
Subject: WTB: 1925 Gruen Strap
Posted by [dall-houston](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2017 02:26:25 GMT
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I want to purchase a 1925 Gruen Precision in solid white gold. The documents I've seen refer to it as a Strap 35. (According to my research it was only available in solid white gold and solid green gold.)

As an option, I'm also interested in the 1925 Gruen Strap 16 in solid white gold. Gruen documents this watch as being for doctors and nurses.

I'm sure they are both rare, but if anyone can find me one or the other it would be you!

Subject: Re: WTB: 1925 Gruen Strap
Posted by [Barney Green](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2017 16:03:40 GMT
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Hi there,

welcome to this forum. Both watches you are keen on are not solid gold. Strap 16 is available in white and yellow gold color, but are gold filled. You are right there is a sweep second variant with long central second hand and as such it was a good model to take a pulse.

Strap 35 is as well gold filled, this time with an extra thick plating called "reinforced with gold". Thickness of the gold plating is about a third...

Strap 35 was only available in white gold color. I am not aware of a solid gold variant of this watch.

So what you might be looking for is a Strap 24 which is the cushion form, round glass, sweep second variant in solid white gold.

Best regards
Barney

Subject: Re: WTB: 1925 Gruen Strap
Posted by [afire](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2017 16:13:56 GMT
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I don't have my catalog handy to see what Strap 24 is, but I can say that in nearly 20 years, the only solid gold men's sweep seconds 826 model I've ever seen in the wild (several times) is the 14k green gold Strap 17, one of which I used to own.

Whatever Strap 24 is, it must be pretty rare. But there are a ton of models from this era that I've never actually spotted, yet they obviously exist. So, dig in and keep looking.

Subject: Re: WTB: 1925 Gruen Strap
Posted by [dall-houston](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2017 16:22:23 GMT
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None of the information I have collected shows a Strap 24.

Any guidance and clarification you can provide will be genuinely appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dall

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Posted by [dall-houston](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2017 16:50:23 GMT
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Posted by [Barney Green](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2017 17:47:24 GMT
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Hi Dali,

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<http://www.lulu.com/shop/mike-barnett/the-gruen-watch-catalog-economical-soft-cover/paperback/product-22412671.html>

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Subject: Re: WTB: 1925 Gruen Strap
Posted by [dall-houston](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2017 20:14:08 GMT
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Lulu FYI: Effective tomorrow (10/20/17), there will be a coupon code listed at <http://www.lulu.com/home> for more than 15% off all books. The person I spoke with said they are not allowed to say how much more, but they did say it would be worth waiting until tomorrow to place my order.

Dall

Subject: Re: WTB: 1925 Gruen Strap
Posted by [Barney Green](#) on Fri, 20 Oct 2017 06:41:53 GMT
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You might try code LULU25 right now, which ends Oct, 23rd. It will save you 25% if it works in the US...

Subject: Re: WTB: 1925 Gruen Strap
Posted by [dall-houston](#) on Sat, 21 Oct 2017 16:27:24 GMT
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Thank you!

The 25% discount worked!
