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Subject: Cartouche 379

Posted by [John2019](#) on Fri, 19 Jul 2019 21:10:30 GMT

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Hi,

Best I can see this watch dates from the 1920's although I can't find a match for the case or face.

The movement appears to be a Cartouche 1077, 17 Jewel.

The case is stamped 18c (assumed white gold) The case serial is 18247. Currently does not run.

Any additional information/value estimate would be appreciated.

Model name : Gruen Precision

Type : ???

Period/date : 1920's???

Gender : Ladies

Case Maker :

Case Material : 18c

Case Serial : 18247

Case Style no : ??

Caliber :

Movement Maker :

Movement Serial: 619628

Bracelet :

Other info : [www.gruenwristwatches.com/gruen-guild-era-books.php](http://www.gruenwristwatches.com/gruen-guild-era-books.php)

Cartouche 17 jewel

[Picture Front]

[Picture caseback inside]

[Picture movement]

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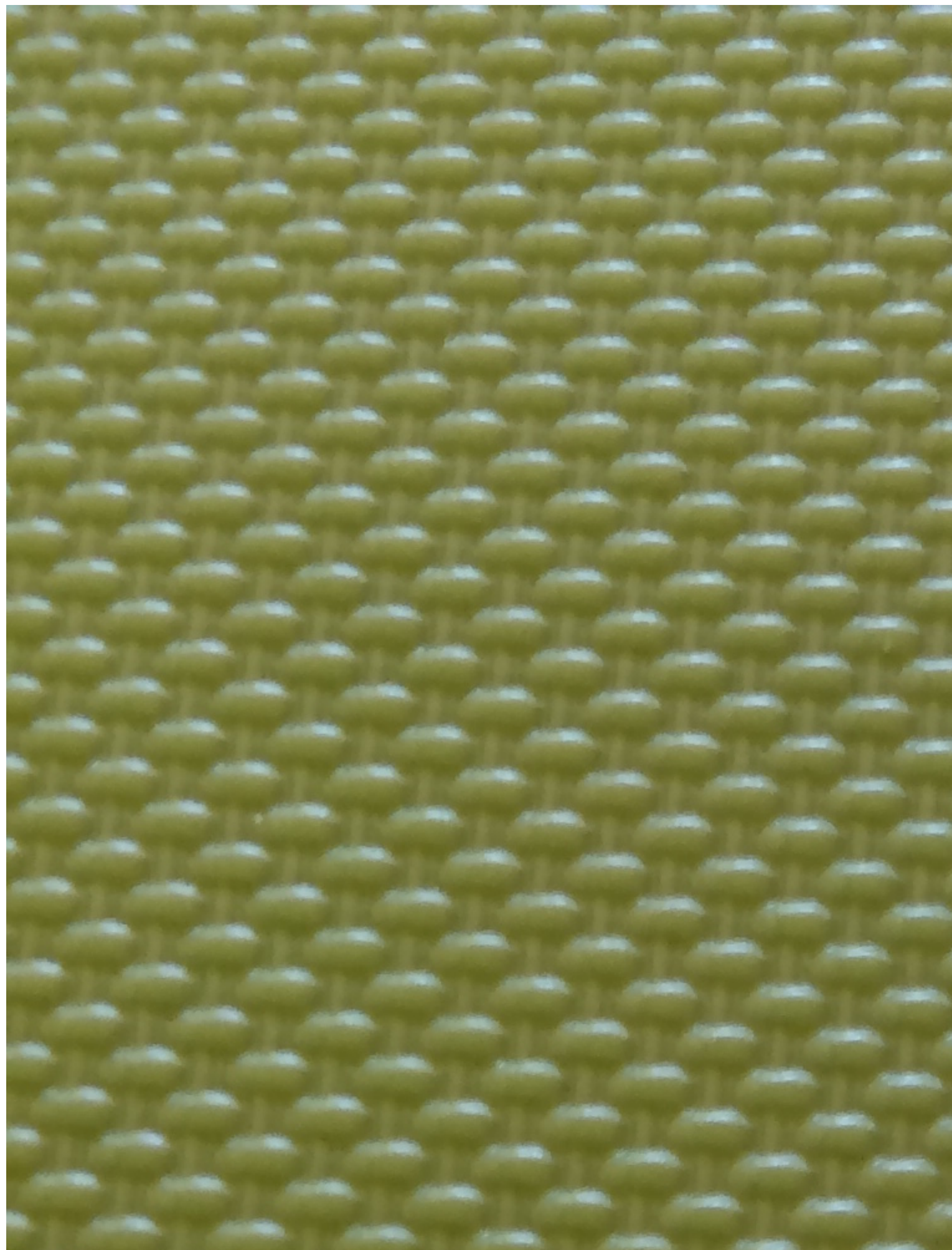
[www.gruenwristwatches.com/gruen-guild-era-books.php](http://www.gruenwristwatches.com/gruen-guild-era-books.php)

For named models, please include a source. This could be a book, an advertisement or an example seen on a website.

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Subject: Re: Gruen Ladies Watch  
Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Sat, 20 Jul 2019 06:07:51 GMT  
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Your watch might be this one:

From the 1929 guild book.

Your crown is not original.

About the case material, hope others run in. Don't know that 18c marking but could be 18 karat.  
What is stamped below it?

