Subject: Re: Veri-Thin Scientist

Posted by Case on Wed, 05 May 2021 14:05:07 GMT

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This one recently found a new home among us. A rarity to see a style number here—most were imports. So rare, 494 was not previously tied to a caliber number in the style number database. But it will cover 410, 410ss & 411, 411ss.

Hard to capture the pink gold, but the dial color is clear. "Scientist" is the only model of this type I've seen so far offered in pink gold, shown in grainy image in our 1940s ads thread. Description in 1941 ad matches, except the bracelet: 17j, sweep seconds, pink gf case & Guildite back. Ad is a stretch bracelet, but this one matches the case color exactly. If not original, it's a sweet addition.

Dating it: Patent dates to Jan 1941, as does ad (June) and style number 494. The movement sn others have dated to 1943. The first service mark appears to be from July 1941, a second from Nov 1947. I'm guessing 1941 is indeed the make.