Subject: Pocket watch box
Posted by JackW on Tue, 16 Dec 2025 04:37:11 GMT
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Description

Wooden box with sprung clasping closure for a pocket watch. Case is made of wood, with a single formed inlay of mother of pearl. Heavy lacquer applied to the top surface and sides of the case. The back is minimally finished. Inner case holder has a backing piece that allows for it to be propped-up as shown. Otherwise, lays flat. Has an inner pocket in the inside lid padding. No papers. No hidden compartment under the padding for the watch.

Precision marking to me suggests that this was for a high-end watch, with the matching diamond 'Precision' mark on the train plate. ca 1910 or so... based on this thread. However, we seem to have lost the image that Barney included. There is this ad too - https://vintagegruen.org/vgforum/index.php?t=msg&th=1568 &goto=11408&#msg_11408

Period:
Watch type: Pocket watch
Size: case diameter of 46.5 mm
Inventor: unknown
Patents: unknown

Box maker: unknown; made in Switzerland

The watch is there for size example of what fits. I do not have a pocket watch that I believe is appropriate for the case.

[Picture paperwork] none included
[Picture ad] none known

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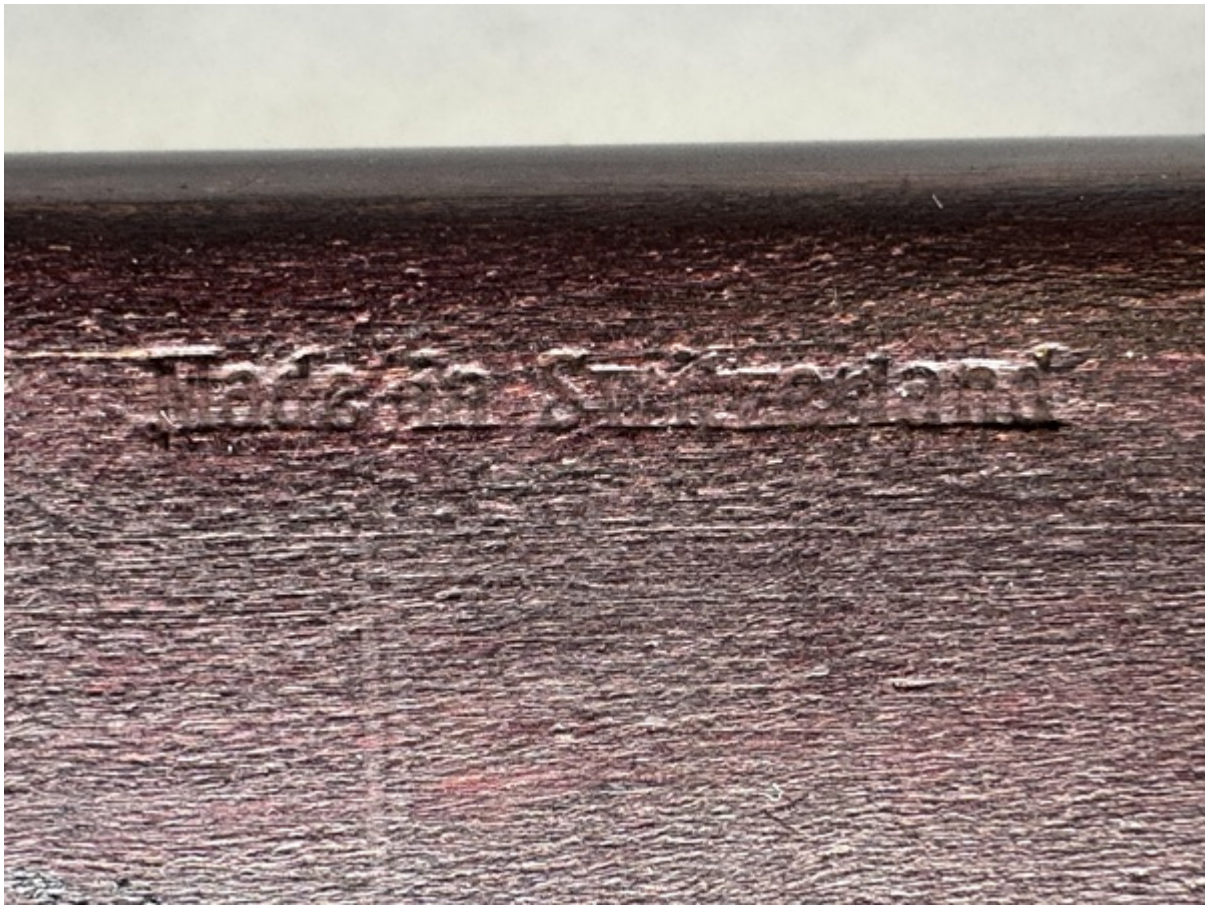
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Subject: Re: Pocket watch box
Posted by afire on Tue, 16 Dec 2025 20:25:55 GMT
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Cool box.

Subject: Re: Pocket watch box
Posted by Jenneke on Tue, 16 Dec 2025 22:02:20 GMT
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Very nice box, warm redbrown colour. I would be tempted to remove the discoloured lacquer on

Subject: Re: Pocket watch box
Posted by Barney Green on Wed, 17 Dec 2025 10:24:41 GMT
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First time I have seen a Swiss made watch case for a Gruen watch. Unless gruen did not order a

bunch of boxes for their US made watches this should make the complete watch which was housed in this box an import.
I agree, the watch which should be in there should be a precision marked one, period 1911 to 1913, probably solid gold.

Subject: Re: Pocket watch box
Posted by JackW on Wed, 17 Dec 2025 17:13:11 GMT
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It is a cool box. If anyone has the appropriate watch... PM me.

Had not realized the significance of the Switzerland marking on the box. Thought it was different, but having watch and box come from Switzerland as a thing that is unusual had not occurred to me.
