Subject: Gruen Electronic

Posted by mikey on Thu, 12 May 2016 18:23:30 GMT

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Model name: Gruen Electronic

Type:

Period/date: 1969-1970

Gender: Mens

Case Maker: Hong Kong

Case Material: SS

Case Serial: 150CA-357A

Case Style no:

Caliber: 9154 - 13 jewels

Movement Maker: ESA Movement Serial: Y2?

Bracelet: Gruen black leather/suede (period?), 17mm lugs.

Other info: Interesting that the battery retainer clip is likely from another watch movement. It shows 11 jewels while the movement itself is marked 13 jewels. Watch is in beautiful condition and runs very well at 28,800 BPH/ This ESA movement (called the Dynotron) was launched in 1967. While it wasn't the first watch movement to employ transistors (that honour goes to the Accutron), it was the first movement to employ both a transistor and a balance assembly.

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Subject: Re: Gruen Electronic

Posted by MonKee on Thu, 12 May 2016 18:35:04 GMT

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Nice watch Mikey. These transition period electronic watches fascinate me. I have some including one with the same case, movement and hands as yours but a different dial. The most difficult thing about them is finding someone that will repair them. I know of no one in North America who works on them but there is a fellow in the UK that is excellent.

Subject: Re: Gruen Electronic

Posted by mikey on Thu, 12 May 2016 18:37:15 GMT

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hi there and thank you! From what i have read these movements are fairly robust and have few problems. Mine seems to be running very well but given the lack of experienced repair persons, I think i'll take very good care of it...

Subject: Re: Gruen Electronic

Posted by Gary on Thu, 12 May 2016 18:52:15 GMT

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Nice one Mikey! I have one that has a lightning bolt hands that I got to get fixed.

Subject: Re: Gruen Electronic

Posted by MonKee on Thu, 12 May 2016 20:37:40 GMT

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Sounds like the Electra. Kastner has good photo's of his over in the 50's and up section.

Subject: Re: Gruen Electronic

Posted by mikey on Thu, 12 May 2016 21:24:05 GMT

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MonKee wrote on Thu, 12 May 2016 16:37 Sounds like the Electra. Kastner has good photo's of his over in the 50's and up section.

Which is where i should have put this watch. Perhaps one of the Admin staff can move it to the 1950's & Up Section.

Subject: Re: Gruen Electronic

Posted by mikey on Sat, 14 May 2016 15:35:16 GMT

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GaryM wrote on Thu, 12 May 2016 14:52Nice one Mikey! I have one that has a lightning bolt hands that I got to get fixed.

So where's your picture?

Subject: Re: Gruen Electronic

Posted by Gary on Sat, 14 May 2016 18:03:13 GMT

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mikey wrote on Sat, 14 May 2016 15:35GaryM wrote on Thu, 12 May 2016 14:52Nice one Mikey! I have one that has a lightning bolt hands that I got to get fixed.

So where's your picture?

Subject: Re: Gruen Electronic

Posted by mrleejohn on Sat, 14 May 2016 18:27:39 GMT

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Nice one... like it!

Subject: Re: Gruen Electronic

Posted by mikey on Sat, 14 May 2016 23:44:46 GMT

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I do like the lightning bolt hands!