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Car. 379—14k Solid  
white gold Crown-  
Guard case. 17 jewel  
PRECISION movement,  
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Subject: Re: Gruen Ladies Watch  
Posted by [Barney Green](#) on Sat, 20 Jul 2019 12:54:29 GMT  
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Yes I agree, it is a Cartouche 379 from 1929. The 18c marking is definitely for 18 karat, other than the Guild Book the Catalog lists Cartouche 379 being 18k, I assume that both versions existed. The marking below the 18c will be the Swiss Helvetia head export mark for 18k gold.

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Posted by [John2019](#) on Sat, 20 Jul 2019 14:09:23 GMT  
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Jenneke, Barney,  
Thanks for your comments. Jenneke, thanks for finding the model! I too was curious about the crown. (and was thinking that would be something easy to spot in a Gruen catalogue).  
I also inherited a Diel Manfred 15 jewel watch, similar size and face in a pendant case that is missing the crown, I am wondering if that is where the crown comes from.  
Barney, thanks for the info on the case marks.

John

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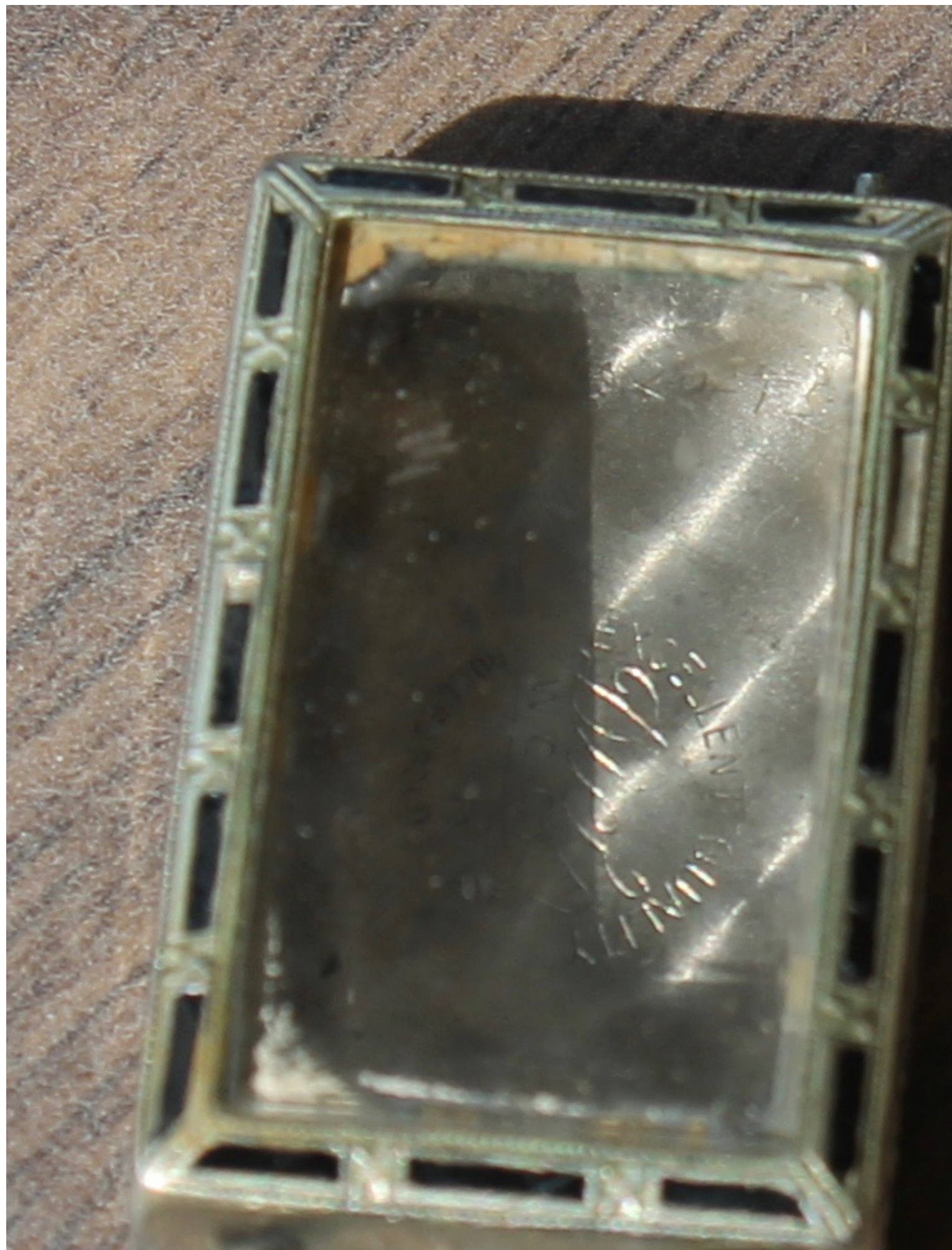


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Posted by [afire](#) on Mon, 22 Jul 2019 14:28:52 GMT

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These cabachon crowns were very commonly used for replacements, and crowns are a part that fairly routinely needs replacing. I don't see any reason to suspect that it came from the other watch. Very handsome watch. You see "C" instead of "K" for karat every now and then. I have no idea what the rhyme or reason is, but suspect that there must be one.

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Posted by [Barney Green](#) on Mon, 22 Jul 2019 16:09:36 GMT

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The reason: carat is the French and English writing, Karat the German. Depending on the expected export market K or c was preferred. As the main export market of Swiss cases in that time has been the German one most cases were marked with the K.

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