
Subject: Calibers 881 (7J) & 8357B (17J) - Guild 6.75L Rounded Cartouche (sisters to 15J 835B)

Posted by [Case](#) on Wed, 01 Jul 2020 21:15:23 GMT

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Here's a caliber that came and went in a hurry: seemingly added & also discontinued in early to mid-30s.

This one bears only Gruen Guild marks (no A) and no full Aegler sn on bridges. Conorama stamps. Presuming it is transitional, ca1933-35.

It is the 7J sister to the 835B (15J) and 8357B (17J) with same footprint. Compatible in size/shape to the 165, as well as its 163 & 153 round-edge variant predecessors. The 881SS was a sweep second variant.

Hope to add in other variants below.

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1) [93F95516-3602-42B6-A0E7-1CD7C57E115A.jpeg](#), downloaded 2086 times



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Posted by [Case](#) on Sun, 22 Nov 2020 04:29:30 GMT

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Adding the 8357B here, from Adrian's post. Note "835 B" stamped below balance & the capped jewel unique to the 17J variant.

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Posted by [afire](#) on Sun, 22 Nov 2020 22:57:14 GMT

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The thing that's always intrigued me about these calibers is how specific could the casing needs have been to make it worth shaving off those minuscule sharp edges worthwhile.

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Posted by [Case](#) on Mon, 23 Nov 2020 02:21:06 GMT

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Agreed! It seems to be a modularity move. Could this also have been a way to have a bespoke Gruen-only Aegler design? I don't know enough about Rolex, but I wonder if they adopted the ovals or stayed with original 835 design.

Chicken or egg on who went rounded first? I think the first move was the 153: first some 153s came rounded (ca1928), then the rounded ones were rebranded 163, then shortly after rebranded again to 165. All while angular 153s were still in play. The 835B shows up somewhere in that time. But to your point—why change at all?
