
Subject: Strap 675

Posted by [leibo](#) on Mon, 08 Sep 2014 01:10:14 GMT

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Model name :Strap 675

Type :Veri-Thin

Period/date :1952

Gender :Gents

Case Maker :Wadsworth

Case Material :10K GF with guildite back

Case Serial :L252366

Case Style no :711

Caliber :435

Movement Maker :Gruen

Movement Serial:

Bracelet :

Hi - I'm new to the forum. I purchased this as part of a lot on eBay, and I was wondering if someone could help me identify it or point me to where I could look.

Thanks!

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SPEED & TIMED IN U.S.A.
BY
GRUEN
WATCH CO.

1231 *Hadsworth*

10K GOLD FILLED BEZEL - GUILDITE BACK

L 252366
4 3 5 7 1 1

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Subject: Re: New to VIntage Gruen
Posted by [Thojil](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2014 21:49:34 GMT
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Hi and welcome to the Gruen forum. I'm sure you will find it an interesting place.

I have gone through the identification sources available to me and found your Veri-Thin model on page 153 of Bruce Shawkey's A Collector's Guide as "Strap 675". I have not been able to find a commercial model name for it, which doesn't mean that it didn't have one. Maybe one of the other Gruenites can help you there.

More information can be derived from the numbers on the case back. The Wadsworth case serial number starting with "L2" tells us that it was produced in the period 1951-1952 (1)
The second set of numbers "435-711" is showing two things. The first number tells you that the movement is caliber 435 and the second number is the so called Style Number. Style number 711 was produced from 1950 confirming the production date of the case. You can find a very clear explanation on Gruen style number logic on Mike Barnett's site GruenWristwatches.com (the link going directly to his tool).

(1) "Dating a Gruen wristwatch from a Wadsworth case serial number" by Jack Wood

Subject: Re: New to VIntage Gruen
Posted by [Gary](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2014 23:03:18 GMT
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Those lugs those lugs...like a splinter in my brain I keep thinking the name Continental. Though the VT Continental is round with the same flare lugs.

Subject: Re: New to VIntage Gruen
Posted by [MikeTheWatchGuy](#) on Fri, 12 Sep 2014 16:03:21 GMT
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I had a similar splinter. It was in me head somewhere....then I finally found the watch with similar lugs
A Curvex Comet
Very similar bezel

Subject: Re: New to VIntage Gruen
Posted by [MikeTheWatchGuy](#) on Mon, 15 Sep 2014 04:28:35 GMT
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Maybe mine was a bigger splinter than I thought. I stumbled on one in my drawers. Similar time

period. Mine is L3.

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2) [Gruen 435 711 003.JPG](#), downloaded 1737 times



3) [Gruen 435 711 004.JPG](#), downloaded 1709 times



Subject: Re: New to Vintage Gruen
Posted by [leibo](#) on Fri, 19 Sep 2014 14:23:55 GMT
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Cool - thanks for the info!

Strap 675.

The lot had number of things that I thought were interesting - this seem to be the best "in person" once it showed up.

The lugs clearly make the watch. It reminds me of a Patek Pagoda - albeit a much cheaper one...
