



Spare Parts Directory Annual Committee Report

The Spare Parts Directory Committee was created at the 2013 Annual Meeting by Manuel Yazijian. The groups goal was to create a dynamic online document available to everyone, which displays the watch companies currently being sold in the United States and their policy on distributing spare parts. The information is intended to inform the independent watchmaker if they are able to obtain genuine spare parts, but may also be beneficial to jewelry stores to send in repairs, and the end consumer when purchasing their timepiece. The group started off with the most recent list of watch companies in the U.S. which was from the 2011 Watch Directory by the former Watch and Jewelry Review Magazine. We first converted the 40 pages using an Optical Character Recognition (OCR) program and verified that all the information transferred correctly. After finding a few mistakes we corrected them. We then proceeded to create several documents to use in obtaining the information from the respected companies. Jordan, Manuel, and the Spare Parts Directory helped in creating a call in document to help aid the caller in receiving the correct information. We also created a "fill in the block" formatted document to record the information we received. We created a spreadsheet that all of the recorded documentation transfers to and will be stored at one location. We also created a mail in/ email version to send to the companies if they were unable to be reached by a phone call. The group then divided up the list of companies to its members so they could individually call them. The group spent several months contacting the companies and recording the information. We currently have over 100 companies with confirmed answers regarding their spare parts policy. We plan on continuing the committee to record new and updated information as it becomes available. We are in the process now of developing a place on the AWCI website to host the information in the most convenient way to benefit everyone. The groups current active members are Drew Zimmerman (Committee Chairman), Manuel Yazijian, Jordan Ficklin, Tony Rachevsky, Arek Baizerman, Aaron Recksiek, Sergio Berrios and Justin Harrell. We also appreciated the help of Wesley Grau, Dan Mongeon, Billy Smith, and Jamie Dolinar this year.

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