
Subject: Convertible Wristlet Engraved - Plate 41
Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Sun, 09 Mar 2014 22:18:57 GMT
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Model name: Plate 41, Round Bascine Engraved bezel
Type: Convertible wristlet
Period/date: > 1920
Gender: Ladies

Case Maker: Wadsworth
Case Material: Pilot quality (gold filled)
Case Serial: 625181
Case Style no: -

Caliber: 10 1/2 ligne
Movement Maker: Aegler (Premo watch rebberg)
Movement Serial: -

Bracelet: silk ribbon with 14k clasp, 1-10 stretch bracelet and GF bracelet.

Other info: Watch specialties co, DG&S. Bracelets not Gruen originals. It looks like the engraved bezel version of plate 41 - C12. Gruen guild book A 1918, page 43). Engraved with HBP.

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1) [Convertible in box.jpg](#), downloaded 1895 times



2) [Convertible front.jpg](#), downloaded 1928 times



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Subject: Re: Convertible Plate 45
Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Sun, 09 Mar 2014 22:20:00 GMT
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Can't get the back off to take some pictures.

Subject: Re: Convertible Plate 45
Posted by [Gary](#) on Sun, 09 Mar 2014 22:35:22 GMT
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Whoa! That one is a museum piece!

Who cares about the back when the front is so good looking! ;-)

Subject: Re: Convertible Plate 45
Posted by [Barney Green](#) on Mon, 10 Mar 2014 07:10:17 GMT

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I have never seen one with box and all three bands, terrific!

Subject: Re: Convertible Plate 45

Posted by [Thojil](#) on Mon, 10 Mar 2014 10:26:11 GMT

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Extremely nice! Did you find like this, as a set? I recall there was just the box on eBay a while ago.

The expansion bracelet looks like one that came with it originally. I got one just like it, which is branded "STURDY" and it is fitted to "Plate 41" in the "1918 Worthy Company of Watchmakers" booklet. It seems Gruen used "STURDY" as standard fitment for more watches. Here is one more example of a watch with an original 'STURDY' nickel bracelet link

Subject: Re: Convertible Plate 45

Posted by [afire](#) on Mon, 10 Mar 2014 16:30:55 GMT

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I think Sturdy was one of Gruen's go-to bracelet makers for some time (along with Kreisler, B&N, Wadsworth, and more). I have a "Mesh 23" from the 1929 catalog, and it too is a Sturdy.

I'm hoping that Mike B. will be able to get the bracelet section of the Master Book into a manageable and distributable format one of these days.

And I agree with Thojil that the ribbon and expansion bracelets were the only attachments that were original equipment. Although I believe some sets also had a chatelaine or pendant attachment too. But judging from the layout of this box, it looks to me like only the ribbon and expansion ones belong.

Subject: Re: Convertible Plate 45

Posted by [MikeTheWatchGuy](#) on Mon, 10 Mar 2014 21:59:48 GMT

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Wow! Awesome job as everyone has already said.

For the database entry itself, just suggesting, but wouldn't it be good to have the word "Wristlet" in the model name somewhere as that's how Gruen described them in the ads from 1928 (e.g. "Gruen Convertible Wristlet, plain or decorated"). It is also, obviously, what is shown on the box.

For indicating plate 49, would be good to have the book this plate is in? In the back there's a bit of a translation from "plate 49" to "Expansion wrist - Bascine Style" which I assume is how someone would go into a jewelry store and reference it. It may have been called "CB28" or other label too

when it came to the public since that is the kind of name they were identified by.

The date range could perhaps be narrowed to 1918 as the book is from that date as were the ads that these first appeared in and when they seemed to be most popular.

I am unsure of how the database records are stored. If all of the discussion following the entry is included, then perhaps no additions needed as a future user will have all of this extra and explained text to go with it. If only the 1 page is kept, then a lot of detail is not shown to the person wanting info on their watch.

Take 'em or leave 'em suggestions

Subject: Re: Convertible Plate 45
Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Mon, 10 Mar 2014 22:51:42 GMT
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Quote:Extremely nice! Did you find like this, as a set? I recall there was just the box on eBay a while ago.

No, this is a marriage. And yes, that is the box.

This watch was in fact my second Gruen watch I got. It came with the bracelet it is still on. I bought the silk ribbon a year ago, seems to be a better match. The box and plate 41 comparable bracelet (unknown brand) are recent buys.

Coupled together it looks nice! One day I hope to find original Gruen wristbands, but for now this will do.

Subject: Re: Convertible Plate 45
Posted by [C. Hurt](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2014 01:56:24 GMT
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Okay. I tried to resist, but now I feel compelled to share mine...

Expansion bracelet is also by Sturdy, silk clasp is B&N. mine came together, some time ago. I have no reason to believe its a marriage.

Subject: Re: Convertible Plate 45
Posted by [Thojil](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2014 09:00:40 GMT
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Jenneke wrote on Mon, 10 March 2014 23:51One day I hope to find original Gruen wristbands,

but for now this will do.

I just bought this nice set. I have enough stock now for a few more convertible wristlets to join my collection

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Subject: Re: Convertible Plate 45

Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2014 09:48:43 GMT

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Cary, very nice example. Now I know the brands I have to look out for. Thanx!

Thomas, DROOOOOOL. Congrats with your buy. Interesting pattern on that silk.

Subject: Re: Convertible Plate 45

Posted by [MikeTheWatchGuy](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2014 20:35:58 GMT

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I just came across someone that bought out the remaining stock of Gruen stuff on the Swiss side, but it was late in the game and had been largely picked over. I gotta go check on bands! I'm sure I'll not find anything like what you've got. CONGRATS on that find and acquisition

Subject: Re: Convertible Plate 45

Posted by [mikey](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2014 22:27:04 GMT

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So that's why i cant find a 12mm wide ribbon band for my wife's watch.... Thojil bought them all.

Subject: Re: Convertible Plate 45

Posted by [Thojil](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2014 14:50:51 GMT

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MikeTheWatchGuy wrote on Tue, 11 March 2014 21:35WOW Those are Gruen bands?? Dang, you've got quite the source!

Yeah I got lucky with this one! I don't think they are marked Gruen, but I haven't received them yet so can't confirm the manufacturer.

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Every now and then there are NOS parts offered on Swiss and also German eBay. Just a few months ago I bought a NOS dial for my Curvex "Model 530" in Switzerland. Also recently there was a whole range of new ladies calibers on offer (210, 275, etc).

I'm convinced there still must be a lot of NOS Gruen material around in Switzerland especially since the Swiss don't have the habit selling through Internet a lot. The problem is to find it...

Subject: Re: Convertible Plate 45

Posted by [afire](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2014 18:29:37 GMT

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Thojil wrote on Wed, 12 March 2014 09:50Every now and then there are NOS parts offered on Swiss and also German eBay.

Is there a trick to searching for Gruen items on those sites? Even restricting it to watch categories, you still end up with 95% of the results simply being green items.

Subject: Re: Convertible Plate 45

Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Sun, 14 Feb 2021 16:42:06 GMT

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Added some pictures. Got the back off...
