

**WT-8029U**  
**RADIO-CONTROLLED SOLAR CLOCK**  
**INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

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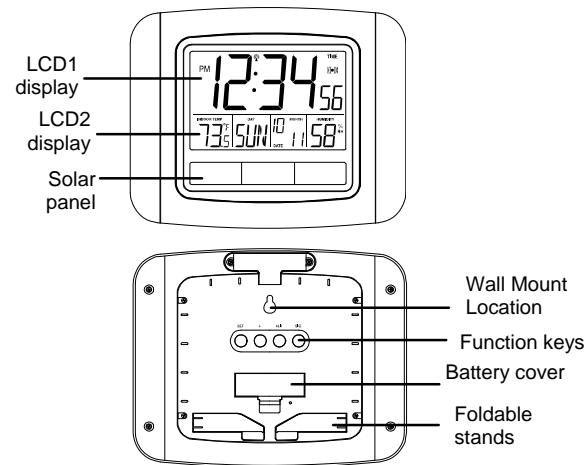
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**FEATURES:**

**RADIO-CONTROLLED SOLAR CLOCK:**



- WWVB Radio controlled time with manual time setting
- Time display: hour, minute, second
- 12/24h time format display
- Alarm setting with snooze function
- Calendar display
- Weekday display (4 languages to choose from: English, Spanish, French, German)
- Time zone setting
- Daylight savings time ON/OFF option (DST)
- Solar mode setting
- Indoor temperature display in °F/ °C selectable
- Indoor humidity display in RH%
- Primary Alkaline battery or rechargeable Alkaline battery selection
- Low battery indicator
- Wall mount or freestanding

### TO INSTALL / REPLACE BATTERY

The solar clock can use either the included 1 x alkaline rechargeable battery (charged by solar panel) or 1 x AA alkaline battery (non-rechargeable; not included).

### INITIAL SETUP

It is very important to **follow these steps**:

1. First, remove the label covering over the battery compartment on the back.
2. Open the battery compartment, and **MAKE SURE** that the battery switch is in the **BATTERY** position (not the SOLAR position).

#### Battery switch in the **BATTERY** position

3. Now locate the battery insulator tab, and gently pull to remove it.
4. Slide the battery switch to the SOLAR position
5. Battery switch in the **SOLAR** position
6. Continue to section titled "**Setup After Changing/Installing the Battery**"

### TO INSTALL / REPLACE BATTERY

The included alkaline rechargeable battery should provide you with many years of service. If your battery needs to be replaced, we suggest you use a fully charged AA Alkaline.

Rechargeable batteries should be fully charged before inserting into clock. **Alkaline rechargeable batteries are recommended.**

If you choose to use a non-rechargeable battery, the battery switch **MUST** be moved to the **BATTERY** position (not the SOLAR position). In this position, the solar cells do not charge the battery.

**REGARDLESS OF THE TYPE OF BATTERY INSTALLED, THE BATTERY SWITCH MUST BE IN THE BATTERY POSITION WHEN THE BATTERY IS INSERTED.**

If a rechargeable battery is used, the Battery switch should be moved to the SOLAR position **AFTER** it is has been inserted.

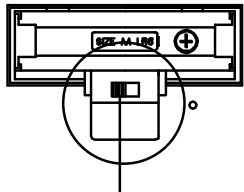
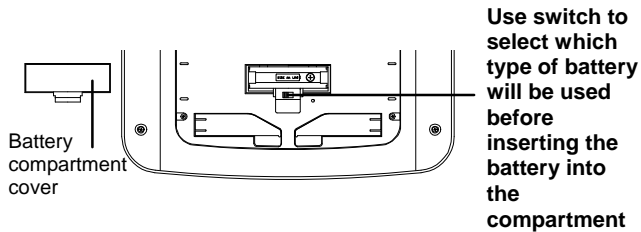
### **To use the included rechargeable Alkaline battery (charged by solar panel):**

1. It is important to allow sufficient light to reach the solar panel while activating the solar clock. Make sure the lights are on in the setup room and the solar panel is facing a 60W light bulb or brighter - **do not cover with hands or other objects.**
2. Replace battery cover
3. Remove the black protective foil on the solar panel.

