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Subject: The Cal 870/871

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The caliber 871 and the 870 are the numbers for the open face/lupine (stem at 12-o'clock) or hunter/savonnette (stem at 3-o'clock) configurations.

Which one is which I'm not sure. They also came in a non-subseconds version too. There is also a variation in the setting works. Gruen and Rolex are not the only ones to use the movement either. Rumor has it that there is an outfit that will buy non-Rolex versions of this watch, mark the wheels with "Rolex" and then case and sell them as such.

Borel has the mainsprings listed with 1.60 x .14 x 340 11 and CousinsUK has them in 1.60 x .15 x 320 12. Both are white alloy.

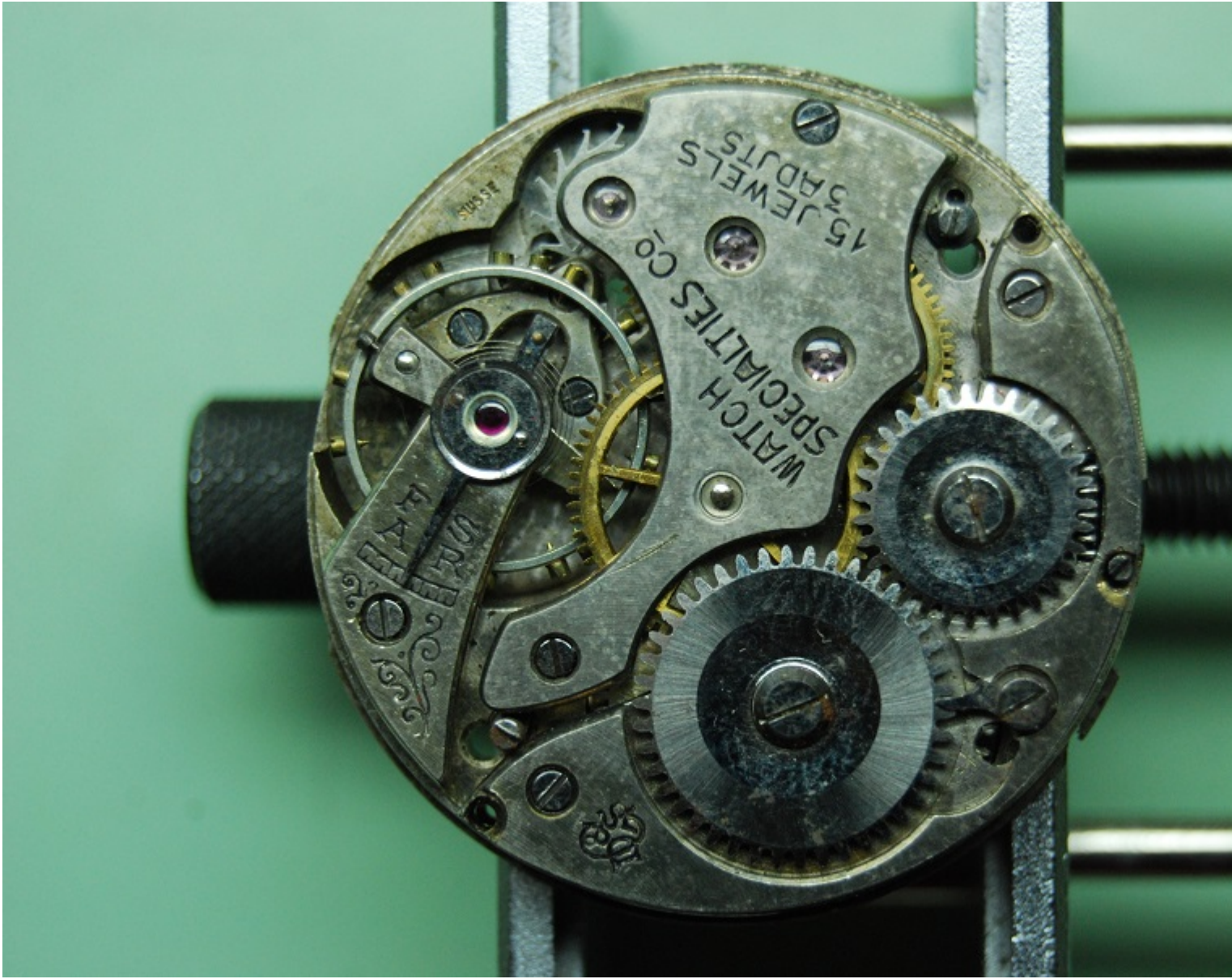
Gruen (1947 Horological Manual) has them as 1.65 x .15 x 320.

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