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By John Lister The "atomic" clocks on the consumer market are in fact radio-controlled clocks that take a time signal from an actual atomic clock will always be at least as good as an ordinary clock, because it uses a traditional guartz clock as a backup. However, any potential extra benefits from the atomic aspect can be limited by geography and atmospheric conditions. These limitations can in turn limit the financial value of paying extra money for a clock with an atomic time feature. Only a limited number of atomic clock facilities are set up as "time signal stations" that broadcast to consumer units. As of 2013, the International Bureau of Weights and Measures reported around three dozen such sites. Some regions of the world, most notably Africa and Australia, have no time signal stations. Any consumer atomic clocks there won't work well or at all -- except by virtue of their quartz backups -- as any atomic clock signals are too far away. Consumer atomic clocks rely on picking up the radio waves from time signal can depend on the device pointing towards the station and being away from sources of interference. It may also depend on favorable atmospheric conditions, with high-pressure or low-lying fog potentially affecting reception. The extent on which clock placement and atmosphere causes problems will usually depend on how far you are from the signal station: the farther away, the bigger the risk of suffering these effects. The way consumer atomic clocks work has an inherent limitation: the time at the point the signal left the station, but the actual time at which it reaches your home clock will be slightly later. The National Institute of Standards & Technology notes this discrepancy can mean a notable inaccuracy in those areas at the farthest reaches of the signal from a particular station, such as the east and west coasts of the United States. How much of a disadvantage this factor is will depend on the level of precision with which your clock displays the time and your expectations of accuracy. Consumer atomic clocks use a quartz crystal oscillator of the type found in many ordinary analog wristwatches to keep time in between checking and synchronizing with a time signal station. The performance of this quartz may vary, and this factor will become more significant if reception problems prevent synchronization for an extended time signal. Your clock could potentially gain or lose time. Again, how much of a disadvantage this discrepancy is will depend on the level of precision with which your clock displays the time and your expectations of accuracy. When the power goes out and is later restored, how do you know what time to set your clocks to? Have you ever wondered how time is regulated? In the United States, the standard of time is regulated by the US Naval Observatory's Master Clock (USNO), the official source of time for the Department of Defense. The effects of these mechanisms are felt by all of us in the form of alarm clocks, computers, answering machines and meeting schedules. In this edition of HowStuffWorks, we will learn all about atomic clocks and how they keep the world ticking! In 1945, Columbia University physics professor Isidor Rabi suggested that a clock could be made from a technique he developed in the 1930s called atomic beam magnetic resonance. By 1949, the National Bureau of Standards (NBS, now the National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST) announced the world's first atomic clock using cesium atoms as the vibration source, NBS-1.In 1955, the National Physical Laboratory in England built the first cesium-beam clock were created. In 1967, the 13th General Conference on Weights and Measures defined the SI second on the basis of vibrations of the cesium atom; the world's time keeping system no longer had an astronomical basis at that point! NBS-4, the world's most stable cesium clock, was completed in 1968, and was used into the 1990s as part of the NIST time system. In 1999, NIST-F1 began operation with an uncertainty of 1.7 parts in 10 to the 15th power, or accuracy to about one second in 20 million years, making it the most accurate clock ever made (a distinction shared with a similar standard in Paris). James Stevenson/Dorling Kindersley/Getty Images Atomic clocks are controlled by a radio signal produced by the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Fort Collins, Colorado. The receiver inside the clock automatically, it could be because it cannot receive the radio signal. Relocating the clock on a different wall or adjusting the position so that it's closer to a window may improve signal received, the clock farther away from the monitor, allowing the radio signal to be received and resetting the clock. Some types of building materials can also block radio signals. Metal buildings and homes sheathed in steel siding may not be appropriate locations for atomic clocks. Remove the batteries or unplug the clock to disconnect it from the radio signal. Power it up again, and give it a few minutes to search for the signal. Once the signal is located, the clock resets to the correct time. This procedure is best done at night when the signal is stronger. If you like to know the exact time, all the time, and hate re-setting your clocks for daylight saving time, an atomic clock will help keep you on top of your schedule. The best atomic alarm clocks are synchronized to the NIST station in Colorado and have your local time zone setting so you'll never be uncertain about