
Subject: Re: Please help me identify the "name" of my Curvex
Posted by [MikeTheWatchGuy](#) on Thu, 12 Feb 2015 22:14:07 GMT
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I'll second that sentiment Barney.

To follow on briefly, particularly about the Style Number and its ability to date and identify this watch. The caliber-StyleNumber pair in this case is 440-498. This specific combination is known to be HEAVILY reused. What this basically means is that the Style Number dating (498=1942 if using the Style Number table) doesn't work. If you wish to learn more about the Style Number dating technique and when this sort of breakdown happens you can read the entire article a number of places including on [GruenWristwatches.com](#).

The 440-498 combination is known to be used by at least 4 watches, the Curvex Captain, Centurion, Companion, and Portrait. The 498 was also used with an unusually large number of calibers including the 335, 3351, 422, 430, 435, 440.

I'm attaching an image from the Gruen Model ID Guide Vol 1 to show one other aspect of this watch perhaps not known to you and that is the faceted crystal that originally accompanied them. All six of the ad images I have show this faceted crystal and often mention it in the wording of the ad. I personally believe they were only sold with this crystal.

I can't tell for sure, but your watch seems to be spared from the brassing of the ropes that are often present with this model.

This is one of the ad images showing the faceted crystal.

File Attachments

1) [1950 Gruen Curvex Portrait.jpg](#), downloaded 1972 times



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17 jewels YGF Faceted crystal
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