

Developed by Thomas Earnshaw (1749 - 1829) in the mid 1780s. It is a spring detent type giving impulse to the balance in one direction during a short section of its arc. It has the advantage of not requiring oil on the escape wheel teeth. During the 19th century this escapement became the standard for marine chronometers and continued to be manufactured for use at sea until the advent of quartz controlled timekeepers.

Earnshaw Spring Detent Chronometer Escapement Moment of Unlocking

∠CAD: Escaping Angle of 36° ∠EBF: Impulse Angle of 24° ATH : Quiescent & of Detent

 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ø Impulse Pallet = Ø Unlocking Pallet point H : Flex-Point of spring = ~1.25 Ø Escape Wheel

TJ is 90° to AH \overline{TK} is 10° to \overline{TJ} = locking face of tooth \overline{TL} is 5° to \overline{TJ} = locking face of stone

 $\overline{\rm HM}$ (1°) = limit of locking of the stone Locking stone is 1/18th of escape wheel \varnothing



