

### La Crosse WT-8005U Clock

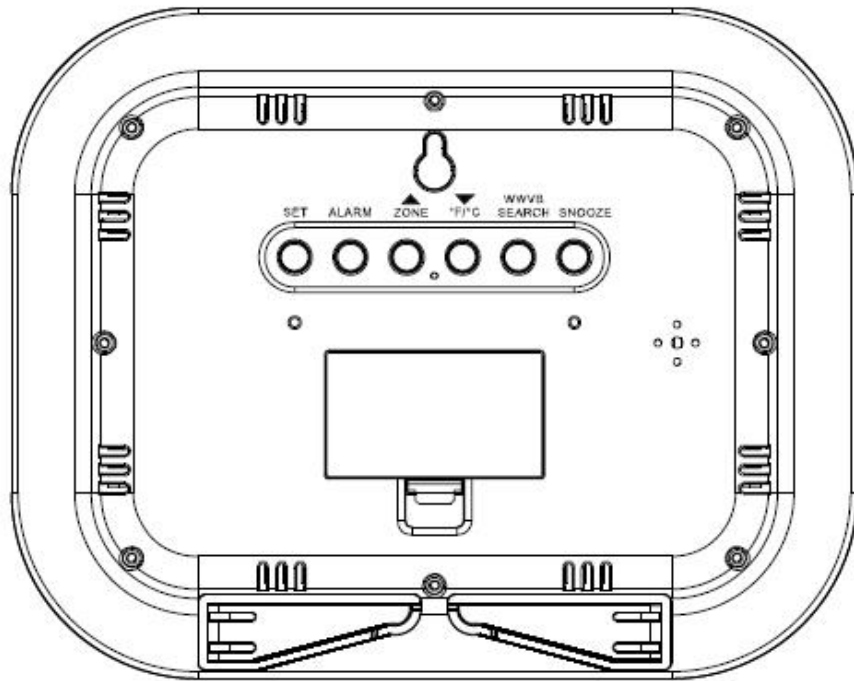
I was looking for a clock for the Ham shack that had the 24 hour format and a decent size display. The La Crosse WT-8005U clock looked good and was bought on sale for about \$16.00.

An internet search indicated it was an “atomic” clock which made it even more interesting. It turned out that the one I have is not. There may be two (or more) versions of this clock with the same model number, one made for the US market and another for the international market. I live in Canada. The US model sets the time with reference to WWVB (60 KHz) but you need to set the time zone you are in. The clock I have does not give you this option.

I wanted the clock able to be set to UTC (Coordinated Universal Time). I can do this with this clock. Apparently the US version cannot do this but can only be set to 1 of 4 North American time zones. There is a trade-off here. If you want this clock to display UTC, the clock sold in the US may not work. The “international?” model can be set to UTC but you lose the WWVB reference accuracy.

The clock I have gains less than 3 seconds a month. It would be nice if the time was “right on” but I don’t need millisecond (or second) accuracy so it’s worth keeping. Thanks to my daughter and son-in-law for finding it. Below are some photos. The first and second photos are of the clock I have. The third is a photo of a drawing of the back of the US model found on the internet. You can notice the difference in the settings buttons. The last button on the right in the second photo doesn’t do anything.





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