the time again. At-home atomic clocks. Genuine atomic clocks use atom frequencies to determine time, while atomic clocks for your home use radio signals to synchronize to a real atomic clock. In the U.S., these home atomic clocks are synchronized to The National Institute of Standards and Technology's station in Colorado, which is the American government's official time. While atomic clocks automatically set and adjust to daylight savings, they still must be set to a specific time zone. Most atomic clocks sold in the U.S. have every American time zone setting, but it's good to double check before buying one. You'll also want to consider what other features you need in an alarm clock in general. You may want a snooze button or multiple alarm settings if you like to sleep in, or date and day of the week settings to help you keep track of time in a broader sense. Some options have internal and external temperature readings, which are transmitted through wireless sensors, and USB charging capability can be another convenient feature. Some alarm clocks also have automatic backlights that adjust to the room's lighting, while others have manual backlights. Atomic clocks come in both battery-powered and plug-in designs don't need to have their batteries replaced, but battery-powered clocks work through power outages and can travel, so both have their batteries replaced, but battery-powered clocks work through power outages and can travel, so both have their batteries replaced, but battery-powered clocks work through power outages and can travel, so both have their batteries replaced, but battery-powered clocks work through power outages and can travel, so both have their batteries replaced, but battery-powered clocks work through power outages and can travel, so both have their batteries replaced, but battery-powered clocks work through power outages and can travel, so both have their batteries replaced, but battery-powered clocks work through power outages and can travel. time, here are four of the best atomic alarm clocks that you can buy on Amazon. 1. The Best Overall AcuRite Atomic Dual Alarm Clock AmazonSize: 4.3 x 6 inchesTime zones: 6You can set alarms for weekdays and weekends with this dual-alarm atomic clock, which displays the alarm settings as well as the date, day of the week, and year. The different colors on the display help you get a good reading at a glance, and the internal temperature reading helps you dress for the day. This plug-in clock has a battery backup, as well as a snooze button and a USB port to charge your compatible devices. One fan raved: "The clock set itself within a minute or two when I plugged it in and has been working very well since then. Another one of these."2. The Best With A Wall Mount Sharp Atomic Desktop ClockAmazonSize: 5 x 6.45 inchesTime zones: 7This large atomic alarm clock can either be set on a tabletop or hung on your wall with the included mount. This battery-powered alarm clock requires three AAA batteries (which are not included), and it has a backlight that can be turned on for five seconds at a time by pressing the "snooze" button. This clock shows the date, day of the week, and indoor temperature, and has an icon that indicates when the alarm is set. One fan raved: "What a deal, I just put in batteries, selected the timezone, and left it a few hours - it automatically set everything and is running great!"3. The Best For Travel Marathon Atomic Travel Alarm Clock AmazonSize: 3.25 x 2.75 inchesTime zones: 6With a compact, foldable design, this battery-powered atomic alarm clock is great on your nightstand and on the road. Along with the time, it displays the indoor temperature, if you take it camping), alarm setting, and day of the week, and the display can be set to five different languages. The time can be set to both 12- and 24-hour displays, and the backlight can be set to automatic or manual options. This clock runs on two AA batteries, which are included, and it comes in black, blue, and white. One fan raved: "I have used many alarm clocks in the past and in my opinion this is the best of them all. Right size for travel, easy to setup and use. Specifically I like the auto night light feature. I have seen this feature in many table clocks that are plugged in but this is my first battery operated alarm clock that has the auto night feature. I am very happy with the purchase and it's worth every penny I spent."4. The Best With Indoor & Outdoor Temperature ReadingsLa Crosse Technology Atomic Digital Clock AmazonSize: 11.1 x 6.61 inchesTimes zones: 7This atomic alarm clock has chic faux wood siding and not only shows the date and day of the week, but it also the moon phases. It requires two AA batteries (not included), and displays both the indoor and outdoor temperature, which is transmitted from a weather-resistant sensor. The display language is adjustable, and this clock also has a display option that lets you know when the batteries need to be replaced. One fan raved: "This clock is great. We bought it to keep in the bathroom. My husband and I get up very early, and it's handy to be able to see the outdoor temperature first thing in the morning so we can decide how to dress for the day. I've always loved having a bathroom clock. It helps to keep us on schedule. It is, in fact, the only clock we have that isn't on our phones."Page 2Alarm clocks have one basic function to help you roll out of bed and start the day on time — but there are also tons of unique alarm clocks out there that will give your bedroom decor a boost while