Subject: Octagon Wristlet
Posted by Ephemerald on Fri, 11 Sep 2020 20:33:15 GMT
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Model name : Unknown.
Type : Octagon Wristlet.
Period/date : Early 1920s
Gender : Female.

Case Maker :GRUEN
Case Material :18K White Gold, Platinum top, 12 diamond
Case Serial :9338
Case Style no :n/a

Caliber : 103
Movement Maker : Gruen W. Co
Movement Serial:n/a 15 JEWELS, 4 ADJS

Bracelet : TBD, not original.

Other info : Plat. Faced, Gruen, 9338, O 103. 18k. Gruen crown; not original.

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One of the ads that Bernd found showing the closest match to this model. c; 1922.

Case also pointed out to me similarities in some of these from WCOW 1918. Diamond setting similar to 25E, among other things.

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PLATE 25A

Diamond Decorated Octagon

Platinum top, green or white gold case.



PLATE 25B

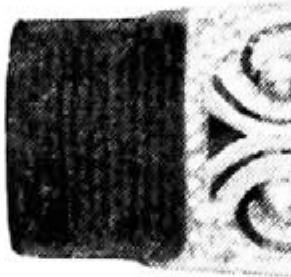
The Maltese

Made in all platinum, or platinum top, with white gold case. Set with AA1 diamonds.



PLATE 25C

Chased with two diamonds, in white or green gold.



Subject: Re: Octagon Wristlet
Posted by thesnark17 on Fri, 11 Sep 2020 21:43:08 GMT
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A very fine watch indeed! Nice to see another one from the high end.

Subject: Re: Octagon Wristlet
Posted by Ephemerald on Fri, 11 Sep 2020 23:23:09 GMT
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Thanks,
Did not hesitate for one second in saving it. In fact, I had to pull the trigger without a pic of the movement, something I don't recommend.
Def more high end than I am! :lol:

Subject: Re: Octagon Wristlet
Posted by Case on Sat, 12 Sep 2020 01:26:17 GMT
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It’s a beauty, Matt. Congrats again!

Is the interior all yellow gold?

Subject: Re: Octagon Wristlet
Posted by Ephemerald on Sat, 12 Sep 2020 04:16:44 GMT
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Case wrote on Fri, 11 September 2020 19:26
Is the interior all yellow gold?
Yes.

Subject: Re: Octagon Wristlet
Posted by Barney Green on Sat, 12 Sep 2020 11:22:15 GMT
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What a beauty, love it! Interesting that it is a two layer construction with an inner yellow gold and outer platinum shell. Is this because white gold at this time was still hard to compose?

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Posted by Case on Sat, 12 Sep 2020 13:52:04 GMT
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Looking at cost per Troy Oz in 1920, platinum was $100, gold only $20.67. Platinum was spiking $150+ in 1918-19.

That would make this version more affordable, if still opulent. Still looks like it's at least 50% platinum!

18k white alloy is problematic for a wristie—has to be replated every 3-6 months on wedding bands, cuz it's 75% yellow stuff. Did they do 18k white on anything? Too classy for me to own one!

Subject: Re: Octagon Wristlet
Posted by Ephemerald on Sat, 12 Sep 2020 17:45:05 GMT
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Barney Green wrote on Sat, 12 September 2020 05:22What a beauty, love it! Interesting that it is a two layer construction with an inner yellow gold and outer platinum shell. Is this because white gold at this time was still hard to compose?
I am still trying to figure out the construction. Let me revise a bit.
Where the data on the inner caseback is stamped, clearly white gold (don't be decieved by reflection)But the support collar around the caseback, I'm positive now, is actually green gold.

Outer shell is platinum.

Platinum top for sure.

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Posted by Barney Green on Sat, 12 Sep 2020 18:03:34 GMT
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I'd say:
18k white gold back
18k green gold inner support ring (may be 14k only)
Platinum top

Just wild guessing...