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Subject: WTB -- Chrono-Timer  
Posted by [MonKee](#) on Fri, 14 Jun 2013 22:29:31 GMT  
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Since Thojil's dog is an effective deterrent I shall have to seek a Chrono-Timer elsewhere. If any members have knowledge of one available I would appreciate hearing about it.

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer  
Posted by [Gary](#) on Fri, 14 Jun 2013 23:29:31 GMT  
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Dog? Me you both! This one is too rich for my tastes but if one like Thojil's showed up I would seriously think about it!

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer  
Posted by [MonKee](#) on Sat, 15 Jun 2013 02:05:36 GMT  
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I hear you Gary. Honestly, price is probably the one thing that really puzzles me when it comes to Chrono Timer watches. It seems asking prices are all over the place and I am not really sure what a fair price would or should be. Hopefully someone here can give me a bit of a road map so to speak.

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer  
Posted by [afire](#) on Sat, 15 Jun 2013 04:15:15 GMT  
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MonKee wrote on Sat, 15 June 2013 02:05 I hear you Gary. Honestly, price is probably the one thing that really puzzles me when it comes to Chrono Timer watches. It seems asking prices are all over the place...

Asking prices are just that. Wait for one to show up as a real auction. I got my Chrono-Timer that way. It was a nice clean SS example. I paid about \$500 or so, and sold it for about the same. I know people ask big bucks, but with something as "routine" as a Chrono-Timer, I'd bide my time and wait for a true no reserve auction. You'll do a lot better. And when I say "routine," I realize they aren't exactly common, but they do show up a couple times per year.

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer  
Posted by [MonKee](#) on Sat, 15 Jun 2013 12:24:35 GMT  
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Thanks Afire, Are there particular auction sites I should monitor or just Ebay?

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer  
Posted by [MonKee](#) on Sat, 15 Jun 2013 22:02:45 GMT  
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While I was debating someone else bought the watch !!

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer  
Posted by [Gary](#) on Sat, 15 Jun 2013 23:16:11 GMT  
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We can get a better one for that price. Good that it's gone for our sake.

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer  
Posted by [JackW](#) on Sat, 15 Jun 2013 23:26:22 GMT  
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GaryM wrote on Sat, 15 June 2013 23:16We can get a better one for that price. Good that it's gone for our sake.  
Until the new owner shows up here looking for info and/or help.

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer  
Posted by [Thojil](#) on Sun, 16 Jun 2013 21:50:28 GMT  
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MonKee wrote on Sun, 16 June 2013 00:02While I was debating someone else bought the watch !!

Was that the steel case that went for 850\$? Not sure what the price should be, but 850\$ sounds about right for a steel Chrono-Timer. Gold in good condition like mine go for 1,200-1,500\$ on eBay. Possibly you'll find one cheaper in a regular auction. On the other hand when you check chrono24.com you will see that prices are way higher (gold for 3,000€ and steel for 2,250€).

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer  
Posted by [afire](#) on Mon, 17 Jun 2013 00:20:48 GMT  
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Chrono24 dealers tend to price on the high side. And I wasn't suggesting that these show up all the time or are easy to snag for under \$850, but as with pretty much anything, if you wait for one to show up as a NR auction, that's how you're likely to get the best price.

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer

Posted by [Thojil](#) on Mon, 17 Jun 2013 07:37:07 GMT

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Agree

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Posted by [MonKee](#) on Mon, 17 Jun 2013 11:00:43 GMT

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Gentlemen, Thanks for the guidance . I assure you it's much appreciated. I do hope if anyone knows of one being auctioned somewhere they will make me aware of where it's at. That also would be much appreciated.

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer

Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Mon, 24 Jun 2013 22:19:02 GMT

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Chronograph also ok? No reserve bidding: 390614318086

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer

Posted by [JackW](#) on Mon, 24 Jun 2013 23:02:26 GMT

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That one in the above eBay listing is a valjoux 7733.

[http://www.ranfft.de/cgi-bin/bidfun-db.cgi?10&ranfft& ;amp ;0&2uswk&Valjoux\\_7737](http://www.ranfft.de/cgi-bin/bidfun-db.cgi?10&ranfft& ;amp ;0&2uswk&Valjoux_7737)

The chronotimer was a Gruen movement as far as I know.

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer  
Posted by [afire](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2013 02:05:07 GMT  
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JackW wrote on Mon, 24 June 2013 23:02The chronotimer was a Gruen movement as far as I know.

I don't think so. I don't recall the details, but somebody on the old board (maybe thojill or keeth?) identified it as somebody else's ebauche. I only remember it because around the same time a NOS case was on eBay and I (like many others) have a NOS dial, so I did some digging to see if it was a relatively common movement like some of these Valjoux calibers, and it wasn't at all.

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer  
Posted by [JackW](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2013 03:09:33 GMT  
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Cool! I bet Cary could offer some insight.

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer  
Posted by [afire](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2013 04:24:54 GMT  
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Don't take me at my word on that one. It's just my recollection. I could be wrong. From what I can tell, it's a cal. 450 and I can't find any cross reference. Maybe my recollection is wrong.

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer  
Posted by [Thojil](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2013 09:30:46 GMT  
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Don't blame me... Actually my opinion is that the 450 is a Gruen movement based on the fact that the base caliber shares many parts with cal. 405 and 430 (Material Catalog 448, page 54). Maybe the specific chrono parts were supplied by another manufacturer, something which is still common practice today.

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer  
Posted by [JackW](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2013 12:34:35 GMT

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you two are giving me a good laugh this morning... "Don't blame me" lol!

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer

Posted by [afire](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2013 15:25:35 GMT

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Like I said, I might be wrong (and am starting to think I was wrong). But somehow I can't help feeling like it's thojil's fault anyway. I think you should still blame him.

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer

Posted by [Thojil](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2013 15:32:55 GMT

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Subject: Re: WTB -- Chrono-Timer

Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2013 16:02:16 GMT

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Quote:I can't help feeling like it's thojil's fault anyway.

Gosh. I can't wipe a smile off my face.

My fault? Like a said... Chronograph, not Chronotimer. Still looking cool.

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