

U.S. Import Codes for Swiss Made Timepieces

Reference list + practical notes for watches and stopwatches

These three-letter marks are commonly stamped on Swiss movements that were imported into the United States in the mid-20th century. They identify the U.S. importer (and sometimes the associated brand or distributor), not the Swiss manufacturer. Collectors use them to confirm market destination, link private-label dials to a distributor, and spot mismatched parts.

How these codes show up on stopwatches

- Stopwatches can carry the same import codes when they were imported through U.S. channels (often stamped on a bridge near the balance).
- The code does **not** tell you who made the movement; it tells you who imported/distributed it in the U.S.
- In practice, many stopwatches were sold to industrial/military customers outside the U.S., so you will also see plenty of Swiss stopwatches with no U.S. import code at all.
- A code can help explain odd “brand mixes” (e.g., a dial brand that differs from the movement maker): the distributor could order dials/cases under different names while using standard Swiss ébauches.
- If a stopwatch has been serviced, bridges can sometimes be swapped; treat the code as a strong clue, but still cross-check the movement type, serials, and case marks.

Code list (from Timeplex)

Layout: three code/importer pairs per row for quick scanning.

Code	Importer / Brand	Code	Importer / Brand	Code	Importer / Brand
AOC	Heuer, Mido, Roamer	AOG	Ch. Aerni S.A.	AOH	Hamilton
AOI	Doxa	AOL	Adolph Schwartz, Doxa	AON	Angelus
AOX	Alstater, Alstate	AWX	Pierpont	AXA	Wittnauer
AXF	Abercrombie & Fitch	AXG	Avon	AXJ	Meylan
AXP	Aristo	AXR	Mural	AXU	Ditisheim, Sovil, Titus, Lucien Picard
AXZ	Alden, Benrus, Langendorf	AYL	Montillier	AYP	Audemars Piguet
AZK	Sellita	AZL	Aureole	BOL	Lipmann, Lemanian, Octo
BOM	Berman, Marc Nicolet	BOP	Ronnel	BOW	Breitling
BXC	Ball, Avia Dugoumois	BXD	Leonidas	BXJ	Midland
BXL	Lion	BXM	Cardinal	BXN	Benrus

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BXP	Ulysee Nardin	BXU	Eickmann & Co., E. Baumann, Aristo Imports Inc.	BXW	Bulova
BYX	Charles Abrecht, Cesar Renfer-Abrecht	BYF	Bishop	BYM	Berger
BZK	Berci	BZM	J.C. Penny	COC	Crawford
CON	Charlin	COR	Cornell	COT	Tavannes, Cyma
COW	Croton, Nivada	COY	Cyma	CWT	Caravelle
CXC	Concord	CXD	Cypress	CXH	Clinton, Avis
CXJ	Central	CXL	Leonidas	CXM	Circle, Wolbrook
CXN	Clifford	CXO	Henry Blank, Cresarrow	CXV	Cort, Cortebert
CXW	Central, Benrus	CXY	Croydon	CYA	Certina
CYN	Clairmont, Prexa	CYW	Chesterfield	CZA	Canoe, Camy
DBA	Angelus	DOB	Dreffa	DWQ	Deauville (Ollendorf)
DXC	Crawford	DXO	Ducommun, Minerva	DXZ	Hy Moser
DYR	Den-Ro, Tramelan	DZM	Fludo	EOE	Elrex, Pierpont
EON	Avalon, Calvert	EOP	Alpina, Harvel	EOT	Lavina
EOY	Compass	EWG	Goodman, Mondina	EXA	Eterna
EXC	Everbrite, Crosby (Invicta), Seeland	EXG	Gubelin	EXL	Juvenia
EXM	Savoy, Milos	EXN	Breitling	EXO	Empire
EXU	European Watch Co, Cartier	EXW	Empre	EYH	Mulco
EZR	Enicar	FON	Fewa	FWR	Amko
FXE	Provis	FXF	Fairfax, Gruen	FXN	Rouche
FXU	Aisenstein, Roamer, Meyer & Stüdeli	FXW	Louis	FYF	Favre-Lueba
FYG	Eloga	FYL	Dreffa	FZB	Benfre
GOA	Doxa	GOC	Crawford, Rexton	GOG	Geygor
GOU	Goma	GXC	Gruen	GXI	Gotham (Ollendorf), Orator
GXL	Fortis	GXM	Girard-Perregaux , Mimo	GXR	Grant
GXW	Gothic	GYH	Hilton	GYP	Global
GZR	Grenzler Lee	HBE	Arnex	HOB	Jackson, Wakmann
HOM	Homis	HON	Hirsch, Tissot, Universal Geneve	HOP	Hall
HOR	Harry Rodman, Lanco Langendorf	HOU	Oris	HOW	Charles Gigandet, Tramelan
HOX	I.W.C., Universal Geneve	HWC	Juvenia	HXB	I.W.C.
HXF	Harman	HXH	Harvel, Vetta	HXJ	Hudson
HXL	Easton	HXM	RH Macy	HXN	Harvel
HXO	Harold K. Oleet	HXR	Hanbek	HXW	Helbros