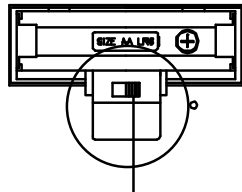
**DO NOT SET THE CLOCK.**

### **To use a non-rechargeable Alkaline battery:**

1. Remove the included rechargeable AA battery from the compartment.
2. Use the switch to select the alkaline battery (see below).



Primary Alkaline battery switch position



Rechargeable Alkaline battery switch position

3. Insert 1 x AA Alkaline battery into the compartment, observing the correct polarity (see marking inside battery compartment).
4. Replace battery cover

**DO NOT SET THE CLOCK.**

**Note:** For best performance, batteries should be replaced at least once every 2 years to maintain the best running accuracy. Ensure that the batteries used are new and the correct size.



**Please help in the preservation of the environment and return used batteries to an authorized depot.**

**SETUP AFTER CHANGING/REPLACING THE BATTERY**

1. After powering up the solar clock, all LCD segments will light up briefly and it will show the time (12:00), indoor temperature, date, and indoor humidity.

2. Next the WWVB time code reception will automatically start. This reception typically takes 10 minutes in good conditions. If after 10 minutes the WWVB time has not been received, use the "SET" key to enter the set-up mode to manually set the Time, Time Zone and Date (see manual settings below). The clock will continue to search for WWVB each hour between 12am and 6am. When the clock has successfully connected with WWVB, it will override the manually set time and date.

**Note:** When changing the battery:

1. Be careful that it does not spring free from the contacts.
2. Press any button 20 times with the battery removed.
3. Always wait at least 10 minutes after removing battery before re-inserting; otherwise start up problems may occur.

**WWVB RADIO CONTROLLED TIME**

The NIST radio station, WWVB, is located in Ft. Collins, Colorado and transmits the exact time signal continuously throughout the United States at 60 kHz. The signal can be received up to 2,000 miles away through the internal antenna in the atomic clock. However, due to the nature of the Earth's ionosphere, reception is very limited during daylight hours. The atomic clock will search for a signal every night when reception is best. The WWVB radio station derives its signal from the NIST atomic clock in Boulder, Colorado. A team of atomic physicists continually measures every second of every day to an accuracy of ten billionths of a second a day. These physicists have created an international standard, measuring a second as 9,192,631,770 vibrations of a Cesium 133 atom in a vacuum. This atomic clock regulates the WWVB transmitter.

After 15 minutes the WWVB tower icon in the clock display will start flashing in the top center of the LCD. This indicates the clock has detected a radio signal and is trying to receive it. When the time code is received, the WWVB tower becomes permanently lit and the time will be displayed.

If the tower icon flashes, but does not set the time or the WWVB tower does not appear at all, then please take note of the following:

- Recommended distance to any interfering sources like computer monitors or TV sets is a minimum of 6 feet (2 meters).
- Within ferro-concrete rooms (basements, superstructures), the received signal is naturally weakened. In extreme cases, please place the unit close to a window and/ or point its front or back towards the Fort Collins, Colorado, transmitter.
- During nighttime, the atmospheric disturbances are usually less severe and reception is possible in most cases. A single daily reception is adequate to keep the accuracy deviation below 1 second.

**Note:** In case the solar atomic clock is not able to detect the WWVB-signal (disturbances, transmitting distance, etc.), the time can be manually set (please refer to notes on **Manual time setting**).

