Subject: Unknown Gruen-Weber Import Men's 14k Tank Style
Posted by afire on Mon, 16 Dec 2013 21:47:06 GMT
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Model name : Unknown
Type : Tank
Period/date : Late 1920s or early 1930s
Gender : Men's

Case Maker : Weber et Cie
Case Material : 14k White Gold
Case Serial : 200366
Case Style no : N/A

Caliber : 885
Movement Maker : Font (cal. 324)
Movement Serial: 187813

Bracelet : Leather (Non-original)

Other info : I don't believe this model is in the Master Book, or at least I haven't spotted a match. I've had this model before, but in 14k green gold with an enamel (non-luminous) dial (see below). The hinged case is fairly large at 39x25mm with a 19mm strap. For "wrist presence," it's roughly comparable to an Imperial Tank.

Subject: Re: Unknown Gruen-Weber Import Men's 14k Tank Style
Posted by timeliz on Tue, 17 Dec 2013 20:48:07 GMT
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Nice looking watch, John!

Have you looked closely at Strap 335 (MB pg. 56)? Case looks very much like yours. True that it is shown with a cal. 400, but it wouldn't be the first example of Gruen using the same case with a different sized movement. Just a thought.

Subject: Re: Unknown Gruen-Weber Import Men's 14k Tank Style
Posted by afire on Tue, 17 Dec 2013 21:31:15 GMT
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Thanks, Liz! Too bad I don't still have it (although I'm sure whatever I sold it to finance was nice too).
I'll take a look at strap 335 tonight, but I sort of doubt it. Some watches with Swiss cases (including at least one Gruen-Weber) made it into the Strap or Quadron categories rather than the Import section, but I don't think this is one of them. And I think it predates the cal. 400 by too many years for it to be an alternate version.

Subject: Re: Unknown Gruen-Weber Import Men's 14k Tank Style
Posted by afire on Wed, 18 Dec 2013 04:07:19 GMT
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Nope, not the same watch. The Strap 335 turns up on eBay from time to time. It's definitely a much later watch. And although the book says it was made in 14k, I've never seen one, but plenty in gold fill. It's actually a model I happen to like too. The case is rather chunky in a good way. If I ever saw one in 14k, I'd be interested.
Anyway, I'm pretty confident this one isn't in the Master book. I've got a few that aren't, so I don't find it terribly surprising. Import 97 is pretty similar, but the taper of the lugs is different. Import 127 is too, but not a match. Nothing else is really even close.