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HYL	Hamilton	HYO	Hilton	HYQ	Hilton, Sultana
HYW	Harper	HZE	Hetega	IXK	Pilgrim Electric, Jadur
IXL	Eterna	IXN	Ardath	IXO	Ollendorf
IXS	Stetson	IXW	Certina, Kurth	JXE	Normandie
JXJ	Jules Jurgensen	JXL	J. Lipschutz, Le Phare, Sultana	JXR	Racine, Gallet
JXZ	James Schulz	KBH	Endura	KBU	Baume & Mercier
KOB	Kelco	KOS	Paul Buhre	KOT	Landau
KXA	Astin	KXB	Ernest Borel	KXF	Zodiac, Clebar
KXJ	William J. Kappel	KXO	Blancpain, Rayville	KXV	Louis
KXZ	Benrus, Central, Kelton	KZY	Rutex, Weber, Sellita, Grewaco	LBA	Ollech & Wajs
LOA	Emil Lange	LOD	Lathan	LOE	Hydepark, Enicar, Packard, Delbana, Glycine
LON	Lorna	LOT	Lathan	LOV	Creation, Levrette
LOY	Benrus, Lathin	LXA	Adels, Lancet, Langendorf, Winton, Marc Nicolet	LXJ	Jaeger-LeCoultre, LeCoultre
LXM	Accoro	LXP	Lyceum	LXW	Longines
LYE	Aureole	LZE	Evkob	LZF	Laufer
LZL	Henry Gireaux	MBA	Watch Imp. Corp, Germinal Voltaire	MOG	Mead, Avia, Degoumois, Boulevard
MOK	Montauk	MOU	Mont Vernon, Delbana, Tower, Buttes	MOV	Marvin
MOY	Muney	MOZ	Mido	MWS	Le Jour
MXC	Marshall	MXE	Monarch, Delaware	MXF	Marshall Fields, Harman
MXH	Morris Hoffman, Invicta, Seeland	MXI	Movado	MXS	Sicura
MXT	Mathey-Tissot	MXU	Zimet	MYD	Suter, Bienne
MYS	Military Supply Co.	MYU	Lapanouse, Rego	NGH	Universal Geneve
NJD	Nastrix	NOA	Ulysse Nardin	NOG	Enicar, Kuper
NOH	Heyworth, Hirsch	NOK	Pilot, Ralco	NOS	Amida, Heritage, Defender
NOU	Louvici, Hoda, Vulcain, Dittsheim	NWX	Charles Gigandet, Tramelan	NXJ	National Jewellers
NXO	Oris	NXS	Popper	NYN	Conoseur
OWT	Caravelle	OXG	Omega	OXH	Mohawk
OXL	Paul Wyler	OXY	Artis	OYM	Cromwell
OYT	Sandoz, Shiro, Vulcain	OZA	Doxa	OZP	Belforte
POB	General, Helvetia	POF	Aureole	POH	Perfine
POK	Jadur	POX	Lucerne, Wega	POY	Cany, Copley
PWP	Vulcain	PWY	Spera	PXA	Pierce
PXC	Crawford	PXP	Patek Philippe & Co	PXT	Paul Breguette Watch Co.

