
Subject: Ristside Varsity 1938

Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Mon, 24 Jun 2013 22:34:30 GMT

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Model name : Varsity

Type : Ristside

Period/date : 1938

Gender : Male

Case Maker : Star watch case co

Case Material : 10kgf bezel, guildite back

Case Serial : 665660

Case Style no : 352

Caliber : 401

Movement Maker : ?

Movement Serial: 4-50206

Bracelet : not original, flex usa pat 3587226 (1971)

Other info : You can only wear this watch on the side of your wrist. When you're driving it is easy to see the time. Strap size is 13mm. In general this model shows a lot of wear on the lugs. A patent for Gruen's side wrist watch is: US2187205A

[Picture caseback inside]

[Picture movement]

[Picture ad] - There is an advertising card (march 1939) which shows this watch

File Attachments

1) [Front Ristside Varsity Small 1.jpg](#), downloaded 2324 times



2) [Side Ristside Varsity Small 1.jpg](#), downloaded 2372 times



Subject: Re: Ristside Varsity 1938

Posted by [mikey](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2013 02:04:11 GMT

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Very nice. Are they a bit awkward to get used to when wearing?

Subject: Re: Ristside Varsity 1938

Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2013 16:13:11 GMT

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No, this one and my ladies ristside are comfortable to wear. I drive a lot. Even more, I think I bump them less than "normal" watches.

Subject: Re: Ristside Varsity 1938
Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Tue, 25 May 2021 19:34:32 GMT
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This watch deserved a nice pigskin strap. With one end longer than the other one to get the clasp on the normal spot on your wrist. Something like this (picture from Cary?):

I gave up finding one. But I did pick up a Golfers Pal. This had a continuous strap made from pigskin.

I don't have professional leather tools... but alternatives did the job too.

The steps I took: cut the strap in half, make the end thinner, make is smaller (for the lugs).

Glue it (and wait...), make holes, sew it.

Happy with the end result!

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1) [Ristside strap.JPG](#), downloaded 1940 times



2) [Golfers Pal Elgin.JPG](#), downloaded 1954 times

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3) [Steps_2.jpeg](#), downloaded 1924 times



4) [Steps_1.jpeg](#), downloaded 1925 times



5) [Below.jpeg](#), downloaded 1989 times



6) [Side.jpeg](#), downloaded 1979 times



Subject: Re: Ristside Varsity 1938
Posted by [afire](#) on Tue, 25 May 2021 20:31:13 GMT
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Nice!

Subject: Re: Ristside Varsity 1938
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Wed, 26 May 2021 00:38:35 GMT
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I am very impressed!

Subject: Re: Ristside Varsity 1938
Posted by [Case](#) on Wed, 26 May 2021 16:51:26 GMT
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Well done! And love that Gruen!

Subject: Re: Ristside Varsity 1938
Posted by [Passion](#) on Wed, 22 Oct 2025 05:02:44 GMT
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Very beautiful watch and beautiful strape ;-)

Subject: Re: Ristside Varsity 1938
Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Wed, 22 Oct 2025 20:42:36 GMT
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Thanx. I think I can (should) make a better strap for it. Learned some skills, accumulated some
