

SETH THOMAS NUMBER 2 REGULATOR IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

In the early 1860's, the Seth Thomas Clock Company began production of the Number 2 Regulator. The Number 2 Model was produced, with few changes, until 1950 and, thus, is probably the longest produced single model in clock manufacturing history. While the few changes that did occur are relatively minor, they are significant enough to permit the identification of the period in which a clock was produced. This Seth Thomas Number 2 Regulator Identification Guide is a summary of the external changes made to the Number 2 Model and is intended to help in dating a particular clock.

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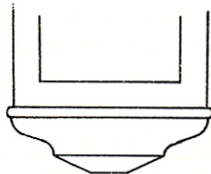
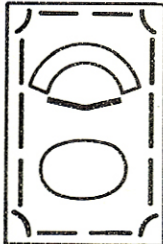
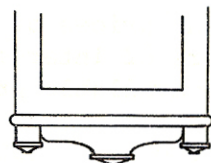
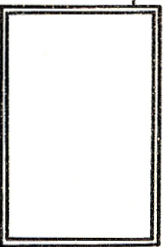
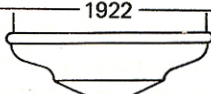
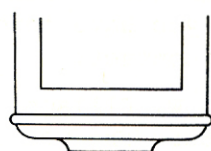
In light of the current prices of Number 2 Regulators, the original prices are of interest. The following prices are taken from available price lists.

1873	\$ 16.00	1909, 1913	\$ 24.50
1876 to 1879	15.00	1915	26.50
1880	10.00	1921	50.00
1881, 1883	15.00	1922	45.00
1888, 1890, 1892	16.50	1931 to 1939	50.00
1902, 1904	18.00	1941 to 1948	55.00
1906	22.70	1949	110.00

There may be additional means of dating Seth Thomas Number 2 Regulators including, for example, specific case construction methods and movement characteristics. Great Lakes Chapter would like to undertake the preparation of a more comprehensive identification guide as a chapter project. If you have information regarding these clocks, please contact:

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PRODUCTION YEAR	CASE CHARACTERISTICS				DIAL CHARACTERISTICS			
	WOOD	BASE	OVERALL HEIGHT	TABLET	MANUFACTURER'S IDENTIFICATION	NUMERAL STYLE	SECONDS BIT	HAND SHAPE
1860 →	WALNUT VENEER		34 INCHES		NONE		NONE	
1870 →								
1880 →								
1880 →		—1880—		1876 1880	1879 1881 Fish Brand 1888		—1879—	
1890 →	—1888—							
1900 →	WALNUT CHERRY OAK OLD OAK				NONE	ROMAN		
1910 →	—1913—		—1913—		1913			
1920 →		—1922— 	36 1/2 INCHES	IN 1880 ONLY- BLACK & GILT BAND BORDER		—1921—	SECONDS BIT USED	
1930 →	MAHOGANY OAK	—1929— 			—1929—			
1940 →			—1939— 35 1/2 INCHES	 (CLEAR)		ARABIC		
1950 →			—1945— 35 INCHES					

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