Subject: Re: Caliber 89 (Extra Precision) – 8.75'" 18J, All Adjustments Posted by Barney Green on Tue, 16 Feb 2021 20:10:46 GMT

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Jenneke,

LeCoultre may most likely have just provided the ebauche as caliber 6, not a finished movement. This was the common procedure, that someone provided raw movements, the ebauches, and another company like for example Cattin made complete movements from these ebauches. Other third partries were involved got galvanisation for example so that very often the movements went through several factories before a watch was built from them.

This has been the Swiss way at that time and this is something Gruen wanted to change with the precision factory.

It now makes it often very difficult to find out who did which steps. Sometimes it is a little easier when the factory was acting a little more modern and provided finished movements from ready made ebauches.

Barney