offering features that make waking up easier and more pleasant. Another plus? Using an actual alarm clock instead of your phone means you can keep your sleep-disrupting smartphone in another room when you head to bed. For such small appliances, cool alarm clocks do quite a bit to tie a room together, so it's worth considering aesthetics. If you're looking for something modern and minimalist, you might want to opt for a digital face, but if you're more of a traditionalist, go for something analog. And while a lot of analog clocks make ticking sounds, most of the picks on this list are silent, so they won't bother you while you're sleeping. Of course, if finding an easier way to wake up is your biggest priority, form should follow function. Unique alarm clocks for heavy sleepers will be extra loud and may even feature vibrating bed shakers you can place under your pillow. On the other hand, if a blaring alarm clock is too jarring and leaves you feeling groggy, opt for one that wakes you up gently with soothing sounds and a sunrise-simulating light. With all that in mind, these are the most unique alarm clocks on Amazon that'll leave you feeling ready to take on the day. We only recommend products we love and that we think you will, too. We may receive a portion of sales from this article, which was written by our Commerce team 1 An Affordable Sunrise Alarm Clock That Gently Wakes You UpHOKEKI Wake-Up Light Alarm ClockAmazonIf a blaring alarm clock leaves you feeling bleary-eyed in the morning, this sunrise alarm clock may help you feel less groggy by gradually waking you. The LED light mimics a sunrise by slowly turning from dark to warm orange as your set wake-up time approaches, and there are seven relaxing sounds to choose from (birds singing, ocean waves, piano music, and more), as well as an FM radio. Thanks to dual settings, you can set separate alarms for weekdays and weekends, and there's a snooze function you can use up to five times. This plug-in clock is outfitted with a backup battery in case of power outage, and there's a handy USB port for charging your phone and other devices. Plus, The LED lamp has seven color options with adjustable brightness levels, and you can select one color or cycle through them all. A reviewer wrote: "I bought this alarm clock to help me wake up in the mornings to run early before work. Previously, I had a tough time waking up early enough and would feel very drowsy. The gradual wake up with the light has made it a much more pleasant experience."2A Modern Alarm Clock That Measures Temperature & HumidityJALL Digital Alarm ClockAmazonWith its clean lines, faux wood finish. and borderless digital face, this minimalist alarm clock scores major style points. The LED display shows the time as well as indoor temperature and humidity levels. It boasts three adjustable brightness settings, but if you like to sleep in total darkness, you can set the display on "sound control" to turn the lights off completely. The display easily turns on again when you touch it or when it detects sound. There are options to set three different alarms, a weekday mode that only rings Monday through Friday, and a snooze button that gives you an extra five minutes of sleep. The clock operates via wall outlet, but you can insert AAA batteries (not included) as a backup. It's available in four faux wood finish options: light, dark, black, and white. A reviewer wrote: "It works really well, I like the multiple alarm capability, the adjustable brightness, and the sleek modern design." 3An Elegant Clock That's Way More Affordable Than It LooksJUSTUP Small Table ClockAmazonIn soft shades of blue, moss green, and vanilla white, this chic alarm clock will add a touch of polish to any bedroom. The clock itself floats above a gold ring stand and features a subtle backlight that can temporarily be turned on for nighttime viewing. The non-ticking clock is battery operated and reviewers report that it rings loudly enough to rouse you in the morning, but there aren't any fancy features, like sound options or snooze buttons. A reviewer wrote: "Good design. So pretty! I highly recommend this." 4A Bed-Shaking Alarm For Heavy SleepersSonic Bomb Dual Extra Loud Alarm ClockAmazonThe loudest on the list, this unique alarm clock for heavy sleepers features flashing lights and a vibrating bed shaker you can place under your mattress or pillow for a full body wake-up. The volume of the alarm is adjustable, with a maximum of 113 decibels — about the loudness of a car horn — but if you want a totally silent alarm, you can also use the bed shaker on its own. You can set multiple alarms, use the dimmer to adjust the display brightness, and hit the snooze button. The clock plugs in, and you can use a 9-volt battery as a backup. Choose from seven colors. A reviewer wrote: "The biggest pro here is the volume of the alarm. No other alarm clock I've tried even comes close. You can adjust the pitch and volume of the alarm as well if you don't want it waking up the whole house. It is plenty loud enough to wake the heaviest sleepers (and your room mates too!)