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PXW	Parker Watch Co.	PYC	Pedre	PYS	Langel Watch Co. SA
QOG	Octo, Bienne	QXL	Emerson, Lauret	QXO	Kelbert
QXY	Acme, Lyceum	QZY	Onsa, Nileg, Hans Jorg Gilomen	RBZ	J.P. Pingouin, Hunsberger
ROC	Raleigh	ROD	Regent	ROH	Calbert
ROL	Ribaux	ROM	E.W. Reynolds, Avia, Belvue, Reyco	RON	Frey, Freco
ROP	Rodania, Rodana	ROR	Jean Louis Roehrick, Audemars Piguet	ROT	Rodania
ROV	Marden	ROW	Rolex , Tudor	RXB	Consolidated Watch Co.
RXE	Brenet	RXG	R. Gsell, Cortebert, Olympic, Zodiac	RXM	Galmor
RXU	Roamer	RXV	Juvenia	RXW	Rima, Roamer
RXY	Gala, Liengme & Cie	RXZ	Benrus, Tower	RYD	Richard Watch Co
RYT	Clingon	RYW	Ritex Watch Co	SOA	Felca, Titoni, Siduna
SOE	Semca, Louis Schwab	SOL	Stuart	SON	Defender
SOW	Seeland, Insecta	SOX	Cortbert, Orvin, Tradition	SWU	Semag, Alben
SWV	Markham Watch Co	SXA	Schneider & Co, Nivada SA	SXE	Banner, Savoy
SXK	Eska, Sylvan, Kocher & Cie	SXS	Franco-American Import Co.	SXU	Segut
TOB	Pronto	TOC	Capt & Cie	TOH	Banner, Rivera
TWA	Tissot	TXF	Stauffer Watch Co	TXJ	Latham
TXU	Alpina Watch Corp	TXW	Tavannes, Cyma	TXY	Tourneau Watch Co
TYW	Seth Thomas, Elgin	TYX	Trebex	UOA	Actua
UOB	Aero Watch	UOR	Rado	UOW	Universal Geneve
UWP	Palmer Sales Corp	UXM	Medana, Meyer & Studeli	UXN	Marsh
UXO	Wega	UYN	Mantab Watch Co	UYW	Stanley Watch Co
UZC	Panto Watch Co	UZO	Crossroads Watch Co	VCS	Britix
VOA	Ventura, Assels	VOB	Grana, Kurth Freres	VOH	Vulcain
VOS	Voumard, Sheffield, Baume & Mercier, Britix, Jenco	VTB	Thoresen, Gigandet, Marcel Benoit, Orator	VXB	Chase, Hamilton, Louis
VXN	Vacheron & Constantin	VXO	Transit	VXT	Kingston, Hilton
VXV	Libela	VXZ	Lewis & Son	VYE	Benrus
WOA	Tower Watch Co	WOB	Wyler Watch Co	WOG	Wakmann Watch Co, Breitling
WOK	Ralco	WOR	Creston	WXC	Williamson, Buren, Norwich, Imperial
WXE	Welsbro	WXJ	John Wannamaker	WYO	Waltham Watch Co
WXW	Westfield	WXZ	Breitling	WYA	Edward A. Waldman
WYX	World-Wide Watch Co, Continental, Harvester	XOU	Pronto	XOV	Endura, Alstate, Marcel
XXZ	Kelton	XYG	Westclox	XYH	Alpha

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XYQ	Huga SA	XYV	Hampden	YOA	Perfecta
YOM	Moradpour Trading Co	YOU	Hallmark Watch Corp	YXD	Crysler, Lucerne
YXR	Angelus	YXV	Hampden	YXY	Elgin
YZW	Marshal Watch Corp	ZBH	Mondaine	ZFX	Zenith
ZOA	Baylor	ZOB	Belvoir, Evans	ZOK	Telda
ZON	Fludo	ZOV	Titus, Paul Ditisheim	ZXB	Zell Brothers
ZXF	Ebel Watch Co	ZXL	Luzerne Watch Co	ZXW	Benrus, Vulcan
ZYB	Hawthorne Watch Co	ZYV	Hampden		

Sources

- Timeplex – “US Import Codes” (code-to-importer list).
- NAWCC forum discussions on three-letter U.S. import codes and where they appear on movements (collector observations and timeframe notes).