Subject: Looking for crystals

Posted by Thojil on Sun, 19 Apr 2015 13:05:20 GMT

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Looking for two crystals. I haven't taken the old ones out, so I have no measurements. I'm going with the case style numbers only to start with.

* 885/8 Model: Tank "Imperial 16"

* 370-821 Model: Curvex Evens or Model 801

I prefer the original glass crystals.

The Curvex has a good crystal now, but this is one of those extremely thick high crystals which I don't like and doubt was originally fitted to this model.

Subject: Re: Looking for crystals

Posted by C. Hurt on Sun, 19 Apr 2015 13:52:49 GMT

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I will look to see what I have in the Curvex, but I can tell you that the Imperial Tank crystals are surprisingly difficult to find. I ended up ordering my last ones from W. S. McCaw, and they are a cylinder style, with slightly raised edges. The originals are flush fit, but sometimes you have to take what you can get.

Subject: Re: Looking for crystals

Posted by veritas123 on Sat, 25 Apr 2015 00:09:12 GMT

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Thoiil

I have several different styles of crystals for the 370-821 but I will need some measurements on the other . I understand you not wanting to remove the old ones yet, so even rough numbers would help me focus.

Subject: Re: Looking for crystals

Posted by Thojil on Sat, 25 Apr 2015 21:51:58 GMT

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Thanks veritas 123. Without removing the original crystal from the bezel of my Tank 885/8, I measured 25.2 x 20.0 mm. As Cary was mentioning the case has a flat bezel and the crystal is flush fit.

Subject: Re: Looking for crystals

Posted by veritas 123 on Mon, 27 Apr 2015 11:46:54 GMT

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Thojil

Those helped. I think what you are looking for is a B&B X2495/200 or a Perfit C247/2-199. Neither of which I have. When you remove the crystal, let me know what the actual measurements are and I can look again.

Subject: Re: Looking for crystals

Posted by MikeTheWatchGuy on Mon, 27 Apr 2015 21:39:53 GMT

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Would you mind posting a picture of your Curvex Evans? I have a different style number down for that one. My notes show 370 662. If there is a second style number variant, I would sure like a picture.

Subject: Re: Looking for crystals

Posted by Thojil on Tue, 28 Apr 2015 12:11:16 GMT

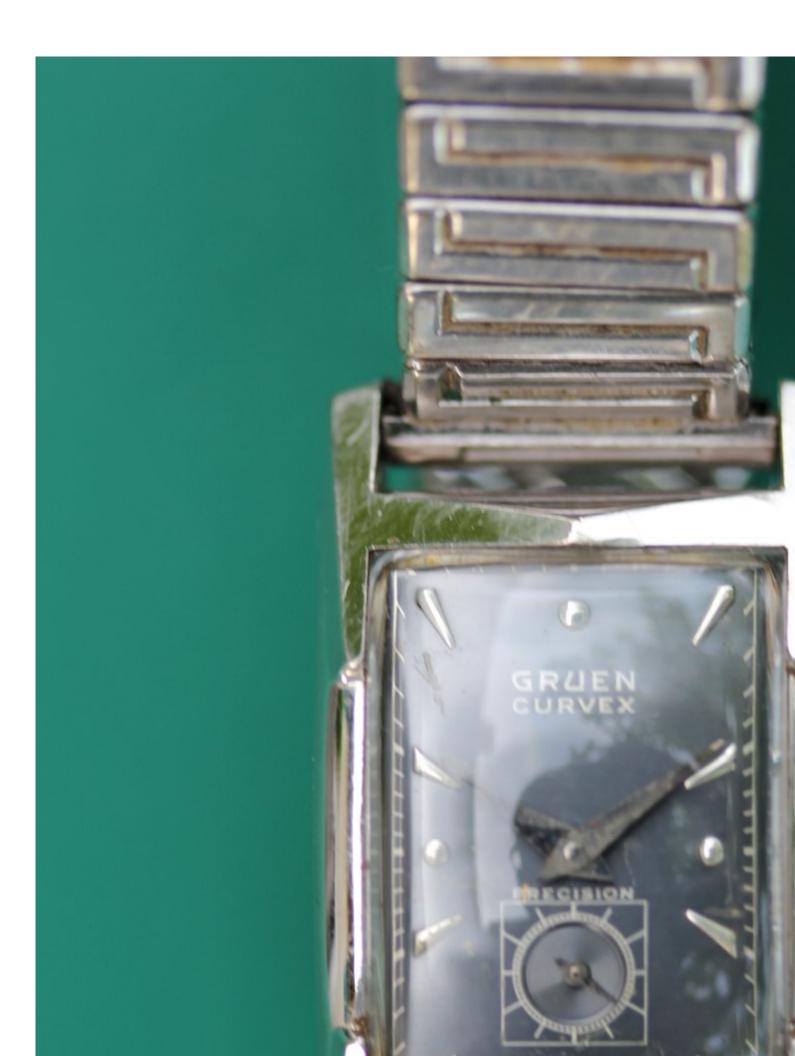
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I think I id'ed it correctly, but then again I may have been totally wrong...

This is the only picture I have made. Hope it's clear enough

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I don't believe you watch is a Curvex Evans. I don't know what it is despite spending some time on it. HolbensFineWatches was nice enough to donate the photos for this post. The illustration is from "The 1950s" page 165. Is is the peaks on the sides of the case that was the tip off for me.

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4) Gruen Curvex Evans -from the book The 1950s page 165.jpg, downloaded 2359 times



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Curvex "Evans." 17-jewels. Black or white dial. Expansion band.

Subject: Re: Looking for crystals Posted by Thojil on Tue, 28 Apr 2015 21:37:08 GMT

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Thanks, you're 100% right

I checked Bruce Shawkey's Guide again and at least "Curvex 801" is right (page 105)

Subject: Re: Looking for crystals

Posted by Barney Green on Thu, 30 Apr 2015 12:18:36 GMT

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Thomas,

thanks to the forum you now know what you don't have: a Curvex Evans.

If you'd like to know the name of your fine watch: it is a Curvex Marcus. It can be found on page 245 of Mikes 50s book and was advertised at least three times in May and December 1954.

Subject: Re: Looking for crystals

Posted by Thojil on Thu, 30 Apr 2015 18:16:44 GMT

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Thanks Barney for checking!

Another one of my "mysteries" solved

Subject: Re: Looking for crystals

Posted by veritas123 on Fri, 01 May 2015 14:13:33 GMT

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I have a nice double facet crystal for that one. Matches the case style lines perfect.

Subject: Re: Looking for crystals

Posted by MikeTheWatchGuy on Fri, 01 May 2015 22:29:47 GMT

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Awesome job, as usual Barney! Thanks for finding this one.

To summarize the style information learned in this thread:

370-821 Model: Curvex Marcus Found on page 245 of "The 1950s"

370-662 Model: Curvex Evans Found on page 165 of "The 1950s"