

Gustav Becker

Gustav Becker was one of the best known makers of early Anniversary Clocks, and their factory produced a vast number of very high quality clocks of all types.

Their Anniversary clocks used the same basic movement, but the styles and the upper suspension brackets varied considerably.

Most examples carry the distinctive logos. The firm was bought by Junghans in 1925.



Gustav Becker listings:

By model:

Becker Standard 69mm x 93mm x 30mm 7-3

By Movement Identity Code:

GB-STD Becker Standard 7-3

By dimensions:

Rectangular
69mm x 93mm x 30mm Becker Standard 7-3

Dating by serial number.

The majority of Gustav Becker clocks carried a serial number, and the factory records, kindly given to me by the late Karl Kochmann, show the numbers in use at various times. However, these numbers only relate to the Freiburg factory and there is some doubt over their accuracy as new information comes to light. A new factory was opened at Braunau in about 1888, and the numbers began at 1. Junghans bought the business in 1925, and used a fresh range of serial numbers until they abandoned them. According to Karl Kochmann, the records of numbers used after 1926 were lost during the second world war. In order to date a 400 day clock by the serial number, the table below is likely to give the right answer in most cases.

Year	Serial No
1850	480
1860	4000
1863	10,000
1865	15,000
1867	25,000
1872	50,000
1875	100,000
1880	260,000
1885	500,000
1890	800,000
1892	1,000,000
1900	1,500,000
1913	1,850,000
1923	1,860,000
1925	1,945,399
1926	2,244,868