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Black forest cuckoo clock running slow

The hour hand on your clock has been moved. Set off your clock on the hour and count how many cuckoo calls it does and then move your hour hand (Small hand) to the corresponding number. For example: If your clock is cuckooing 5 times and it is showing 7 O'clock, then you will need to move your hour hand to the 5 position. Please make follow the SETUP INSTRUCTIONS carefully, when unpacking the clock. If the clock should not work in the end, please check the following points: 1. Have the clamps been removed from the bellows inside the clock as described in the instructions (see picture)? 2. Has the cuckoo's door been "unlocked"? You have to turn a little wire to the side, that secured the door while shipping (see picture). 3. Please check the position of the night shut-off. The most common reason why cuckoo and music do not work is that they have been turned off. With some clocks the night shut-off is a switch at the left side of the clock, with other types it is a wire under the clock (see picture). CHECK both positions of the night shut off and make sure that the switch is not 'somewhere between' the ON and OFF position. Regulating your clock: You can adjust your clock to run faster or slower. To make your clock run faster, unhook the pendulum and slide the pendulum carving up a bit on the pendulum stick; to make the clock run slower, pull the carving down a bit. Reattach the pendulum to the pendulum leader at the base of the clock.Click to see full answer Subsequently, one may also ask, how do you fix the time on a cuckoo clock?To fix this, move the minute hand to the next full hour, counting the number of cuckoos emitted. Then, move the hour (shorter) hand to that number as well. Afterward, you can reset the clock to the correct time with the minute hand. Time can be regulated on a cuckoo clock by moving the pendulum's decoration up or down.Similarly, how do you fix a cuckoo clock that chimes at the wrong hour? If the cuckoo chimes the right number of hours but at the wrong time, the minute hand is out of position. Hand-loosen the nut holding the hands onto the shaft and move the minute hand to the 12 position. Tighten the nut, then move the minute hand to the correct minute. Accordingly, how do I stop my cuckoo clock from Cuckooing at night? Silent Lever: Most cuckoo clocks have a 'silent' lever on the side or bottom of the case. Place the lever in the 'on' position if you want your clock to 'cuckoo' and play music (on models so equipped). In the 'silent' or 'off' position, both cuckoo and music are silenced.How do you calibrate a cuckoo clock?Regulating your clock. You can adjust your clock to run faster or slower. To make your clock run faster, unhook the pendulum and slide the pendulum carving up a bit on the pendulum stick; to make the clock run slower, pull the carving down a bit. Reattach the pendulum to the pendulum leader at the base of the clock. (2:30 min - easy) The Cuckoo Is Not Calling (1:10 min - easy) Troubleshoot Clock Hands and Number Of Calls (4:15 min - easy) The Music Does Not Work (2:50 min - advanced) General Care and Maintenance Cuckoo clocks do not need very much regular care. Modern movements are sophisticated, easy to maintain and durable. To clean the clock please use a soft dry paint brush. Please have the movement checked and oiled at regular intervals of approximately 3-4 years by a clock maker. You can prolong the lifetime of your cuckoo clock by using it at standard room temperature. Temperatures below 5 °C (40°F), high humidity of the surrounding air, too much dust or dampness may damage your clock. Please do not hang the cuckoo clock directly above an open fire place as the very dry and warm air might distort the wooden parts and the oil in the bearings of the clock movement might dry up. Minor damage on the wooden parts and carvings due to transport may occur sometimes and can not be avoided. Please repair such minor damages yourself by using wood glue and a felt-tip pen in the appropriate color. Please note: Mechanical Cuckoo clocks are delicate products and should not be used as a toy by a child. Chains may break and weights may fall down if too much force is used. Troubleshooting Tips Clock is running too fast: Clock is running too slow: Cuckoo does not call: Shipping clips have not been removed. Night switch off is set to OFF. For clocks with automatic night shut-off, the clock is set to the night phase (where the cuckoo and music do not play). Remove shipping clips and gong paper. Turn night shut-off setting to ON. Clock makes a slight noise (on a regular basis) about 5 minutes after the actual clock strike at the hour: A technical function in the clockwork is preparing the clock to strike/cuckoo. This is a normal function and not a defect. Clock does not strike exactly on the hour/ half-hour: The minute hand was not installed correctly on the clock face. Allow the clock to strike the hour and then stop the pendulum. Using flat-nosed pliers, loosen the screw on top of the hands, along with any other accompanying disks, noting how they were assembled. If the minute hand (long hand) is not riveted to the square rod, adjust the minute hand, replace the screw and test to see if the time is now correct. If the minute hand is riveted to the square rod, adjust the square rod with the flat-nosed pliers to adjust the minute hand, replace the screw and then test to check the time. Repeat this step patiently until the correct position is found. Clock stops running after a short running time or only runs if pendulum is not hung at angle on the wall: The connection between the pendulum and the clockwork is not properly aligned. Slant the clock to the right or left on the wall to hear in which position the clock ticks evenly. Take the pendulum off; gently bend the pendulum stick (where pendulum is hung up on) in the direction that the clock is hanging (clock hanging to the left, bend to the left, hanging right, to the right). Bend until you feel resistance and then gently bend just a bit more. Hang the clock back to its straight position, hang the pendulum up and check how it ticks. Repeat this procedure until clock is running evenly. Gong sound is tinny: There's not enough space between the gong spring and the hammer. Open the back of the clock and push the hammer head of the gong hammer back (in the direction of the clockwork) by about 1 mm or less than 1/16 of an inch. If the gong spiral is too close to the back plate, carefully pull it out by a small amount. Most problems that occur with cuckoo clocks are easy fixes that you can perform yourself. Below are the most common ones, with videos for troubleshooting your cuckoo clock. Please note that I am not a cuckoo clock doctor. I created this page as a resource. If you have further questions please contact a real life expert. To