Subject: Gruen Veri Thin - 1941 VT Airway Posted by testguy on Sun, 11 Feb 2018 22:06:00 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Mens Gruen Verithin inside cover marked: Cased and Timed in USA by The Gruen Watch Company 10k gold filled bezel 387/405 2873003 Movement marked: 15 jewels "Conourma" S/N 898436 Any info would be appreciated. I would like to know the model number and approx. date of manufacture. Thank you. Brian

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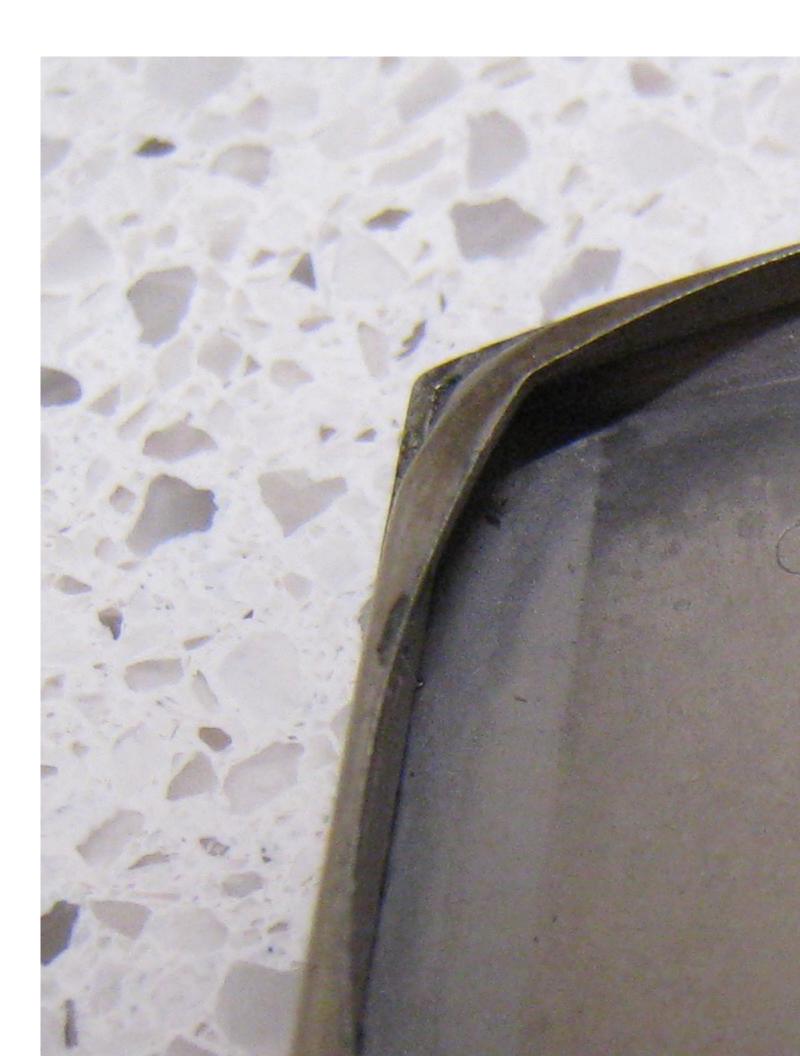
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Hi there and welcome to the vintage Gruen forums.

The style number, 387 returns a date of 1939 via this site - http://www.gruenwristwatches.com/new-dating-method-2.php

The case is marked 405 (the caliber number) but your watch movement is the 406. So it is a distinct possibility that the movement original to the watch was swapped.

The serial on the movement is high but with the plain ratchet wheel, so this is pre-reset. So 1940 is a good bet, +/- a year.

As to name.... Not finding anything in the ID books I have that are close enough to call it. It does look like strap 380 (no name though) in Shawkey's book page, 127. Interestingly, this entry is marked as having a cal 406.

Hope this helps!

Subject: Re: Gruen Veri Thin Posted by testguy on Sun, 11 Feb 2018 22:30:55 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

thanks

Subject: Re: Gruen Veri Thin Posted by Barney Green on Mon, 12 Feb 2018 10:33:03 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Serial numbers of case and movement are giving a 1941 production date. I agree that it is Strap 380 which was sold under two differnent names depending on the strap it was coming with. The version with leather strap was the Veri-Thin Airway while the version with a metal strap was called the Veri-Thin Clipper. This has not been like the Flex band you have there which is a after market strap from about 40 or more years later.

Barney

Subject: Re: Gruen Veri Thin Posted by testguy on Mon, 12 Feb 2018 19:53:58 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Thanks

The watch was ID'd by Barney some time ago, but here is an image from the 1941 catalog that shows the watch:

