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Subject: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family  
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2020 19:40:22 GMT  
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Model name : Trooper  
Type : Curvex  
Period/date : 1940s to post-war  
Gender : men's

Case Maker : Wadsworth  
Case Material : either 14k gold, 10k gold, or 10k gold over sterling silver (all shown below)  
Case Serial :  
Case Style no : 450

Caliber : 440  
Movement Maker : Gruen Precision factory  
Movement Serial:

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1) [440:450 14k back.jpg](#), downloaded 1068 times

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2) [440:450 14k mvt.jpg](#), downloaded 1077 times



SEVENTEEN  
JEWELS 17  
PRECISION

This image shows a close-up of the back of a watch case, revealing the internal movement. The case back is made of a light-colored metal, possibly aluminum or steel, and is engraved with the text "SEVENTEEN JEWELS 17 PRECISION". The number "17" is positioned to the right of the word "JEWELS". Several jewels, which are small, clear or red crystals used to reduce friction in the movement, are visible through circular openings in the case back. The watch is resting on a dark, textured surface, and the background is a light-colored, patterned fabric.

3) [440:450 family back.jpg](#), downloaded 1056 times



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This seems a fitting place to memorialize my Trooper family. All the case types, and two of the dial styles.

I had to sell the 14k one - it goes into the mail today. But here's a shot of them all together.

If anyone is interested, I'm probably going to sell the left-most (10k GF) one. It has a bad balance, but otherwise looks good. Now that I don't have the set, I have no reason to keep it. You can tell from the picture which one gets worn... (I really like the tarnished sterling look.)

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Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family  
Posted by [Gary](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2020 20:10:49 GMT  
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Wonderful collection of pink troopers! Funny you collected pink, I collected yellow.

Gotta wonder if the gold in the trooper case line had a different alloy makeup because of the war? My GF trooper is tarnished like yours. Out of all my 100 so ought gruens this is the only tarnished one I have run into except now seeing yours.

Solid gold troopers seems to be the norm as well. The inscribed one is solid. I would loved to added the one you sold to my collection. :d

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Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2020 20:43:05 GMT  
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My tarnished one is 10k on a sterling base. I'm pretty sure that the tarnish is silver tarnish

migrating through the gold. Does yours have an S on the case beneath 440 450? If so it's sterling base too. I'm 99% confident already.

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Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family  
Posted by [Ephemerald](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2020 20:57:45 GMT  
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Your lugs look tarnished where Gary's does not at all, interesting....hard to tell for sure though.

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Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family  
Posted by [Gary](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2020 21:44:46 GMT  
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Yes the S notation. Just seems some what of a coincidence that 2 troopers have it.

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Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family  
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Fri, 10 Jul 2020 02:14:09 GMT  
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Tons of watches have it. I collect them. I can show you wristwatches, pocketwatches, whatever you want to see. Nearly all with that tarnish; all with sterling base.

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Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family  
Posted by [timeliz](#) on Fri, 10 Jul 2020 02:47:59 GMT  
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I also have numerous sterling base cases,  
and all of them tarnish if I don't keep them polished.

Like that's gonna happen.

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Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family  
Posted by [JackW](#) on Sat, 11 Jul 2020 02:19:27 GMT  
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On one of the Facebook watch groups, there was a similar discussion on the tarnishing of gold over silver filled metal. I posited that the materials that the storage box is made from may be off-gassing something (formaldehyde? hydrogen sulfide?) and potentially exacerbating the tarnishing. I'd suggest a ziploc baggie; the tarnish is coming from reaction with something in the air (sulfur based generally).

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Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family  
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Sat, 11 Jul 2020 16:32:17 GMT  
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Yes - anything you can do to prevent air circulation is good. Silver tarnishes (slowly) in plain air, even without additional environmental factors.

I like the tarnish look though (at least when it's uniform and well-developed). It's actually a big part of the reason that I pick up the sterling ones whenever I can.

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Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family  
Posted by [timeliz](#) on Sat, 11 Jul 2020 21:48:38 GMT  
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Silver based cases are my preference. Even when the gold layer wears off, the case is still beautiful, and no wear-through holes as with other base metals.

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And that's the other part!

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