Subject: Strap 370

Posted by jcturner27 on Tue, 26 Sep 2017 22:56:56 GMT

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Model name: 370

Type :Strap

Period/date :1939 Gender :Gents

Case Maker :Pioneer Watch Case Co. Case Material :10K GF Bezel, Guildite Back

Case Serial :10811 Case Style no :

Caliber:705

Movement Maker: Gruen Movement Serial: 4-20211

Bracelet:

Other info:

I really need some help identifying this watch that I've just acquired, thanks =]

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Subject: Re: HELP ID this gruen

Posted by Barney Green on Wed, 27 Sep 2017 17:46:10 GMT

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Hmmm, hard to ID.

I can't see a style number in the case, I would assume that the movement is a caliber 704. This could be a Strap 370 from about 1939, but I am not really sure.

Other opinions please?

Subject: Re: HELP ID this gruen

Posted by jcturner27 on Wed, 27 Sep 2017 20:30:33 GMT

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I just took another look into it, I could be totally off, but what I made out with a magnifying glass is 57470 hand engraved above that 100811 stamp. Also in the top left hand corner, hand engraved are the numbers 623963 OR 523963 and 6m825. Hope that may help.

Subject: Re: HELP ID this gruen

Posted by Gary on Wed, 27 Sep 2017 20:41:15 GMT

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I'd speculate that you have a Gruen Kent

Subject: Re: HELP ID this gruen

Posted by jcturner27 on Wed, 27 Sep 2017 20:48:05 GMT

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I think you may be on the right track there, but the only advertisement I've been able to find so far says this Kent has a 15 jewel movement, is it possible they made a model with the 17 jewel movement as well?

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Subject: Re: HELP ID this gruen

Posted by timeliz on Wed, 27 Sep 2017 21:43:44 GMT

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OP's crystal is rectangular; the Kent's crystal has curved sides.

Just moved and haven't yet located my reference books.

Subject: Re: HELP ID this gruen

Posted by jcturner27 on Wed, 27 Sep 2017 22:04:13 GMT

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Yes, sides are parallel to one another and not curved; however it is domed.

Subject: Re: HELP ID this gruen

Posted by jcturner27 on Wed, 27 Sep 2017 22:23:01 GMT

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What do you all think? Other than the hour hand and mine having the 705 movement it looks dead on to me. But i am FAR from being an expert.

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Subject: Re: HELP ID this gruen

Posted by Barney Green on Thu, 28 Sep 2017 07:59:17 GMT

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Like I said at first, Strap 370. Unfortunately I have not found a sales name for this watch. As I can see, you have bought Mike's Gruen Catalog, wise move.

Subject: Re: HELP ID this gruen

Posted by afire on Thu, 28 Sep 2017 16:04:15 GMT

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I agree with Strap 370. Movement discrepancy notwithstanding, there aren't any other candidates. And I'm sure the hour hand is a replacement.

Subject: Re: HELP ID this gruen

Posted by jcturner27 on Thu, 28 Sep 2017 20:16:41 GMT

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I put her up on Ebay if anyone is interested. http://www.ebay.com/itm/1930s-Gruen-Strap-370/152721258659