repair a clock yourself visit www.NAWCC.org. The forum contains a wealth of information from seasoned cuckoo clock repair professionals. Also, join the Black Forest Cuckoo Clocks (search for it on Facebook) Facebook Group. You will find repair professionals, collectors, and a wealth of knowledge there. Does your cuckoo stop ticking? Does it not keep time? Please note that I am not a cuckoo clock doctor. I created this page as a resource. If you have further questions please contact a real life expert. Is your cuckoo not cuckoo-ing? Please note that I am not a cuckoo clock doctor. I created this page as a resource. If you have further questions please contact a real life expert. How to Properly Pack Your Clock for Shipping It's difficult to see this on this video, but it's very important: Be sure to run the wire through four links (on a non-musical, six on a musical) of the chain, close to the bottom of the clock. It's hard to see this most important detail in the video. That way you'll catch both chains coming and going, so they can't fall off the sprocket inside, necessitating a trip to the Clock Doc. Also, catch the loop that the pendulum hangs on with the wire. That will keep it from banging around inside and possibly getting things out of whack. Make sure all inner packing is removed including the clips for the bellows and that the cuckoo bird's door is not latched shut from the outside. If you do not remove all the packing materials from the interior of the clock, it will not function correctly. What maintenance does my cuckoo clock need? For the most part, just occasional dusting. It is recommended that you use a paint brush for the exterior to avoid moving the clock from being flush and plumb. For clocks that have dancers, you can spray the interior gently with some canned air. My cuckoo clock is running too fast or too slow. This is easily fixed. The pendulum weight will either slide up and down or vertically with a screw. If the clock is running fast, move the pendulum weight down. If the clock is running slow, move the pendulum weight up. It is important to note that 1 millimeter of movement = 10 minutes. For a slide pendulum, it is advisable to mark the back each time you move it. The back of the pendulum is not visible during normal operation and it will save you time if you ever need to adjust the clock again. After adjusting the pendulum, you must let the clock run for a full 24 hours to see if the time is adjusted correctly. If at that point it is still fast or slow, repeat the process. Do I need to oil the gears or chains? You will likely never need to. When a clock is oiled, only the gears are oiled, the oil then transfers to the chains. The special clock mineral oil molecularly binds itself to the metal and can last for decades. One important note about the oil - never hang your clock over or adjacent to a working fireplace. The heat can burn or evaporate the oil from the gears over time, lessening its lifespan. In the end, you should never do anything to the inside of a cuckoo clock without consulting a professional. The pendulum on my cuckoo clock keeps stopping. There are several reasons why this might be the case. The first two (and easiest to fix) are that the clock is either not flush or not plumb. If the clock is not flush, the pendulum may hit the case, the weights or the chains as it swings. This will cause it to stop. If the clock is not plumb, the pendulum will not tick evenly which may also cause it stop. Similarly, having the clock significantly off flush or plumb will cause the chains to hang incorrectly which can affect the performance of the cuckoo and music. If it is neither of these two scenarios, something is working incorrectly on the inside of the clock, possibly because the chains were pulled too hard or the hour hand was moved. In this instance, do not try to fix it yourself and consult a clock master. What if a chain comes off? If the chain has fallen off, you will need to have a clock master repair it. Never attempt to re-thread a chain yourself as you risk permanent damage. My cuckoo clock plays music at the wrong time. If the cuckoo call or music play at the wrong time, it most likely indicates that the hour hand was moved somehow. This sometimes can happen when setting the clock using the minute hand. As general rule, never move the hour hand. To resolve this issue, moving the hour hand will be necessary. The steps are as follows: Move the minute hand to the hour and see how many times the cuckoo calls. If you move the clock to 3, and he cuckoos 4 times, you will have to move the hour hand to 4. With your fingers or a pair of needle nose pliers, very gently pull the hour hand towards you by grasping the base. When it becomes loose, you will be able to move it to the desired position. Once it is set correctly, gently press the hour hand back in towards the dial. Do not push it until it touches the dial, just until you feel resistance. After you are finished, when you move the hands to the next hour (via the minute hand only) the cuckoo should call the matching number of times. The music plays in response to the cuckoo, so as long as the cuckoo is correct, the music will be correct. How do I resolve the cuckoo door staying open? Usually this will be due to the clock not being flush and plumb. If that is not the issue, then it will require professional servicing. My clock keeps stopping. The clock will only stop if the pendulum stops swinging. If the pendulum is swinging the clock is running. See the sections on fixing the pendulum and winding the clock. Why don't I hear the cuckoo sound? This can usually be resolved in one of two easy ways. There will be a small wire by the cuckoo bird door that can be moved to block the door and prevent it from opening during shipment. If you do not move the wire so that the door can open, your cuckoo will not emerge and thus not trigger the bellows. The other reason that the clock will not cuckoo could be that you have the night shut off valve set to the "Off" position. Typically the lever moved up is "Off", and down is "On". There should be a sticker by the lever that will tell you the settings. The cuckoo call sounds funny. If the cuckoo call does not sound as it once did and nothing else has changed, it is possible the paper on the bellows needs to be replaced. This is rare and usually only applicable to very old clocks. How long will a cuckoo clock last? With proper care, your clock can last for generations. If you dust it semi-regularly and treat it with a reasonable amount of delicacy, your cuckoo clock will continue to operate long into the future. When you are ready for a new cuckoo clock, we offer a wide selection of quality, authentic pieces at Village Watch Center in Brookline. Call us today! 617-812-4602 for any of your watch and clock repair and purchase needs.

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