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Posted by Habitant on Tue, 11 Jun 2013 16:24:51 GMT
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Subject: Re: Airflight hands
Posted by afire on Wed, 12 Jun 2013 03:32:04 GMT
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Ouch. Sorry to hear that. I once had a guitar tech drop a very rare guitar and a nearly irreplaceable part fell off and broke. As much as it upset me, I never even bothered to give him a hard time. He knew what he did and it wouldn't have gotten my part back anyway. And with rarities like watch hands and guitar parts, the monetary value rarely equates to the nerdy/sentimental value to us collectors. It might not help at this moment, but I've seen other Airflight hand sets for sale over the years. Another pair will show up with a little patience.

Subject: Re: Airflight hands
Posted by Habitant on Wed, 12 Jun 2013 19:16:40 GMT
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Thanks, afire. I have stayed cool with the guy - it wouldn't help anything to lose it with him. Just on to the hunt for the elusive Airflight hands. Thanks again for your thoughts.

Subject: Re: Airflight hands
Posted by Timeticker on Wed, 12 Jun 2013 21:42:25 GMT
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Can you post a photo? Yeah, I know they're lost, but can you get a picture of some? I have 1500 or so hands, and you may never know what I may have.

Subject: Airflight hands
Posted by Habitant on Fri, 14 Jun 2013 10:04:06 GMT
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Hi folks
As per my previous post to the parts side of this forum, a watchmaker has managed to lose the

hands for my Gruen Airflight. Words fail me. There had been a set on the Bay, but they were sold about an hour before I discovered the lose. I'm not having a good week.

It seems incredibly unlikely that I will be able to locate a genuine replacement set, and so I am thinking about having a set made. What choices are there, really.

So my question to the forum is: can anyone out there let me have the various measures of the hands? I have high quality shots of my now-deceased set, so I have ample visual reference. But I don't have exact measures. So if anyone can help, I'd really appreciate that.

There doesn't seem to be many (if any) folks out there who do make custom hands, yet I suppose there must be. Any suggestions?

Many thanks,

Michael

PS Reference shot included, taken from Big Ben on the 'bay

File Attachments

1) Gruen_Airflight.2.jpg, downloaded 3749 times



Subject: Re: Airflight hands
Posted by Gary on Fri, 14 Jun 2013 14:14:42 GMT
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Very hard for me to believe that a watchmaker could loose a set of hand as in your case. A click spring. dial screw... yes but a set of hands...no way! I keep my overhauls in separate containers, hands and all. Your watchmaker is either un-organized or gave you this excuse and procured them for his own use or another customer. If it was the earlier he would have found them already. Words don't fail me in this case. Does he have an email address. ;-)

Give it time Michael, I will be looking for you too.

Subject: Re: Airflight hands
Posted by Habitant on Sat, 15 Jun 2013 21:47:51 GMT
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Hi - thanks for your kind message of support and for reposting this message to 'Sale / Wanted' but my request (the second one) was for information as to size and shape of hands in order to create reproductions to replace the missing hands, and so likely to go unnoticed on the sales board.

Cheers,
Michael

Subject: Re: Airflight hands
Posted by JackW on Sat, 15 Jun 2013 23:01:12 GMT
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Hi Michael,

Sorry about moving your post, we're just trying to keep house. Please post your request again. Sorry for the confusion on our part.

Subject: Re: Airflight hands
Posted by Habitant on Tue, 18 Jun 2013 15:33:10 GMT
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No sweat, Jack. I realise that I can measure everything in Photoshop, starting from the point that the 510SS movement hour hand hole is 1.40mm. Possibly more accurate that relying on someone's measuring ability. Also, I am hoping that one of my watchmaker contacts Stateside might have something tucked away in a material cabinet... I can always hope, right?

Thanks,

Michael