk: φ28.0 or φ28.5 mm



How to replace the speaker cover

The speaker cover and the dust protective sheet are attached by an adhesive to the caseband. It is not necessary to disassemble the speaker cover and the dust protective sheet except when they are required to be replaced. But be sure to replace the dust protective sheet with a new one when replacing the speaker cover.

• Disassembling of the speaker cover

- (i) Disassemble the speaker
- (See page 16 for the disassembling procedures of the speaker.)
- (ii) Disassemble the speaker cover by pushing it through the speaker hole inside the caseband.
 (Use the stake of the staking tool for disassembling.)
- (iii) Remove the dust protective sheet attached to the caseband with a cloth moistened with alcohol.
 Remove the adhesive on the caseband by the tip of a large screw driver if it is difficult to remove it with a cloth moistened with alcohol.

- Reassembling the speaker cover
- (i) Apply adhesive to the speaker cover portion of the caseband. (Do not use instant adhesive.)
 Be careful not to apply adhesive to the areas close around the speaker hole.
- (ii) Stick the dust protective sheet on to the caseband.
- (iii) Apply adhesive over the dust protective sheet attached to the caseband.
 Be careful not to apply adhesive to the areas close
 - around the speaker hole.
- (iv) Apply achesive to the back side of the speaker cover, while making sure not to apply it around the speaker hole. Be careful not to let achesive come out the back of the speaker cover.
- (v) Stick the speaker cover on to the caseband. Fix the speaker cover by holding it with a clip.





Note for disassembling Hold the speaker block at its groove by the tips of ٠ the tweezers and pull out the speaker block from the caseband as shown in the illustration. • Or pry out the speaker block by pushing up on its outer edge evenly with a tip of a screw driver. Note for handling Vibrating plate (The vibrating plate is so thin that it is easily damaged by the tips of tweezers. Be careful not to pick at the vibrating plate with the tips of tweezers. Any damage to the vibrating plate will change the volume and tone of the alarm.) 6 Reflecting mirror Note for disassembling and reassembling Be careful not to scratch or contaminate the reflecting mirror. 6 Connecter Note for disassembling The connecters may be disassembled together with the liquid crystal panel. Note for disassembling and reassembling There is no difference between the upper and the • lower side. Be careful not to scratch the connecters with tweez-٠ ers. 8 Switch spring Note for reassembling Set the switch spring vertically in it's position. • 9 Circuit block Note for disassembling and reassembling Be careful not to touch the electronic parts except ۰ when necessary,

Remarks for disassembling and reassembling

1 Speaker block

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4. Cleaning

Since several parts of Cal. A159A differ from those of conventional mechanical watches, use the following method when cleaning.

HOW TO CLEAN

Name of parts Cleaning		Drying	Solution	Remarks
1. Liquid crystal panel	DO NOT CLEAN			Wipe dust and lint off with a soft brush. Wipe the electrodes of the liquid crystal panel and the vibrating plate of the speaker block softly with a cloth moistened with ben- zeine or alcohol. (Be sure to re- move the gasket for the speaker block before cleaning.)
Circuit block				
2. Panel frame (with bulb)	Rinse	Coot sir	Benzine or alcohol	
3 Connector	Rinse	Cool air	Alcohol	Be sure to reassemble after drying thoroughly. Do not use benzine or trichloroethylene.
4. Circuit bridge plate	Rinse or clean with a brush	Cool air	Alcohol	Do not use a solution other than alcohol.
 Other parts (Switch spring, liquid crystal panel holder, liquid crystal panel holder screw). 	Clean or rinse with a cleaner or a brush	Cool or hot air drying	Trichloroethylene, benzine or slochol	

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V. CHECKING AND ADJUSTMENT

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Be sure to use the Static electricity protector (S-830) when repairing the movement.

2. Malfunction and checking points

- Check in the numerical order.
 Refer to "Guide table for checking and adjustment" on page 18.

