Rick's Recommended Tools



This list references high-end Swiss watchmaking tools which will last a lifetime, however they do cost quite a premium. You can get the equivalent of all these tools referenced cheaply on Amazon by different manufacturers (And many other online retailers of watchmaking tools). You should be able to acquire all the watchmaking tools you need to complete a build for less than \$125 (You may already have some tools at home you can use). Rick feels the most important on the list is the screw driver set, hand setting tools, and tweezers.

Bergeon Screw Driver Set

Or a watchmaking precision screw driver set.

2. Bergeon Dust Blower

Or general watchmaking dust blower (Compressed air cans are also helpful for cleaning dust out of an empty case).

3. Bergeon Presto Hand Remover

Or any brand Presto watch hand removal tool.

4. Bergeon Movement Holder (11.5 Ligne needed for Series Deco and Series One) Or a movement holder that accommodates an 11.5 Ligne movement.

5. Bergeon Glass Cleaning Pen

Or you can use a lint-free micro fiber cloth.

6. Horotec Watch Hand Press

All kinds of different watch hand presses exist, from simple press type to mechanical.

7. Horotec Brass Tweezers

Brass tweezers are widely available.

8. Titanium Tweezer Set

Or you can use your brass tweezers for most of the build.

9. Rodico Putty

10.Bergeon Non-Slip Bench Mat

A bench mat is very optional. You can assemble your watch on a clean table.

11. Bergeon Spring Bar Tool

A spring bar tool is not required as we sell all our watch kits with Barton Leather straps, which have a quick-release spring bar mechanism, not requiring a tool. A good spring bar tool is always nice to have on hand, however.

12. Bergeon Jaxa Case Opener (Series One needs case back opener, not Series Deco) All kinds of inexpensive Jaxa wrench's exist online for purchase.

13. Horotec Case Cushion

Or any watch case cushion 50 mm or bigger, is useful to help avoid scratches while you are working on your watch.

14. Horotec Case Holder (Series One needs case holder, not Series Deco)

Again, any watch case opener sized for 32 mm to 44 mm cases will work. You do not need one of these if you're building the Series Deco.

15. Silicon 7 Watch gasket Sealer

Silicone grease for watchmaking that helps water-proof your case.

16. Super Glue (For gluing crown to stem)

17. Watchmaker's End Cutters

Or wire cutters to cut your crown stem.

18. Diamond File (For filing crown stem)

A knife diamond file works just as well as a jeweler's diamond file.

19. Digital Caliper

These are all over Amazon for an inexpensive price. Very useful in measuring the cut for the crown stem.

20. Donegan OptiVisor

We recommend 8" working distance, 2 1/2X Power. You can also find other types of head mounted optical visors; we feel Donegan is the best.