
Subject: Diamond Julia

Posted by [Ramzy](#) on Sat, 09 Aug 2014 21:51:10 GMT

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Model name :Diamond Julia

Type :

Period/date :1960's

Gender :Ladies

Case Maker :Gruen

Case Material :14K SG

Case Serial :

Case Style no :

Caliber :225R

Movement Maker :Gruen

Movement Serial:

Bracelet :

Hi, my Dad gave this watch to my Mom many years ago, and she has passed it on to one of my daughters. It doesn't work, but appears intact, so I think it may only need cleaning. However, I want to be sure it is done properly, so am seeking advice on the model and on the best way to approach getting it in working order.

Inside the case, it reads:

Cased and timed in USA by Gruen watch co.

14K gold

188

118880

On the movement, it reads:

225R

17 seventeen jewels swiss

(on an angle there is a word) unadjusted

Gruen watch co.

thanks for any help,

Ramzy

File Attachments

1) [gruen watch.jpg](#), downloaded 2569 times



Subject: Re: Older ladies 17 jewel watch
Posted by [Thojil](#) on Sun, 10 Aug 2014 13:02:32 GMT
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Nice little watch! I checked a few Gruen ID books but found no match. The ID books don't go any further than the late 1950's. I think your watch is from the mid 1960's as I found two models in a sales pamphlet from 1965 ([link](#)), the Diamond Julia and/or Diamond Queen to me look like a match.

My bet would be on Julia as this model has PRECISION written on the dial and also has the four little "balls" on the case lug between the leafs and the case bezel like your watch. But these are artistic drawings, so the case of the Queen could be the same as the Julia and the name difference was just because of the different bracelet fitted.

Movement 225R is supporting the manufacturing date as this movement only appears in a service manual of 1963 for the first time.

Subject: Re: Older ladies 17 jewel watch
Posted by [MikeTheWatchGuy](#) on Sun, 10 Aug 2014 14:29:28 GMT
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Nice ID!

The only thing I can add that is general purpose is that the round dial cocktail watches began to pop up more in 1956/57. Nothing compared to the awesome research you did Thojil.

Subject: Re: Older ladies 17 jewel watch
Posted by [Ramzy](#) on Sun, 10 Aug 2014 15:57:53 GMT
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Dear Thojil, wow! thanks so much for doing the ID on the watch. The manufacture date range you suggested makes sense, as I was a young child in the 1960's and I think I remember my Mom wearing this watch back then. The later date on this watch (not one of the classic Gruen watches from the earlier part of the century)suggests that I can take it to any good jewelry store with watch repair service and get it cleaned, rather than treating it as a special collectible. I will, however, ensure that my daughter understands the quality and history on this watch, and takes good care of it.

thanks very much,
Ramzy