## FUNCTION KEYS

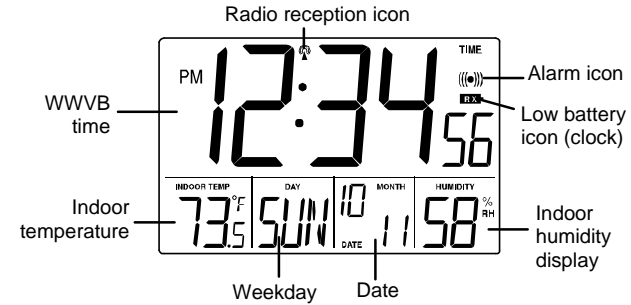
The radio-controlled clock has four easy to use keys:

- SET** key : To enter into the set mode for the following functions: time zone, DST ON/OFF (daylight saving time), language, hour, minute, year, month, date, weekday, 12/24h time format display, °F/ °C temperature unit, and solar mode
- +** key : To change any values in manual set mode
- ALM** key : To enter into the alarm set mode  
To activate/deactivate the alarm
- SNZ** key : To activate the snooze function during alarm  
To exit manual setting modes

## LCD SCREEN DESCRIPTIONS

The radio-controlled clock's LCD is divided into 2 sections and once the batteries are inserted, all the segments will light up

briefly before displaying the information for time, date, indoor temperature and indoor humidity.



## MANUAL SETTINGS

**Note:** If the radio-controlled clock has already successfully received the WWVB time signal and displays the correct time and date, then the Manual settings can be skipped.

After completion of the above described procedures in **"Setting-up"** the manual setting modes can be entered by pressing the **SET** key. The following settings can now be programmed:

- Time zone setting
- DST ON/OFF
- Language display setting
- Manual time setting
- Year setting
- Month setting
- Date setting
- Weekday setting
- 12/24h time format display
- °F/°C temperature setting
- Solar mode setting

## TIME ZONE

The time zone can be set between the +/-12 hour range in LCD2. To do this:

1. The time zone (LCD2) will start flashing (Default setting "EST -5"). Select the desired time zone by pressing and releasing the **+** key.  
Time zone settings: -12, -11, -10, ALA, PST, MST, CST, EST, ATL, -3, -2, -1, 0, +1, +2...+12. (Default: EST)
2. Press and release the **SET** key to enter the "**DST Setting**".

## DST (daylight saving time)

1. The ON digit will start flashing on LCD1. Set the DST ON or OFF by pressing the **+** key.
2. Press and release the **SET** key to enter the "**Language Setting**".

**Note:** The DST default is "ON", meaning that the WWVB will automatically change the time according to Daylight Saving Time in the spring and fall. For areas that do not recognize DST changes (Arizona and parts of Indiana) turn the DST "OFF".

## LANGUAGE

The weekdays can be displayed in LCD1 with the pre-set languages: English (US), Spanish (E), French (F), and German (d):

1. Set the desired language for the weekday display in LCD1 by use of the **+** key.
2. Press and release the **SET** key to enter the mode "**Manual Time Setting**".

## HOW TO SET THE TIME MANUALLY

In case the radio-controlled clock is not able to detect the WWVB-signal (disturbances, transmitting distance, etc.); the time can be manually set. The clock will then work as a normal Quartz clock.

**Note:** the time will be displayed with an additional "PM" for the time from 12:00 noon until 11:59.

**Note:** The unit will still try to receive the signal every day despite it being manually set. When it does receive the signal, it will change the manually set time into the received time. During reception attempts the WWVB tower icon will flash. If reception has been unsuccessful, then the WWVB tower icon will not appear but reception will still be attempted the following hour.

WWVB time reception takes place from 12:00 am through 6:00 am each day (attempts WWVB reception every full hour within this time frame). When the time signal is received for example at 1:00 am, the radio-controlled clock will not attempt to receive the WWVB signal for the remaining hours until 6:00 am. Therefore, the next signal attempt will take place between 12:00 am and 6:00 am the next day. The other times WWVB reception takes place, are upon setup and after manual time set exiting mode. Reception is generally not possible during daylight hours due to the interference of the sun.