."5This Cute & Simple Retro Alarm ClockChelvee Alarm ClockAmazonCute enough to stand out on your bedside table but classic enough to blend into any decor, this non-ticking alarm clock features an analog face and sits atop a short stand. With a simple dial and on/off operation, the clock comes in four colors — red, black, mint green, and creamy white — and is powered by battery. A reviewer wrote: "This clock is simple, cute, and has clean lines and is easy to read. Really like it!"6An Alexa-Powered Smart Clock With Voice CommandThe Echo Spot is an Alexa-powered alarm clock that lets you use voice commands to set multiple alarms, play music, check the weather, and control your smart home appliances. And with the Audible app, you can even listen to audio books as you fall asleep. You can snooze by either touching the screen or using voice control, and when you roll over in the morning, you can instantly check your calendar to see what's on deck for the day. The programmable alarm clock has multiple faces to choose from, and the device has a built-in camera for video calls. To operate, just plug the Echo Dot directly into the wall. The only downside — there's no backup battery in case the power goes out. A reviewer wrote: "I've only used it to play Africa by Toto in the mornings as my alarm and it's made my life so much better." 7A Vintage-Inspired Alarm Clock That's Battery Powered Kikkerland Alarm ClockAmazonFor some mid-century flair, check out this retro alarm clock that looks like it was plucked straight from the set of Mad Men. In blue, green, and red options, the clock features an ivory-color face and glow-in-the-dark hands. The button on top turns off the alarm with just the tap of your finger, and reviewers report that the battery-operated alarm is loud enough to wake you up. However, there is a faint ticking sound. A reviewer wrote: "This clock is perfect for my night stand. Our bedroom has a vintage vibe to it so it's perfect. Got the green...adorable."8An Easy-To-Read Alarm Clock With Big FontRobin Digital Day ClockAmazonThe 8-inch face, extra-large numbers, and 170-degree angle adjustable screen of this programmable alarm clock make it easy to read, even when you're not wearing your glasses. You can create multiple alarms with adjustable volume, and there's a snooze function for sleeping in. The screen also displays the date and time alarms with adjustable volume, and there's a snooze function for sleeping in. The screen also displays the date and time. You can also schedule periodic time reminders, or have the clock remind you of birthdays and holidays. It plugs in to the wall, but there's a backup battery in case of a power outage, and — check this out — the clock also automatically adjusts for daylight saving time, and there are five screen display options, seven color themes, and custom messaging options. A reviewer wrote: "This thing is packed with cool features! Birthday reminders (awesome!), holiday scheduling, custom messaging and the talking clock is the best! Love the calming voice - I have it set to announce the time every hour and it's super convenient."9An Affordable Alarm With 7 Wake-Up SoundsPeakeep Non-Ticking Silent Alarm ClockAmazonThis volume-adjustable alarm clock offers seven customizable wake-up sounds, including birdsong, traditional beeping, and — perhaps the most unique alarm of all — a Kenny G tune called "Jasmine Flower." It operates with a simple on-off switch, but there is a snooze button, and you can check the time in the middle of the night by pressing the large top bar to light up the clock face. This non-ticking clock is powered by three AA batteries, which are included, and it's available in pink, green, or black. A reviewer wrote: "I love this clock for a number of reasons. First, the clock face is easy to read, even from across the room. Then there are a selection of alarm sounds that are pleasant and not jarring for which you have volume control. It has a light that you can easily switch on to view the clock face at night. The clock is completely silent when the alarm is not on which is important for me since I am a light sleeper."10An Essential Oil Diffuser & Alarm Clock ComboASAKUKI Essential Oil Diffuser with this combination essential oil diffuser and digital alarm clock. It's surprisingly compact and has an easy-to-fill water tank, three mist settings, and 12 timers. It operates for up to 20 hours and automatically turns off when the water tank is empty for maximum safety. The diffuser also doubles as a humidifier, adding moisture to the air to hydrate dry skin and help with cold symptoms. There's a touch-screen display with a digital clock, and according to reviewers, the alarm "beeps," but there's no mention of a snooze function. The diffuser clock also feature a built-in LED light with adjustable brightness and color settings. It's available in light and dark faux wood bases and plugs into the wall. A reviewer wrote: "This unit is almost totally silent, and with the built in alarm and the night light makes it great for bedside use."11A Rolling Alarm Clock On WheelsAmazonIf you're guilty of hitting snooze a few too many times, this alarm clock on wheels will force you to get out of bed to turn it off. With a super loud alarm, the clock will roll, beep, and jump up to 3 feet to get your attention — cute, but just annoying enough to make you get out of bed on time. And don't worry — if the rolling is a bit too much, you can set the clock so that it just makes noise. The clock runs on four AAA batteries, and interestingly, there's still a snooze function. Choose from six colors, like black, aqua, and pink, or even opt for a two-pack. A reviewer wrote: "I set Clocky down on the other side of the bedroom each night and when it goes off I have to get up to turn it off. I have no choice. If you don't get up this little character will shut off but then start rolling around all over your floor! It's amazing and I love it."

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