Subject: Strap 42
Posted by Thojil on Wed, 04 Jun 2014 08:50:27 GMT
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This cushion case arrived last week for which I had put in a very low bid and got it. It has the dial design and movement (Cal. 707) of a "Strap 41/42", but the case is not matching. That has the shape of a "Strap 17" or "24" in what I thought to be white gold filled. But the bezel and centre case are done in silver, which I have not been able to find in any of the ID guides as material for this case shape.

However it turned out to be a bit of a Franken watch unfortunately as the original case back is missing. The case back is in WGF and not Gruen I'm pretty sure the rest is original though.

Anyway, after a partial refund and shipping it back being more expensive than what I paid for it I decided to keep it. At the end the strap only was already worth the money .

So, can anybody ID this model assuming it has the original silver casing? I have found these cases in solid gold, gold filled and nickel, but not in silver.

p.s. if anybody has a scrap case for this...

Picture is from the seller.

File Attachments

1) Gruen Cushion cal.707.JPG, downloaded 2937 times




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Subject: Re: "Strap 24" or "41" model?
Posted by afire on Wed, 04 Jun 2014 16:26:06 GMT
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Do the presence or absence of case screw marks give any hints as to whether the center and bezel are original to the movement?

Subject: Re: "Strap 24" or "41" model?
Posted by Thojil on Wed, 04 Jun 2014 20:35:32 GMT
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There are only two screw marks visible matching the movement. Still difficult to say whether or not it is original without the case back. I guess I will need to wait for a gold filled junker crossing my path to turn it into an "original".

Subject: Re: "Strap 24" or "41" model?
Posted by Gary on Wed, 04 Jun 2014 23:56:38 GMT
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I would say a strap 42 as Liz pointed out to me in another thread.

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Subject: Re: "Strap 24" or "41" model?
Posted by Thojil on Thu, 05 Jun 2014 15:31:20 GMT
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Forgot about that thread. You're right Liz's case looks to be the same and the ad confirms they were available in Silver cases.

Now I only need to find a matching cover, easy