
Subject: Re: Please help me identify the "name" of my Curvex
Posted by [MikeTheWatchGuy](#) on Fri, 13 Feb 2015 21:16:05 GMT
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jeffb071 -- question for you on your Curvex Portrait....

Can you tell me if your crystal is perfectly square as shown in the figure I posted from the Gruen Crystal Catalog? I can't tell from the angles in your photographs.

Barney... agreed that the Style Number dating often gives a great starting point for researching a watch. I pointed it out in my tutorial on researching your Gruen watch. But, it's not perfect and for these 440-498 watches it's frustrating as it provides an incorrect "answer".

[EDIT..... 01:00 AM 2015-02-14]

I answered my own question about the size of the crystal. I had one of these Curvex Portraits in my backstock. The crystal is square.

Mine has the faceted crystal, but you wouldn't know it looking at it. You can feel it quite obviously but it doesn't distort in the right way to make it highly noticeable. This is, however, a replacement crystal at it's plastic. The repairer's marks in the back of the case are numerous and some are from the same watchmaker as he etches the actual service date into the case. I can see it regularly serviced from the early 1950's into 1970's. It must have been worn until the unfortunate accident..... the movement is rusted so it went for a swim at some point, a great loss to someone that took darned good care of it. Why didn't they just pick up a new movement from DASHTO or on eBay?

Mine too has an L2 serial number so it's from 1952.

File Attachments

1) [Gruen Curvex Portrait 017.JPG](#), downloaded 1912 times



2) [Gruen Curvex Portrait 015.JPG](#), downloaded 1862 times



3) [Gruen Curvex Portrait 006.JPG](#), downloaded 1894 times