After following the steps above (Time zone setting, DST ON/OFF, Language display setting):

1. The hour digits will start flashing on LCD1.
2. Set the desired hours by pressing and releasing the **+** key followed by pressing the **SET** key.
3. Now the minute digits will start flashing.
4. Set the desired minutes by pressing and releasing the **+** key. If the **+** key is held, the units will increase by 5.
5. Press and release the **SET** key to move to the "**Year**" setting.

## YEAR

The year can be selected sequentially from 2001 to 2029 and will then start over again (default setting 2009). The year will only appear in the manual setting mode.

1. The year digits will start flashing (only last 2 digits) on LCD2. Select the desired year by use of the **+** key.
2. Press and release the **SET** key to switch to the "**Month Setting**".

## MONTH

1. The month digit on LCD2 will start flashing (Default setting 1). Set the desired month by use of the **+** key.
2. Press and release the **SET** key to move to the mode "**Date Setting**".

## DATE

1. The digits for the date will start flashing on LCD2 (Default setting 1). Set the desired date by use of the **+** key.  
**Note:** The date can only be set in conjunction with the selected month. For example, it is not possible to set the date 30 if the month of February is selected.
2. Press and release the **SET** key to move to "**Weekday setting**".

## WEEKDAY

1. The weekday symbols will be displayed on LCD2 in the pre-set language and flashing. Set the desired weekday by use of the **+** key.
2. Press and release the **SET** key to enter the mode "**12/24h Time Format Setting**".

## 12/24H TIME FORMAT

The time format can be display in 12h or 24h (Default setting "12h").

1. The digits "**12**" or "**24**" will start flashing on LCD1. By use of the **+** key select 12h or 24h time format display.
2. Press and release the **SET** key to enter the mode "**°C or °F Temperature Setting**".

## °C OR °F TEMPERATURE

The temperature setting can be set to either to °F or °C (Default setting °F).

1. The characters "**°F**" or "**°C**" will start flashing on LCD1. By use of the **+** key select "**°F**" for temperature display in degrees Celsius or "**°C**" for degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Press and release the **SET** key to enter the mode "**Solar Mode Setting**".

## SOLAR MODE

The Solar Mode is used for saving the power consumption of the rechargeable battery (Default setting ON):

1. The characters "**ON**" or "**OFF**" will start flashing on LCD1. By use of the **+** key select "**ON**" or "**OFF**" to set the solar mode.
2. Press and release the **SET** key to exit the setting mode and switch back to the normal display mode.

### If the solar mode setting is ON:

- LCD will automatically turn OFF automatically if the environment is too dark
- LCD will automatically turn ON automatically if the environment is bright enough; the surrounding environment brightness is checked every 5 seconds
- No information will be displayed when the LCD is OFF, but all the settings and operations will remain, except for the temperature and humidity measurements.

### If the solar mode setting is OFF:

- LCD will remain ON constantly.

## EXIT THE MANUAL SETTING MODES

- To return to the normal display mode from anywhere in manual setting mode simply press the **SNZ** key anytime.
- If no keys are pressed for at least 15 seconds in setting mode, the radio-controlled solar clock will automatically switch back to normal display mode.

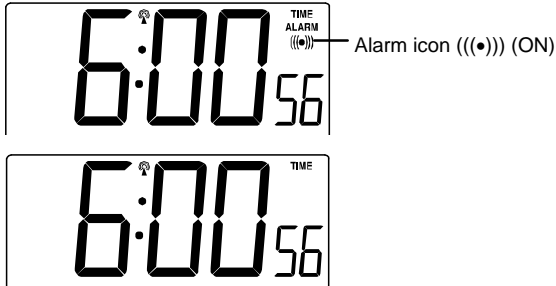
## ALARM

To enter into the alarm setting mode:

1. Hold the **ALM** key for 4 seconds. The hour digits start flashing.
2. Press and release the **+** key to set the hour.
3. Press and release the **ALM** key to set the minutes. The minute digits start flashing.
4. Press and release the **+** key to set the minutes.