		* <u> </u>				CHECKIN	G POINTS				
	FAULTY SYMPTOMS	А		В	C	2		F	G		
		Battery voltage	Check pattern segment light-up system	Contact of C-MOS-LSI~ liquid crystal panel	Liquid crystal panel	Circuit block	Time accuracy adjusting	Functioning and adjustment	Speaker block	Bulb	Switch components
	No digital display, dim digital display or extremely slow response.	_								1471	
		1		2	3	4					
	All segments displayed.		• • · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·								
RE				1	2	3					
FAILURE	Some segments not displayed. Inversion of display.				· · · · ·		· · · · · ·				
DISPLAY F			1	2	3	4					
ō	(Deflection) Some or all of one segment show different contrast depending on the direction of view.										
	(Poor appearance) Some portions of the liquid crystal panel will have air bubbles				1	5 					
	or iridecent view.										
ζ	Gain or loss tested by Quartz tester.										
CURACY							1				
E INACC	Though Quartz tester indicates the normal figures, a watch gains or loses when it is worn on the wrist.							~			
TIME								1			
~ 9	Alarm does not operate or alarm operates but is not clear.	~									
GHT OI		1		зч					2		
RM, LI NDAR	Light is not lit or light is lit but dims soon.									~	
DEFECTIVE ALARM, LIGHT OR TIME AND CALENDAR SETTING		1								2	3
FECTIV IE ANG	Failure of time setting and display changeover, malfunction of stopwatch or failure of alarm time setting.										
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terminal

A complete knowledge of how the segment (Liquid Crystal Panel Electrode) works with the C-MOS-LSI Output Terminal will provide the proper procedures for checking and adjustment.

• Identification of segment



٠ Relationship between the segment and the C-MOS-LSI output terminal The liquid crystal panel electrode is connected electrically with each segment which forms a digital figure as shown in the illustration of the panel pattern below. (The panel pattern can be seen if the panel is slightly tilted and looked at in an angular position.)

Also, the liquid crystal panel electrode is connected electrically with the C-MOS-LSI output terminal by the connecter.



Note: Poor conductivity of the common electrode causes the lighting of all segments or invertion of the display.

3. Relationship between the segment (Liquid Crystal Panel Electrode) and the C-MOS-LSI output

4. Procedures for checking and adjustment

	Procedure		Results	
VOLTAGE	Use the following procedures to check battery voltage. (1) Set up the volt-ohm-meter. Range to be used: DC 3V (2) Measuring. Probe red (+) Battery surface (+) Probe Black () Battery surface () When there is battery electrolyte leak- age, refer to "HOW TO CHECK AND REPAIR WHEN THERE IS BATTERY ELECTROLYTE LEAKAGE" below for repairing.		More than 1.5V Normal Less than 1.5V Defective	
TO CHECK AND REPAIR WHEN THERE IS BATTERY ELECTROLY IE LEANAGE	 Re-nove the movement from the case. Frisassemble the movement. Wipe off battery electrolyte on the circuit bl. Wipe off battery electrolyte with a cloth miled water. If distilled water is not available, <i>Note:</i> Do not use a cloth which gives off lint as gauze, flannel, etc. Do not expose the trimmer condenser to water or alcohol, and if it is exposed, there may be a change in its condenser capacity and eventually in the time accuracy. When the circuit block is cleaned, be sure to clean the shaded portions shown on the right and the connecting portions. Wipe the shaded portions and the connect with a cloth moistened with alcohol. (If the cleaned portions remain wet with viole with rust.) Dry with cool air by using a dryer. Wipe off battery electrolyte on the other plate, switch spring, etc.). Wipe off battery electrolyte on the each brush moistened with distilled water. (if distilled water is not available, use ordinal 2. Rinse with alcohol. Dry with cool air by using a dryer. Reassemble the movement. Replace the battery with a new one. 	oistened with distil- use ordinary water. Case back side cting portions again water, they will cor- parts (circuit bridge portion with a soft ary water?)	Connecting portions Connecting portions Connecting portions Display panel side	
CHECK PATTERN SEG- MENT CHECKING SYSTEM	 (6) Check if the time and calendar function, tion, the calendar function and the curren normal. if some segments are dead or dim, set the mode for the time and calendar setting functions. Then depress buttons A and B together to find the defective segments. (If there is no defective segment, ail segments light up.) Note: The alarm will start sounding when buttons A and B are depressed at the same time. 	the stopwatch func- ent consumption are	Proceed to B.	

