
Subject: The Caliber 250 Dietrich Gruen

Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Mon, 25 Apr 2022 01:18:40 GMT

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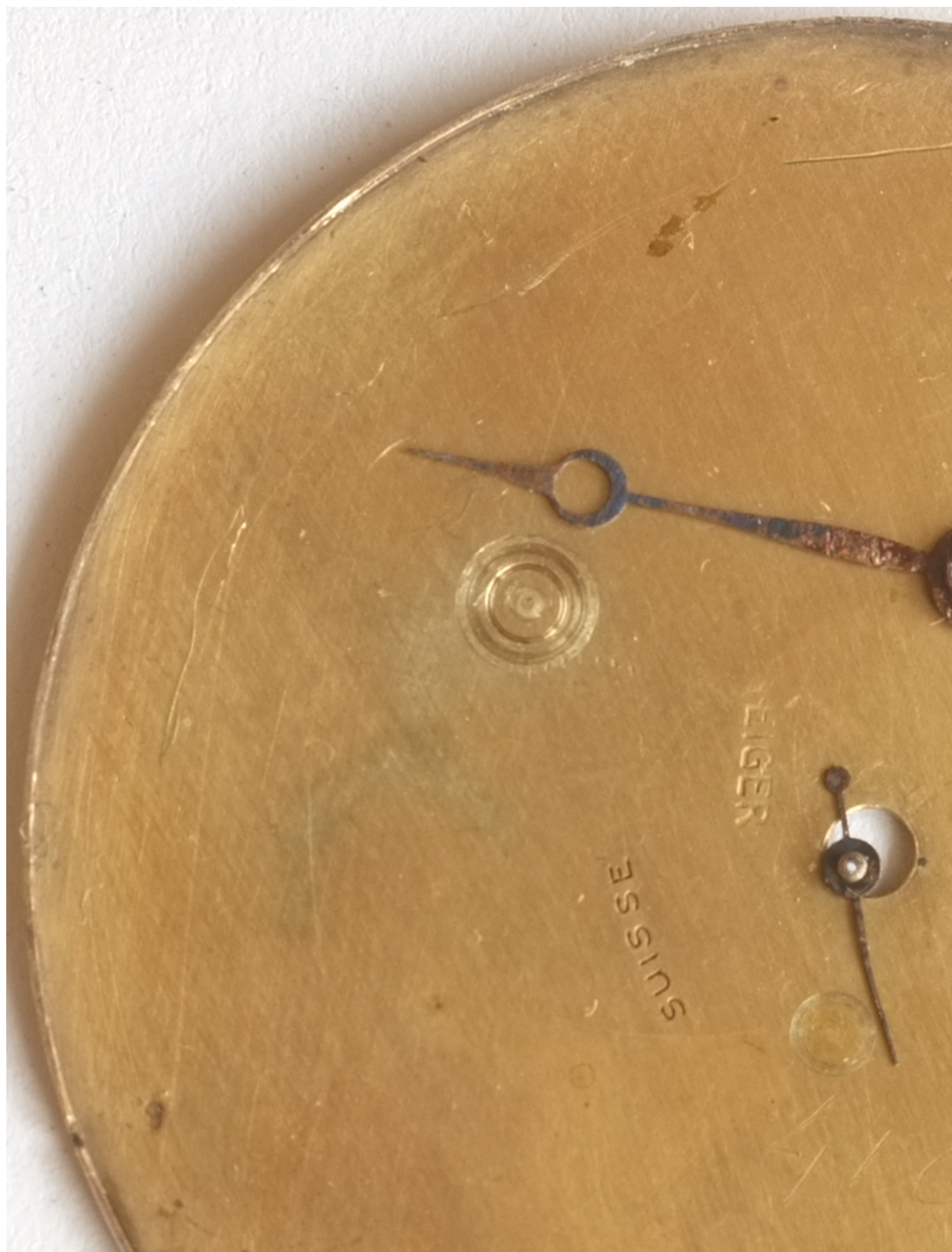
About 1,000 early UltraThins were made, between SN 41,000 and 42,500. They are impressively thin, and impeccably finished throughout. Some (though not this one) are graded Extra Precision. It is unknown whether the later UltraThins in SN 148-150k and 185k are the same in all respects.

Of interest, the dial is marked with the movement serial number, and also has a manufacturer's mark. It is a sterile dial on the front.

EDIT -- this is not an UltraThin, it is a caliber 250 without wind indicator.

File Attachments

1) [UT dial back.jpg](#), downloaded 2013 times



2) [UT mvt.jpg](#), downloaded 2016 times



3) [UT dial side.jpg](#), downloaded 2004 times



Subject: Re: The Caliber UltraThin
Posted by [Case](#) on Mon, 25 Apr 2022 13:04:26 GMT
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Thank you for posting this—it is a remarkable movement. But I will say, it is not an Ultrathin. It is an even rarer caliber: the time-only variant of the Caliber 250 (aka the Dietrich Gruen), which is always shown & seen in the 23j up-down version. However, it was originally advertised as available without the up-down complication. Compare the middle bridge and center jewel—you'll see what I mean.

This is the only one I've ever seen, perhaps only a handful ever made. I've scoured the forums for years for a live example! Congratulations!

To prove it, here is a true UT, sn 41138 (earlier than yours), already with the distinctive upturned middle bridge.

<https://mb.nawcc.org/threads/rare-and-how-early-veri-thin-gruen.63924/>

And the price guide listing...

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1) [C171C31A-7DEC-41D2-92AF-56416FC12C30.jpeg](#), downloaded 1651 times

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THE DIETRICH GRUEN MODEL	
With WINDING Indicator As Illustrated	\$315.00
In Verithin Size	385.00
In 12 Size Without Indicator	290.00
With MINUTE Repeater	580.00
With Minute Repeater and SPLIT SECOND	825.00

Subject: Re: The Caliber UltraThin
Posted by [Case](#) on Mon, 25 Apr 2022 13:21:53 GMT
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I'm truly elated to see this—hence the edits and a followups post! Can you confirm its thickness?

Subject: Re: The Caliber UltraThin
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Mon, 25 Apr 2022 21:30:59 GMT
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I would be happy to! My goodness, I had no idea that it was an even rarer movement! I will also edit the thread title to reflect what it actually is.

Subject: Re: The Caliber UltraThin
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Tue, 26 Apr 2022 00:13:44 GMT
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I got 4.3 mm with hands installed. Without, it's probably in the 4.1 mm range.
