
Subject: How did this occur?

Posted by [timeliz](#) on Tue, 25 Apr 2017 18:24:38 GMT

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This was an interesting find upon opening my newest 833 model:

Did this happen intentionally or unintentionally at the factory; or was it a repairman's substitution? The ratchet wheel isn't normally a part that needs replacing. Very interesting.

Subject: Re: How did this occur?

Posted by [JackW](#) on Tue, 25 Apr 2017 19:44:42 GMT

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I think you will find your answer when you flip over the winding wheel. Looks like someone has engraved the backside.

Subject: Re: How did this occur?

Posted by [timeliz](#) on Tue, 25 Apr 2017 19:59:53 GMT

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I did have the thought that this could be the backside.
Now I'll have to go check out a couple other 833's....

Update: I checked the back of the ratchet wheel of 2 spare 833s and they are blank. Curious.

... just checked a third with serial number closer to the posted movement and its blank also.

Subject: Re: How did this occur?

Posted by [Thojil](#) on Sun, 30 Apr 2017 20:07:11 GMT

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timeliz wrote on Tue, 25 April 2017 20:24

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Unintentionally at the factory I would guess highly unlikely as it would have never passed through quality control from my perspective.

More likely a repairman's substitute. This happened(s) frequently with Gruen 877 and the Rolex 300 calibers I heard, where Gruen 877 movements are used for donor parts to restore a Rolex Prince which has a 3-4 times higher value than a Gruen Techni Quadron

Subject: Re: How did this occur?
Posted by [JackW](#) on Sun, 30 Apr 2017 22:02:36 GMT
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So was the backside of the one you posted also blank?

Subject: Re: How did this occur?
Posted by [timeliz](#) on Sun, 30 Apr 2017 22:23:05 GMT
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It was the backside showing. I just find it hard to believe a jeweler would have put it in upside-down;
but it does have multiple repair marks.

Subject: Re: How did this occur?
Posted by [Gary](#) on Mon, 01 May 2017 00:03:25 GMT
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Probably as a gift to impress the girlfriend.
