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Subject: Re: Caliber 740 (Premo, WSC, Guild) - 17J & 19J variants

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Wow, the design protection expiring in 1922 makes an even better backstop for dating these. I'll keep looking for a dial side pic of a WSC version, to see if Depose is still stamped. I'd assume the US patent would have lapsed in 1916 and disappeared from the WSC ones.

For my education, what does the "8 h. p." on the design protection mean?

I'd assumed the 740 was phased out by 1923, after the other 754-758 became the workhorses, but that's just from my own limited data set: never seen one with a sn on the bridge or one cased after perhaps early 1923. However, I do note 758s in cases stamped "740" from the 1923 & possibly 1924 range. So may have lingered, as you say. Would love to see some later case examples.

Btw, I assume the same maker (Lavina) would have also supplied the 750, 752 (17L) and 720, 721 (19L). Same bridge design, same front plate number series (it is the maker's, not Gruen's), same US patent stamp, at least on the Premo 721 and 750 examples I've captured front plate pics of.

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