Subject: Gruen Autowind Strap 758
Posted by Race Bannon on Sun, 28 Mar 2021 19:58:23 GMT
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Hello! My mother is visiting my grandmother and she sent me some pictures of one of his watches asking if I wanted it. My plan is to get it restored while keeping it as original as possible. I cannot find much information on the specific dial and was hoping you all may be able to help. Unfortunately I wont have the watch in hand until june to be able to open it and examine the movement. Any information at all would be great (I realize that a restoration will cost more than the value of the watch most likely, but we wear watches that speak to us, sometime history is woth more than market value) Thanks!

Edited by jenneke: added pictures inline

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Subject: Re: Gruen Precision Autowind Identification
Posted by thesnark17 on Mon, 29 Mar 2021 02:42:52 GMT
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This is an automatic watch from the 1950s. It most likely has the 17 jewel 480ss caliber inside. You are more likely to find success identifying it by looking for the case design - dials can vary quite a lot, but this is a reasonably common case design.

It's quite possible that the movement is still in working order. The 480ss is a fairly rugged design by vintage standards. The watch was probably retired when the hands fell off. Of course, that's all speculation.

It definitely needs a good cleaning inside and out, but just looking at it, I suspect that it will be pretty economical to get it going again (by vintage watch standards!).

Subject: Re: Gruen Precision Autowind Identification
Posted by Race Bannon on Mon, 29 Mar 2021 03:34:35 GMT
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Oh man that is awesome information! Thank you!

Subject: Re: Gruen Precision Autowind Identification
Posted by Ephemerald on Wed, 31 Mar 2021 22:17:48 GMT
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This looks like a Strap 758. Circa 1952 or 1953. Should be Style 769.

Subject: Re: Gruen Precision Autowind Identification
Posted by Ephemerald on Fri, 02 Apr 2021 07:19:18 GMT
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Race, I thought a pic of dial in a bit better shape would be a good reference for you.

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Also. So you can see what your Strap 758 looks like with a different dial & hand options.

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