- Press and release again the **ALM** key to exit the Alarm setting mode or wait for 15 seconds automatic timeout.

### TO DEACTIVATE THE ALARM:



The alarm will be automatically ON when the alarm time is set. To deactivate the alarm (OFF), press and release once the **ALM** key in normal mode display. The alarm icon will disappear, the alarm is now off.

### SNOOZE SETTING

The snooze can only be activated during alarm time for a snooze duration of 10 minutes by pressing the **SNZ** key on the back of the clock.

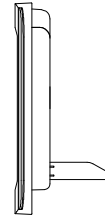
### POSITIONING THE RADIO-CONTROLLED SOLAR CLOCK:

Before permanently mounting, ensure that the radio-controlled solar clock is able to receive WWVB signals from the desired location. Also, extreme and sudden changes in temperature will decrease the accuracy of the solar clock, and changes in elevation will result with inaccurate temperatures readings for the next 12 to 24 hours. These changes will require a 12 to 24 hour wait before obtaining reliable data.

There are two possible ways to mount the solar clock:

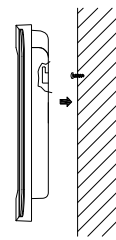
- use of the foldable table stands, or
- wall mounting

### FOLDABLE TABLE STANDS



The foldable table stands legs are located on the backside. Unfold the stands out, below the battery compartment. Once the foldout table stands are extended, place the radio-controlled solar clock in an appropriate location.

### WALL MOUNTING



- Install a mounting screw (not included) into a wall—leaving approximately 3/16 of an inch (5mm) extended from the wall.
- Place the radio-controlled solar clock onto the screw, using the hanging hole on the backside. Gently pull the radio-controlled clock down to lock the screw into place.

**Note:** Always ensure that the radio-controlled clock locks onto the screw before releasing.

### TROUBLESHOOTING:

<b>Problem:</b>	The LCD is OFF.
<b>Solution:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Move the solar clock to a brighter environment.</li> <li>2) Check that the solar panel is not covered.</li> <li>3) Replace the battery if using Alkaline battery.</li> </ol>
<b>Problem:</b>	No reception of WWVB signal
<b>Solution:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) It may help reception to face the front of the radio-controlled clock in the general direction of Ft. Collins, Colorado.</li> <li>2) Wait overnight for signal.</li> </ol>

	<p>3) Be sure the radio-controlled clock is at least 6 feet (2 meters) from any electrical devices, i.e. TV sets, computers, or other radio controlled clocks.</p> <p>4) Remove batteries for five minutes, reinsert and leave the unit alone overnight without pressing any keys.</p>
<b>Problem:</b>	Hour is incorrect (minute and date are correct).
<b>Solution:</b>	1) Be sure the correct time zone and daylight saving time is selected.
<b>Problem:</b>	"OFL" appears in the indoor temperature section of the LCD
<b>Solution:</b>	1) Move the radio-controlled clock to an area with warmer or cooler surrounding temperature. Current surrounding temperatures are outside measuring range. Batteries.
<b>Problem:</b>	"00" appears in the in humidity section of the LCD.
<b>Solution:</b>	1) Remove the battery from the unit for ten minutes, Press any button 20 times with battery out then reinsert it again.
<b>Problem:</b>	The clock appears to be locked up or displays partial segments.
<b>Solution:</b>	Remove the battery, slide the battery switch to BATTERY and reinsert the the battery. If you are using a rechargeable battery, you can then slide the battery switch to SOLAR.

#### CARE AND MAINTENANCE:

- Avoid placing the unit in areas prone to vibration and shock as these may cause damage.

- Avoid areas where the unit can be exposed to sudden changes in temperature, i.e. direct sunlight, extreme cold and wet/moist conditions as these will lead to rapid changes which reduce the accuracy of readings.
- When cleaning the LCD and casing, use a soft damp cloth only. Do not use solvents or scouring agents.
- Do not submerge the unit into water.
- Immediately remove all low powered batteries to avoid leakage and damage. Replace only with new battery of the recommended size.
- Do not make any repairs to the unit. Please return it to the original point of purchase. Opening and tampering with the unit may invalidate the warranty.

