
Subject: Autowind Veri-Thin ~1947-ish
Posted by [JackW](#) on Wed, 05 Mar 2014 02:52:26 GMT
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Model name : unknown - Import 264 (p. 194 in Shawkey's guide)
Type : Autowind Veri-Thin
Period/date : 1947-ish
Gender :Mens

Case Maker : Swiss (potential Gabus Freres)
Case Material : Stainless steel
Case Serial :146898
Case Style no : n/a

Caliber : 460
Movement Maker : Gruen
Movement Serial: None

Bracelet : Later addition flexible bracelet from Spiedel

Other info : I posted on this watch shortly after I bought it. Linked here. I've now over-hauled the watch, tore it down completely, then lubricating (that is for you Mike B.) the movement as it was reassembled. Having taken apart several cal 420 and others of the 405 series, the 460 is so similar once you strip off the automatic parts and get into the watch that to me, the 460 and the 405 are designed by the same person*. No hard evidence to support that claim. I'll get a photo on the next one I rebuild and maybe you'll see what I see. And now photos...

Before:

After:

Before:

After:

*Henri Thiebaud's name is on the patent for the 405. I believe he is credited with designing most watches in the Katz period. Though if you think about the differences in the 405 and the 460, verses the Curvex designs of the period (330, 440, etc) and the 460 that the designers, the latter by Frey, are shown in their work. Cary discusses here in a thread Barry started: [Here](#)

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Posted by [JackW](#) on Wed, 05 Mar 2014 03:58:03 GMT
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Well, Thiebaud's name is on the 1950 patent of a later Gruen Autowind movement (this the 480?): [http://patentimages.storage.googleapis.com/pages/US2661591-0 .png](http://patentimages.storage.googleapis.com/pages/US2661591-0.png)

I think that it isn't a hard stretch to posit that he also designed the 460.

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Posted by [MikeTheWatchGuy](#) on Wed, 05 Mar 2014 20:41:18 GMT
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Nothing printed in the back of the case? I don't see a shot in any of the threads and the Style Number field says n/a.

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Posted by [JackW](#) on Thu, 06 Mar 2014 01:01:40 GMT
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Mike,

Swiss cases almost as a rule seem to not have caliber or style numbers. Hence, why there is no image posted. Sorry.

Subject: Re: Autowind Veri-Thin ~1947-ish
Posted by [MikeTheWatchGuy](#) on Thu, 06 Mar 2014 07:08:20 GMT
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Figure can't hurt to check... nothing's absolute with Gruens, right? I'll admit ignorance to the rule. Wasn't aware that they all don't have any caliber or style info.

Since the picture isn't posted, perhaps rather than assuming the reader knows or remembers the rule, that the field in the database be filled with some additional info explaining why nothings provided? "No style number as case is Swiss made". I dunno. I got confused and maybe newcomers are as thick as I am.
