
Subject: Gruen 210

Posted by [Timeticker](#) on Sun, 13 Sep 2015 02:13:52 GMT

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Howdy Gruenites,

I am in need of a good balance assembly for a 210 or whatever else fits. Please contact me if you have one for sale/swap/buy. One of the fellers here on the forum was kind enough to send me work, but those darn tiny 210 staffs, can be monsters to restaff. I opt for another working balance assembly. Please let me know.

Timeticker

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Subject: Re: Gruen 210

Posted by [mikey](#) on Sun, 13 Sep 2015 15:21:21 GMT

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I have lots of 210 parts but not one good balance assembly. I have a good 215 and a 225 here but I'm not sure if they'll fit. The '53 material catalogue seems to indicate the balance staffs are different. The 215 and the 210 are the same size movement though so maybe its a reasonably simple job to swap over the dial / hands etc onto a 215? If you want to consider doing this I'll send it out to you on Monday.

Subject: Re: Gruen 210

Posted by [Timeticker](#) on Sun, 13 Sep 2015 17:30:08 GMT

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The problem with that is that the movement needed, or balance rather, is that it is for a very rare Ladies Pan Am. Everything has to match. I can staff it, but with my right thumb still screwed up from having cut it off a year and half ago, the smaller staffing jobs are problematic at best. I do so appreciate that offer. I wish it would work, but as stated previously, everything has to be original, or as you know, the value goes in the tank.!

Gracias mi hermano precioso!

Subject: Re: Gruen 210

Posted by [Barney Green](#) on Sun, 13 Sep 2015 17:38:51 GMT

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OK, that makes it more difficult. Sounds you need to fix a 210SS then?

The balance part should be the same, so this would not matter if it comes from a regular 210. Even a 211 would do I assume. If there is no one in the US who can help short term let me know I should have a movement with good balance which I could send to you.

Subject: Re: Gruen 210

Posted by [kastner](#) on Sun, 13 Sep 2015 18:36:21 GMT

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I've got a 210 stem, balance staff, intermediate bridge, winding pinion, clutch pinion, click spring, and setting spring. Maybe even hands and a crown. But no balance assembly. Let me know if you need any of the other parts.

Subject: Re: Gruen 210

Posted by [Timeticker](#) on Sun, 13 Sep 2015 22:32:52 GMT

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Thanks to Jason, Mikey, Gary, Barney Green, and Monkee! Yep, its a 210SS. I have 2, 211ss, but the staffs are broken on those too. Like I said, my right hand is still not there yet, but I can staff....just not the tiny guys. 300-400 series is where I draw the line. BTW, this watch repair is for a fellow here on the forum. Barney, I will let you know as soon as I know. Thanks you for your kindness!

Subject: Re: Gruen 210

Posted by [JackW](#) on Mon, 14 Sep 2015 02:05:39 GMT

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If it comes to doing the re-staffing. I've 210 staffs in the original Gruen packaging.

Subject: Re: Gruen 210

Posted by [Gary](#) on Mon, 14 Sep 2015 02:25:52 GMT

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JackW wrote on Mon, 14 September 2015 02:05If it comes to doing the re-staffing. I've 210 staffs in the original Gruen packaging.

Ditto! I have 3 packs of 210 staffs and 2 packs of 211 staffs as well.

Subject: Re: Gruen 210

Posted by [mikey](#) on Mon, 14 Sep 2015 14:10:11 GMT

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Just the thoughts of having to attempt a re-staff of a 210 movement gives me the heebie-jeebies...

Subject: Re: Gruen 210

Posted by [Timeticker](#) on Mon, 14 Sep 2015 15:37:26 GMT

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Well, it isn't the re-staffing that bothers me, it's the manipulation of the parts. When I screwed up my thumb, I screwed up my "hand" dominate thumb, as in the right hand. I still have the thumb, the nail grew back, but the end is numb, and I have a hard time with mechanical dexterity, as it were. I started with the big 18s American pocket watches, and staffing is a piece of cake, but as I progressed to finer higher end watches, I found that I need that right thumb for minute details to the furthest degree! Services and 95% of other work, not an issue, but tiny restaffs??? For example, I have a beautiful ladies Curvex that needs staffed, 2 211ss "nurses watch" that need staffed, but until I get back on my feet and get this hand working, then they will have to sit. Sad really....I would love to see some lovely lady wearing a beautiful vintage Gruen that I restored. (((((LONG LIVE GRUENS))))))