#### SPECIFICATIONS:

##### Temperature measuring range

Indoor : 14.1°F to 139.8°F with 0.2°F resolution (-9.9°C to +59.9°C with 0.1°C resolution; "OFL" displayed if outside this range)

##### Temperature checking interval

Indoor : every 60 seconds

##### Humidity measuring range

Indoor : 20% to 95% with 1% resolution  
("—" displayed if temperature is OFL; "19%" displayed if below 20%, "96%" displayed if above 95%)

##### Temperature checking interval

Indoor : every 60 seconds

##### Power consumption

Alkaline rechargeable Battery :  
1 x AA, 1.5V (included), rechargeable by solar cell  
Rechargeable Alkaline battery life :  
18 – 60 months, depending on usage  
Primary Alkaline battery :  
1 x AA, 1.5V battery (not included)  
Primary Alkaline battery life : about 24 months

##### Dimensions (H x L x W)

Solar clock : 8.93" x 1.18" x 7.16" / 227 x 30 x 182mm



**Low battery indicator:**

RX - Low battery indicator is displayed on the LCD when the battery voltage is low.

**WARRANTY INFORMATION**

La Crosse Technology, Ltd provides a 1-year limited warranty on this product against manufacturing defects in materials and workmanship.

This limited warranty begins on the original date of purchase, is valid only on products purchased and used in North America and only to the original purchaser of this product. To receive warranty service, the purchaser must contact La Crosse Technology, Ltd for problem determination and service procedures. Warranty service can only be performed by a La Crosse Technology, Ltd authorized service center. The original dated bill of sale must be presented upon request as proof of purchase to La Crosse Technology, Ltd or La Crosse Technology, Ltd's authorized service center.

La Crosse Technology, Ltd will repair or replace this product, at our option and at no charge as stipulated herein, with new or reconditioned parts or products if found to be defective during the limited warranty period specified above. All replaced parts and products become the property of La Crosse Technology, Ltd and must be returned to La Crosse Technology, Ltd.

Replacement parts and products assume the remaining original warranty, or ninety (90) days, whichever is longer. La Crosse Technology, Ltd will pay all expenses for labor and materials for all repairs covered by this warranty. If necessary repairs are not covered by this warranty, or if a product is examined which is not in need or repair, you will be charged for the repairs or examination.

The owner must pay any shipping charges incurred in getting your La Crosse Technology, Ltd product to a La Crosse Technology, Ltd authorized service center.

Your La Crosse Technology, Ltd warranty covers all defects in material and workmanship with the following specified exceptions: (1) damage caused by accident, unreasonable use or neglect (including the lack of reasonable and necessary maintenance); (2) damage occurring during shipment (claims must be presented to the carrier); (3) damage to, or deterioration of, any accessory or decorative surface; (4) damage resulting from failure to follow instructions contained in your owner's manual; (5) damage resulting

from the performance of repairs or alterations by someone other than an authorized La Crosse Technology, Ltd authorized service center; (6) units used for other than home use (7) applications and uses that this product was not intended or (8) the products inability to receive a signal due to any source of interference.

This warranty covers only actual defects within the product itself, and does not cover the cost of installation or removal from a fixed installation, normal set-up or adjustments, claims based on misrepresentation by the seller or performance variations resulting from installation-related circumstances.

LA CROSSE TECHNOLOGY, LTD WILL NOT ASSUME LIABILITY FOR INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE, OR OTHER SIMILAR DAMAGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION OR MALFUNCTION OF THIS PRODUCT. THIS PRODUCT IS NOT TO BE USED FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES OR FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION. THIS PRODUCT IS NOT A TOY. KEEP OUT OF CHILDREN'S REACH.

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