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Subject: Caliber 96 (United Watch Co + Gruen Guarantee)

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Maker: Marc Favre

Size: 10 ligne

Config: Open Face

Dial feet: 10.5 & 4.5 positions

Dial release mech: side screws

Example date: ca. 1912

Variants: sister Caliber 97 (possibly hunter config?)

The Caliber date table I've seen lists the introduction date for Caliber 96 as 1917. That is not the case. Here is an early version, made 1912-1913, marked "United W. Co" & "Guarantee Gruen" (transitional, pre-"Gruen Guarantee"). Back plate stamped "Fifteen 15 Jewels", not marked for adjustments. Front plate stamped with lot code "24". Ceramic dial, back marked only "Suisse".

I've noted later examples, with cases stamped "96", and here is the image from the 1939 parts catalog:

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### File Attachments

1) [39 Parts catalogue - cal 96-97.JPG](#), downloaded 2323 times



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No. 96-97

2) [cal 96 \(3\).jpg](#), downloaded 2333 times