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	Procedure
	After removing the liquid crystal panel, ch tivity of the liquid crystal panel, conner output terminal whose segments are foun "CHECK PATTERN SEGMENT CHECKII (Refer to "Relationship between the segm LSI output terminal" on page 20.) Use a m ing. (1) Check for dust, lint and other contamination tal panel electrode.
CHECK CONTACT OF CLAOS I SI ~ 1 JOHN COVETAL BANK	 (2) Check for any contamination, scratch, craconnecter. (3) Check for dust, lint and other contamination carefully. (3) Check for dust, lint and other contamination carefully.
CHECK LIQUID CRYSTAL PANEL AND	 Check to see if the liquid crystal panel a function correctly. (Refer to "Relationsh ment and the C-MOS-LSI output terminal" (1) Check liquid crystal panel 1. Set up the volt-ohm-meter. Range to be used: OHMS R x 1 ~ R x 1K Note: Any range will do if more than 3V is appli the volt-ohm-meter. If the output voltage of the volt-ohm-meter measuring, all segments may not be lit. If a light, change the range to the one which is 2. Remove the liquid crystal panel from the n upside down. Electrode or defective segment (Check to see if the corresponding segment lights up.) Note: Either red or black probe will do. Common electrode (Either red or black probe must be applied to the common electrode.)

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	Results
check for poor conduc- necter and C-MOS-LSI und to be defective in (ING SYSTEM". gment and the C-MOS- microscope for check-	
tion on the liquid crys-	Uncontaminated: Normal Proceed to 1022. Contaminated: Defective Wipe off any foreign matter.
crack and break of the	No contamination, scratch, crack or break: Normal Proceed to 123. Contaminated: Defective Cleaning (See page 17)
to check the connecting of the liquid crystal nd the circuit block y.	Scratched, cracked or broken: Defective Replace the connecter with a new one.
tion on the output ter- Output terminal of the circuit block.	Uncontaminated: Normal Proceed to M. Contaminated: Defective Wipe off any foreign matter.
and the circuit block ship between the seg- " on page 20). blied to the terminal of leter is less than 3V in f any segment does not	
is higher in resistance. movement and turn it	Lights up: Normal Proceed to En a Does not light up: Defective Replace the liquid crystal panel with a new one.



Results
If the watch tends to gain or lose, proceed to Time accura- cy adjusting . Time accuracy is adjusted by turning the trimmer condens- er. (See page 28.)
Function correctly and can be adjusted: Normal Wear the watch on the wrist to check time accuracy. Does not function correctly or cannot be adjusted: Defective Proceed to Replace circuit block.
Speaker sounds: Normal Set the alarm time and if the alarm does not operate at the required time, proceed to Replace circuit block. Speaker does not sound or it sounds but not clear: Defective Proceed to C 2.





TIME ACCURACY ADJUSTING Time accuracy of Cal. A159A is adjusted by turning the trimmer condenser. Adjusting method • The watch will gain or lose according to the direction in which the trimmer condenser is turned. Adjustment should therefore be made after ascertaining with the Quartz Tester whether the watch tends to gain or lose. Note for handling the trimmer condenser • Avoid excessive depressing and turning of the trimmer condenser. • Function of the Trimmer Condenser The trimmer condenser consists of a rotor electrode and a stator electrode as shown in the diagram. Turning the shaft fixed to the rotor changes the overlapped area between the stator electrode and rotor electrode, which in turn changes the capacity of the trimmer condenser. • Change in the capacity of trimmer condenser and the adjusting accuracy rate. Turning the trimmer condenser changes its capacity as shown in the diagram. The trimmer condenser has been so adjusted at the factory so as to let the watch gain when it is turned clockwise and vice versa. Whenever adjustment is needed, however, turn the trimmer condenser while examining the gain and loss by the Quartz Tester. All procedures of Disassembling, Reassembling, Checking and Adjustment are completed.



