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YES Watch

The YES Watch from Wild Seed, Inc., is a timekeeper designed for the traveler. Most pilots, of course, are travelers themselves, so this is a watch that will help them in their courageous journeys. It's so important for pilots these days to be more punctual than ever. Regardless of where you're based or where you're going, you need a device that will

keep you in tune with the correct time zone.

The YES Watch has been specially programmed to keep the time for more than 500 cities worldwide. Whether you're in Tokyo or Rio, this watch will give you the accurate time where you are and where you're headed. This watch keeps track of sunrise and sunset times and will even adjust automatically for daylight savings. It also has a display that will show the relationship of daylight/nighttime. And while we're speaking of nighttime, the watch also tracks the lunar phase. If that's not enough to keep you in tune, may I suggest a pacemaker? Oops, bad joke!

In testing this watch, I found that it was relatively easy to use. The first step was to program my home city, which for better or for worse is Los Angeles. I then chose my "away city" of Atlanta because I was actually laying over there on my way to the AirVenture 2001 show in Oshkosh. Upon switching over to my arrival city, I realized the sunrise and sunset information also changed with my new location. I also noticed on

the display that my amount of daylight left had been drastically reduced. Oh the joys of traveling eastbound!

What amazed me about this watch is its capability. It'll also give information on future sunrise and sunsets, and the rotating bezel will inform you when high solar noon will occur and compare it to an equinox day. This timekeeper has several different alarms and can also be used as a stopwatch. In case you happen to be in Timbuktu and the watch doesn't have the city in its memory, don't worry; there's a solution. You can program the

watch to operate according to latitude and longitude.

Another important item, of course, is the look of the watch. The YES Watch is a good-looking, aesthetically pleasing device. To contain all this useful information, the watch must have a case that'll accommodate it. Thus this watch is a tad on the obese side. It's not too large or odd-shaped; it's just a little bit thick. Its heart is about half an inch thick. Being that this stainless steel watch may have a little extra mass, it can also serve as a good self-defense tool.

In conclusion, this watch is a well-designed timekeeper that will effectively help pilots and all travelers keep track of time. It has the capability to keep track of three different times. The watch is easy to use, and the display is also viewer-friendly. YES, it's a great idea for pilots who want to update and modernize their timekeeping tools.

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