
Subject: Re: Caliber 849

Posted by [Case](#) on Sat, 14 Dec 2019 19:11:52 GMT

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I corrected this thread to say "849". I discovered I also have the sister caliber 861--will post it in a separate thread, comparison below.

The Caliber 849 back plate is shown in the 1926 Guild Supplement B, and it is the one previously identified as 849 on the forum--linear jewels for the train gears vs. a slight offset in the sister caliber. You can see below there is a noticeable difference in the setting mechanism for each, as well as the click, front plate holes, dial feet holes, etc. The train jewels are a clearest identifier on the back plate, since bridge looks could change along the way.

However, the setting bits we see on all our 849s referenced above and on the "849" page in Supplement B--they all match what's labelled as the "861" in the disco'd models of later Gruen material catalogs. It appears there was a mix-up along the way, and the two got swapped.

So which is the true 849?? I'll default to the one that has a clear picture of the actual movement, concurring with the others here. BTW, Liz has shown me this image swap is also carried over from the Gruen material catalogs to the Swartchild catalogs--since the mainsprings are different, I wonder which is the correct specification for which?!

File Attachments

1) [849 vs 861 \(corrected\).jpg](#), downloaded 1965 times



6 1/2" rect. 16 J
No. ~~849~~ Actually 861



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No. ~~861~~ Actually 849

