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Subject: 215RSS mens El Dorado "UFO watch"

Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Tue, 05 Jun 2018 23:22:29 GMT

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Model name : UFO???

Type : mens wristwatch

Period/date : 1950s

Gender : mens

Case Maker : Gruen Watch Co.

Case Material : 10k Gold Filled

Case Serial : 49093

Case Style no : 030 (1,030)

Caliber : 215RSS

Movement Maker : Gruen

Movement Serial: n/a

Bracelet : original matching Gruen strap, in suede and gold foil with a leather backing

Other info : The 215RSS movement, normally used in ladies' watches, is used here because the flared case edges do not allow for a conventionally sized movement.

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Posted by [Silvercloud](#) on Mon, 23 Nov 2020 22:31:31 GMT  
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This a 1958 Gruen 'Eldorado'. I've only seen a couple in 5 years of searching on eBay & I bought both of them.

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Subject: Re: 215RSS mens "UFO"  
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Mon, 23 Nov 2020 22:48:10 GMT  
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Did you buy mine then? I hope so. It deserved a good home.

I sold it on ebay two or three years ago - I felt that it was too big for my wrist, and anyway I couldn't bear to wear out that strap...

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Subject: Re: 215RSS mens "UFO"  
Posted by [scott allison](#) on Thu, 07 Nov 2024 15:18:29 GMT  
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I picked one of these up, does anyone know what years they were made?  
Any catalog pages or adverts?

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Subject: Re: 215RSS mens "UFO"  
Posted by [Barney Green](#) on Fri, 08 Nov 2024 18:05:15 GMT  
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I can confirm the model name Eldorado and 1958...

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Subject: Re: 215RSS mens "UFO"  
Posted by [JackW](#) on Fri, 08 Nov 2024 18:11:42 GMT  
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Barney, if anyone would have had an advert, it was you. Thank you for sharing this.

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Subject: Re: 215RSS mens "UFO"  
Posted by [Barney Green](#) on Fri, 08 Nov 2024 22:00:55 GMT  
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Subject: Re: 215RSS mens "UFO"  
Posted by [scott allison](#) on Sat, 09 Nov 2024 14:54:58 GMT  
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Barney Green wrote on Fri, 08 November 2024 18:05I can confirm the model name Eldorado and 1958...

So good, thanks Barney 8)

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Subject: Re: 215RSS mens "UFO"  
Posted by [scott allison](#) on Sat, 09 Nov 2024 14:57:17 GMT  
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Thanks a million for sharing, would love to see more info.

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Subject: Re: 215RSS mens "UFO"  
Posted by [Barney Green](#) on Sat, 09 Nov 2024 17:21:48 GMT  
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Scott,

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Barney

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Subject: Re: 215RSS mens "UFO"

Posted by [scott allison](#) on Sat, 09 Nov 2024 17:38:02 GMT

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Barney

Will do, much appreciated!

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Posted by [Barney Green](#) on Sat, 09 Nov 2024 22:00:42 GMT

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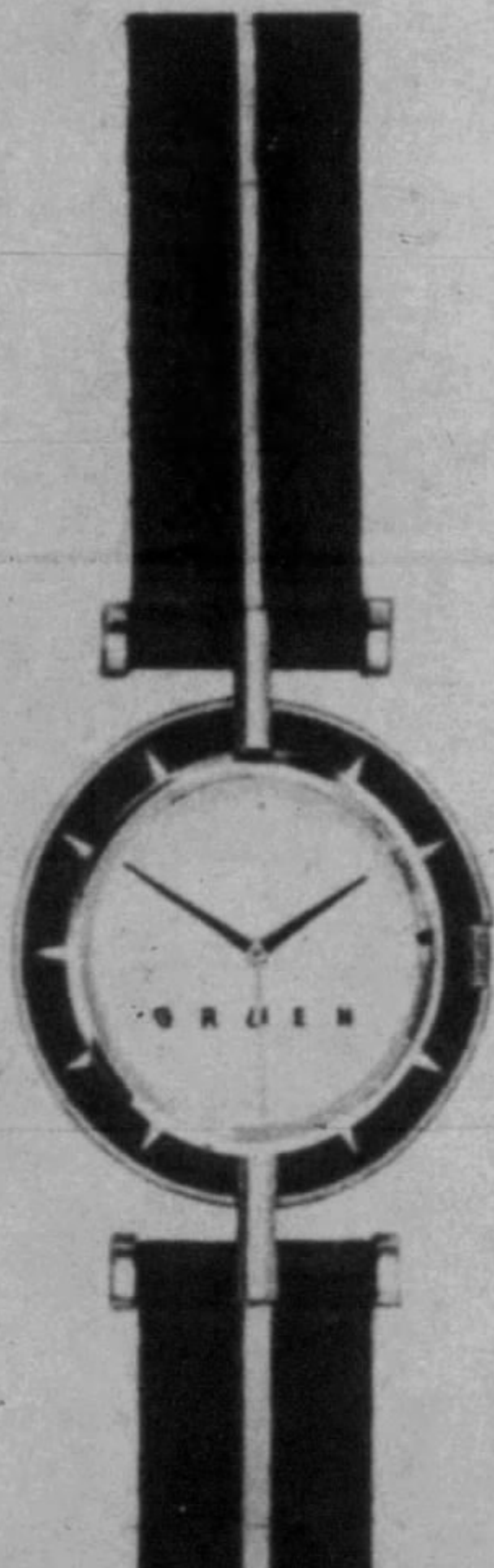
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