
Subject: Quadron 61

Posted by [Gary](#) on Sat, 19 Sep 2015 21:48:55 GMT

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I made my way to the local watchmakers meeting this morning. I was lollygagging around with a five o'clock shadow, maybe twelve o'clock. I grabbed a cup of tea and made it in time for the mart. At the mart a fellow student and well known pocket watch guru hobbyist brought in some watches. Behold was this odd looking Gruen in the mix. The white/yellow gold mixed case looked odd, didn't look like the typical Gruen case. The price seemed good so needless to say I bought it.

Got it home and popped the back, whoa! Anyone know the model and a good band one would go with?

Model name : Gruen

Type : Quadron 61

Period/date : 1930

Gender :Male

Case Maker : Gruen-Weber

Case Material :18K karat white gold (bezel mixed white/yellow gold)

Case Serial : 102279

Case Style no : ?

Caliber :119

Movement Maker :Gruen

Movement Serial: 647119

Bracelet : Generic 12K gold plate band

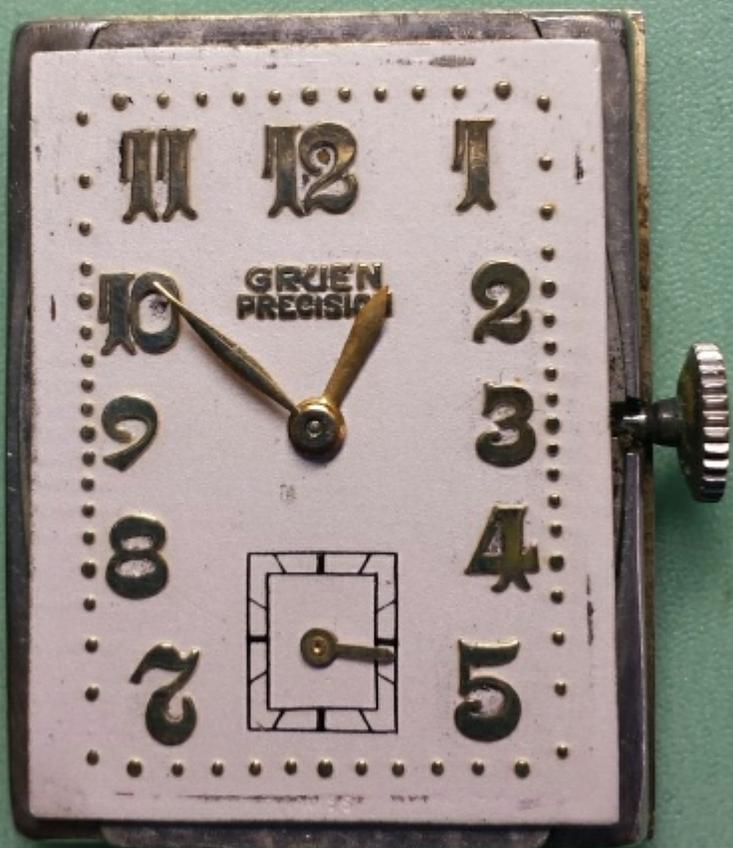
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CASE 29
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Subject: Re: Quadron?

Posted by [kastner](#) on Sat, 19 Sep 2015 21:53:50 GMT

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That's a great find and a wonderful watch. I don't recall ever seeing such "fat" numbers before.

Subject: Re: Quadron?

Posted by [Timeticker](#) on Sun, 20 Sep 2015 01:20:54 GMT

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I got a couple of dials like that.....fact, I got a slew of 157, and 117 parts. Quadrons can be finicky!!! Nice watch by the way!!

Subject: Re: Quadron?
Posted by [Timeticker](#) on Sun, 20 Sep 2015 01:23:16 GMT
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Ahhh, 119...even cooler! I didn't see that before....even nicer watch now!

Subject: Re: Quadron?
Posted by [mikey](#) on Sun, 20 Sep 2015 02:06:47 GMT
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Very nice!

