Subject: Veri-Thin Time Hill
Posted by Gary on Thu, 09 Jul 2015 17:20:13 GMT
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Model name : Time Hill
Type : Veri-Thin
Period/date : 1949
Gender : male

Case Maker : Gruen
Case Material : 10K gold fill
Case Serial :
Case Style no : 651

Caliber : 335
Movement Maker : Gruen Norwood, OH
Movement Serial:

Bracelet : Metal

Other info : Identified by Mike and his Gruen Identification Guide. Thanks Mike!

This one was brought in last night to look at and the dial was quite interesting. I've seen only one other example here or on ebay. Under the loupe the lettering is enamel not print, I'm almost certain the dial is original.

This also got me thinking that this was leftover inventory from the demise of the company?

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VERI-THIN
21 JEWELS
PRECISION

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VERI THIN
PATENTED
CASED AND TIMED IN U.S.A.
BY
GRUEN
WATCH CO.
STAR WATCH CASE CO.
10 K GOLD-FILLED
335-651

Subject: Re: Gruen Veri-Thin 21 Jewels
Posted by MikeTheWatchGuy on Thu, 09 Jul 2015 21:04:41 GMT
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Hey Gary

You've got yourself a 1949 Veri-Thin Time Hill with the original band. No doubt about the band. It came with 2 styles and yours is the first one. Big-time doubt about the dial.

All of the dials I've seen in images from Gruen have exactly the same figures. Doesn't mean that they all shipped that way, but I believe both the band and the dial played a big part in the style of this watch. The dials had numerals at the 2, 4, 8 ,10, 12 positions and matchsticks elsewhere. Some watches had a single dial, at least when it shipped, and I believe this model is one of them.

The one I sold in 2009 (yikes it's been too long ago!) clearly doesn't have an original dial.

I'm not a subscriber to the Sloppy Gruen Watch Company camp. Also not sure they would have inventory left over for a watch that wasn't immensely popular. It was only advertised in 49 & 50.

I do like that watch you've got. I don't see wear showing through, even on the band, and bet it will polish up very nicely. I bet you got it for a great price, not because of the watch, but rather shrewd buyer at work.

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2) Mikes 2009 Gruen Veri-Thin Time Hill.JPG, downloaded 2889 times



Subject: Re: Gruen Veri-Thin 21 Jewels
Posted by Gary on Thu, 09 Jul 2015 23:18:16 GMT
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Thanks for the ID on this one Mike! That dial on this one very well made, like factory made in fact. Not only the lettering but the minute and second indices are enamel.

BTW not in my hands, yet. ;-) We might have a new member, I sent the seller this link.