
Subject: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2020 19:40:22 GMT
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Model name : Trooper
Type : Curvex
Period/date : 1940s to post-war
Gender : men's

Case Maker : Wadsworth
Case Material : either 14k gold, 10k gold, or 10k gold over sterling silver (all shown below)
Case Serial :
Case Style no : 450

Caliber : 440
Movement Maker : Gruen Precision factory
Movement Serial:

File Attachments

1) [440:450 14k back.jpg](#), downloaded 2182 times

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2) [440:450 14k mvt.jpg](#), downloaded 2168 times

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3) [440:450 family back.jpg](#), downloaded 2149 times

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Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2020 19:44:22 GMT
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This seems a fitting place to memorialize my Trooper family. All the case types, and two of the dial styles.

I had to sell the 14k one - it goes into the mail today. But here's a shot of them all together.

If anyone is interested, I'm probably going to sell the left-most (10k GF) one. It has a bad balance, but otherwise looks good. Now that I don't have the set, I have no reason to keep it. You can tell from the picture which one gets worn... (I really like the tarnished sterling look.)

Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family
Posted by [Gary](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2020 20:10:49 GMT
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Wonderful collection of pink troopers! Funny you collected pink, I collected yellow.

Gotta wonder if the gold in the trooper case line had a different alloy makeup because of the war? My GF trooper is tarnished like yours. Out of all my 100 so ought gruens this is the only tarnished one I have run into except now seeing yours.

Solid gold troopers seems to be the norm as well. The inscribed one is solid. I would loved to added the one you sold to my collection. :d

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1) [trooper \(2\).jpg](#), downloaded 1890 times



2) [trooper \(1\).jpg](#), downloaded 2485 times



Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2020 20:43:05 GMT
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My tarnished one is 10k on a sterling base. I'm pretty sure that the tarnish is silver tarnish

migrating through the gold. Does yours have an S on the case beneath 440 450? If so it's sterling base too. I'm 99% confident already.

Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family
Posted by [Ephemerald](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2020 20:57:45 GMT
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Your lugs look tarnished where Gary's does not at all, interesting....hard to tell for sure though.

Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family
Posted by [Gary](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2020 21:44:46 GMT
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Yes the S notation. Just seems some what of a coincidence that 2 troopers have it.

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1) [trooper back.jpg](#), downloaded 1862 times



Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Fri, 10 Jul 2020 02:14:09 GMT
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Tons of watches have it. I collect them. I can show you wristwatches, pocketwatches, whatever you want to see. Nearly all with that tarnish; all with sterling base.

Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family
Posted by [timeliz](#) on Fri, 10 Jul 2020 02:47:59 GMT
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I also have numerous sterling base cases,
and all of them tarnish if I don't keep them polished.

Like that's gonna happen.

Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family
Posted by [JackW](#) on Sat, 11 Jul 2020 02:19:27 GMT
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On one of the Facebook watch groups, there was a similar discussion on the tarnishing of gold over silver filled metal. I posited that the materials that the storage box is made from may be off-gassing something (formaldehyde? hydrogen sulfide?) and potentially exacerbating the tarnishing. I'd suggest a ziploc baggie; the tarnish is coming from reaction with something in the air (sulfur based generally).

Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Sat, 11 Jul 2020 16:32:17 GMT
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Yes - anything you can do to prevent air circulation is good. Silver tarnishes (slowly) in plain air, even without additional environmental factors.

I like the tarnish look though (at least when it's uniform and well-developed). It's actually a big part of the reason that I pick up the sterling ones whenever I can.

Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family
Posted by [timeliz](#) on Sat, 11 Jul 2020 21:48:38 GMT
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Silver based cases are my preference. Even when the gold layer wears off, the case is still beautiful, and no wear-through holes as with other base metals.

Subject: Re: "Trooper" 440 Curvex style 450 family
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Sat, 11 Jul 2020 23:47:01 GMT
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And that's the other part!