Subject: Re: Quadron?
Posted by [JackW](#) on Sun, 20 Sep 2015 02:18:00 GMT
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Gary,

I do believe that you have a Quadron 61 on your hands. OMG!!! Have you looked at the info on Bruce's book, pages 16 and 17?

jeebus! That is the score of a lifetime.

Congrats.

Also are you sure that isn't green gold with the white gold?

As for the band... I'd suggest a nice black band with a solid gold buckle to match.

Post more pictures too!

Subject: Re: Quadron?
Posted by [Gary](#) on Sun, 20 Sep 2015 03:07:11 GMT
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Yes I'm not sure but it could be a tri-color gold. I have to get some better pictures. I won't even quote a price here, I was stunned when I popped the back off. At first I thought it was a knock-off because I've never seen a case like that. Almost had me believing this was post 50's Gruen. I guess the price really threw me for a loop.

Anyway I'm not familiar with the strap 61 and I don't hold Bruce's book. Does it resemble a Dartmouth?

Subject: Re: Quadron?
Posted by [JackW](#) on Sun, 20 Sep 2015 05:29:29 GMT
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The Dartmouth is in a goldfilled case with a cal 325.

I sent a note to Bruce because in his book he states that the Quadron 61 is likely a one of a kind. Your's matches the one he features right down to the engraving on back. Hence I would appreciate a side shot of your watch. Unfortunately, the one in the book is featured in BnW images. But lists a cal 119 in an two-tone 18K Weber case.

Subject: Re: Quadron?
Posted by [Gary](#) on Sun, 20 Sep 2015 13:49:34 GMT
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I added the side view to the original post.

Subject: Re: Quadron?
Posted by [JackW](#) on Sun, 20 Sep 2015 14:19:24 GMT
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It also dawned on me that Bruce's guide book features the 61 on the cover. In color. See the side of yours adds confidence to the ID, in my opinion. Go look at the listing in Amazon:
http://www.amazon.com/dp/0615505163/ref=rdr_ext_tmb

Also, the serial number is visible in the book too on the case 102268

Also, circa 1930.

Honestly, I'd defy anyone that say otherwise over the ID on your watch.

Subject: Re: Quadron?
Posted by [Gary](#) on Sun, 20 Sep 2015 15:08:26 GMT
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A cover girl! That case serial, wow, that seals it!

Thanks Jack!

Subject: Re: Quadron?
Posted by [timeliz](#) on Sun, 20 Sep 2015 17:09:40 GMT
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Nice one, Gary!

That's some crazy good karma at work...me thinks.

Subject: Re: Quadron?
Posted by [trim](#) on Sun, 20 Sep 2015 20:39:13 GMT
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Veeery nice! Just had a look in Bruce's book - Looks like it is worth investigating E. Dubois, Detroit.

Subject: Re: Quadron?
Posted by [Timeticker](#) on Mon, 21 Sep 2015 03:03:12 GMT
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Ok, so maybe I don't have a dial just like that!!! Lol!!!! Nice find Mr. Gary! Sometimes one gets lucky, and couldn't think of a nicer guy than you!!!

Subject: Re: Quadron?
Posted by [afire](#) on Mon, 21 Sep 2015 16:58:30 GMT
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Congrats Gary! That model is on my short list.

Subject: Re: Quadron?
Posted by [Bayleybird1996](#) on Tue, 22 Sep 2015 10:04:23 GMT
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WOW! What a wonderful find!!! Wonder where all it has been all these many years. So glad it's in your hands now.

Subject: Re: Quadron?
Posted by [Thojil](#) on Tue, 22 Sep 2015 10:56:06 GMT
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Great score!!

I guess for the time being I'll have to live with "just" a Dartmouth that I bought for 40 bucks this weekend

Seller's picture, so the real condition still a surprise.

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2) [Gruen Quadron Dartmouth cal.117 1.3.jpg](#), downloaded 2269 times



Subject: Re: Quadron?

Posted by [Bayleybird1996](#) on Tue, 22 Sep 2015 16:33:50 GMT

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Where might I find this picture in the Ehrhardts book? I see an Import 38 on Page 101 that looks similar. Help!

AHHHHH!!! I see it on Page 24. Is it okay that the dial is different? Gruen used many dials. Thanks.
