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Dear Colleague

### **Auto winding turret clocks**

Many of you will be aware that for some years now there has been a growing assumption that this Council would usually advise in favour of applying auto winding to the barrel arbor of turret clocks. In particular, this was often a condition of grant aid offered for work on individual clocks.

At its meeting in June 2005 the Council formally adopted the enclosed policy statement, which sets out a strong presumption in favour of applying autowinding to the main barrel of turret clocks. The Council has moved cautiously towards this position over time, but is now satisfied that the policy below is now appropriate.

You may also be interested to know that the Council has started to review the text of the advisory booklet *Turret Clocks* (1996). If there are any concerns that you have with the present text that you would like us to consider for revision please let me know by the end of August 2005.

Yours sincerely

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### **Policy note for fitting auto-winding to turret clocks**

1. Auto-winding should normally be applied to the barrel arbor.
2. In exceptional circumstances, and where this can be demonstrated to be for the benefit of the clock, auto-winding may be applied to the 2<sup>nd</sup> arbor, but never any higher in the train.
3. Auto-winding must never be applied above any mechanical activity in the train. Winding jacks are never to be used as part of an auto-winding installation.

The clock must always remain completely intact and the installation be capable of removal so that it can be returned to manual winding.