
Subject: Re: WTB: Pan Am with Pan American marking on the back

Posted by [JackW](#) on Fri, 20 Feb 2026 20:37:17 GMT

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handworn wrote on Fri, 20 February 2026 11:29I would assume that the ones that are so marked were sold to Pan Am personnel

Hi Matt,

Glad you came back to this thread.

In the 15+ years that I have been collecting Gruen, there has never been anything past speculation that the marked ones were sold exclusively to Pan Am staff or used by the pilots. What little is known suggests that anyone could buy them. Could be that if you bought the watch from the Pan Am gift shop, it came so marked. Anything is possible. But absence of evidence and all that....

A few years ago a 24-hour dialed watch sold via eBay that had a known Pan Am B314 pilots name on it. It was personally engraved and was marked as being given from Gruen to the pilot. It was not marked in the common way for Pan American.
