Subject: 1927 Tank 13

Posted by afire on Fri, 25 Aug 2017 19:50:52 GMT

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Model name: Tank 13
Type: Wristwatch
Pariod/data: Circa 103

Period/date: Circa 1925

Gender: Men's

Case Maker: Gruen Cincinnati

Case Material: 18k White Gold, Black Vitreous Enamel

Case Serial: 1127104 Case Style no: N/A

Caliber: 115

Movement Maker: In-house Movement Serial: 623407

Hand engraved case "rails" sides and back, hard-fired enamel inlay between the lugs, similar to a couple of Cincinnati-cased Quadron models with the same case details. The listing for Tank 13 in the Master Book shows a different case, also 18k engraved, but a different pattern with no enamel, and this case doesn't show up at all, which initially had me thinking it might be uncatalogued. But then I looked in the 1927 Stock Record Book, and sure enough, there it is listed as Tank 13. I've noticed this with a few models.

Subject: Re: 1927 Tank 13

Posted by Barney Green on Fri, 25 Aug 2017 19:56:03 GMT

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What a beauty!!!!

Great watch, but you have to give it back to me. RSTW are my initals!

Subject: Re: 1927 Tank 13

Posted by Gary on Fri, 25 Aug 2017 20:54:53 GMT

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The tank in black, I could picture Johnny Cash wearing that one. ;-)

Subject: Re: 1927 Tank 13

Posted by afire on Fri, 25 Aug 2017 21:03:28 GMT

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Barney Green wrote on Fri, 25 August 2017 14:56What a beauty!!!! Great watch, but you have to give it back to me. RSTW are my initals!

Sorry, RSTW, but this is actually RSTPW's watch. At least that's my best guess. Looks like a combined T and P to me.

Subject: Re: 1927 Tank 13

Posted by afire on Fri, 25 Aug 2017 21:08:10 GMT

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GaryM wrote on Fri, 25 August 2017 15:54What brand is that band?

International Watchman. "Premium Pig Skin 1940's" is the style. Most of the sizes no longer have the white stitching, but they still have the squared off stitched ends for the right vintage look. I wish more makers offered this style of stitching. About the only other straps I see in this style are the gigantic sports staps, 24-26mm, thicker than most of my watches.

Subject: Re: 1927 Tank 13

Posted by MonKee on Sat, 26 Aug 2017 03:44:01 GMT

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You win the trophy for finding the neatest watches!!

Subject: Re: 1927 Tank 13

Posted by Jenneke on Sat, 26 Aug 2017 21:32:37 GMT

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Nice! Very nice!

Subject: Re: 1927 Tank 13

Posted by kastner on Sun, 27 Aug 2017 16:07:07 GMT

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Subject: Re: 1927 Tank 13

Posted by Barney Green on Sun, 27 Aug 2017 16:16:01 GMT

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You should be correct with the monogram. It's a shame, that watch should be mine

Anyway it is a beauty. Why cant I have them all? But I may reach my goal to have at least most of the Gruen models, which will be a significant number. The good thing is that my percentage is not single digit anymore already.

Subject: Re: 1927 Tank 13

Posted by Timeticker on Wed, 06 Sep 2017 01:39:08 GMT

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Hey Afire......Christmas is coming, and I will not be mad one bit if you put it the mail to me.....really, I won't Hey, look at this way, me and the fat man with the red suit have a very good relationship, and if you give that to me (Instead of Barney Green) I'll put in a good word for ya. Sound good?