Subject: Re: Techni Quadron

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Jenneke wrote on Mon, 12 June 2023 15:46Quote:Here's the same base case (rounded shell with incised lines) but with added crown guard elements in 14k that is marked Gruen-Weber: That looks stunning. Kinda, sorta was thinking the silver one was Weber. What I dont understand is why would they put weber inside the solid gold one and not in the silver one. Is there some trend?

There seems to be somewhat of a pattern, but nothing that I can really nail down with any certainty. You rarely, maybe even never, see the Gruen-Weber marking on a silver Alpina-Gruen case. You often, but not always, see the Gruen-Weber marking on solid gold Alpina-Gruen cases. I have two solid gold Alpina-Gruen Techni-Quadrons, one case is marked Alpina-Gruen, the other Gruen-Weber. But why?

The closest I can get to a rational hypothesis is this. If a run of cases was intended for potential dual use as both an Alpina-Gruen model and a Gruen Import model, they would be marked Gruen-Weber. If a run of cases was expected to be used strictly as an Alpina-Gruen model, then they would be marked Alpina-Gruen. This would also be a plauisble explanation for why silver cases never bear the Gruen-Weber marking. With one exception that I can think of (the brancard), Gruen didn't offer any silver Techni-Quadron models. So it would make sense that none of them have the Gruen-Weber marking if they were only used for Alpina-Gruen models.