Subject: Seeking A Cal410 mid-40s, w/Roman Numeral 12
Posted by Cal410 on Fri, 19 Sep 2025 03:46:31 GMT
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Good evening all, new member but have been thankful for your remarkable reference sections multiple times in the past. Not strictly a Gruen collector but a lover a watches in general. I tend to pick a new one up at various new milestones in life, adding to the sentimentality of the occasion.

I am on the hunt for a very specific Cal410. I would very much like to find one with the face which has a roman numeral 12, and the "beaded"/"chainlink" style bracelet.

Yes, I am sure you all know I'm trying to find a duplicate of the one worn by Frank Sinatra, probably the most noteble one ever bought. I view it as a means of honoring his sense of style, and paying respect to an era that was in many ways unto itself. I am now the same age he was when he got it [29-30 in 1944-45], and when much of my generation would prefer to go the the supermarket in their pajamas, I go against the grain lol!

This is truly a holy grail hunt for me, and I extend my gratitude in advance if anyone has one with these specs that they would consider passing on.

I read the wonderful article about his Gruen, but if anyone has any further details I would love to hear!

Kindest regards,

-Cal410

Edited by admin: put resized picture inline for easy viewing

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Subject: Re: Seeking A Cal410 mid-40s, w/Roman Numeral 12
Posted by JackW on Sat, 20 Sep 2025 01:31:27 GMT
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Ah! Picture is here.

I have seen this model before. My notes indicate one was for sale on eBay in March 2011. The Case is a match in my opinion to Import 257, which is 14K pink gold. Shawkey's collector's guide (out of print) indicates is came with a cal 410 or cal 420. The one that sold in 2011 had a 420.

It seems to also be shown in an ad from 1945:

Considering the similarity in style and time frame to this watch, if Monkey's hypothesis is correct (and likely is) that these are low production, you might be in for a long wait.

Hope you find one. I'll keep my eye's peeled for one and will let you know.

Too bad there are not more pictures of the watch:
https://catalog.antiquorum.swiss/en/auctions/new-york-2009-0
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