
Subject: Verithin pocket watch round Louis 117
Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Fri, 12 Mar 2021 18:52:39 GMT
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Model name: louis 117
Type: pocket watch
Period/date: 1923-1925
Gender: male

Case Maker: wadsworth
Case Material: ultra quality = white gold filled
Case Serial: 3007500
Case Style no: none

Caliber: V7 (center wheel jeweled so early model)
Movement Maker: marc favre?
Movement Serial: 612609

Other info: it looks brand new inside... has no watchmaker marks. Strange.

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Subject: Re: Verithin pocket watch round
Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Sat, 13 Mar 2021 20:55:08 GMT
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Looking at the research post about the Vseries numbers by year i think the movement is from 1923 or 1924. Would you agree Dan and Alex?

Does anyone have ehrhards master book? I dont have the pocket watch section... and like to give this watch a "name" (number). :d

Subject: Re: Verithin pocket watch round
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Sat, 13 Mar 2021 22:28:13 GMT
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I think 1924 or 1925. My V7 dating uncertainty interval is two years. I suspect your watch is early 1925 though.

Subject: Re: Verithin pocket watch round
Posted by [Barney Green](#) on Sun, 14 Mar 2021 11:59:18 GMT
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Jenneke,

I think this will have been called the Louis 117 White. The Ehrhardt book says Louis 11 would be yellow and does not list it white. But the 1927 guild book says Louis 11 being white and appends the V-series number to identify the movement. So the V7 makes it a Louis 117.

Here a picture from my vol.2:

Louis 10 is the Green Gold variant:

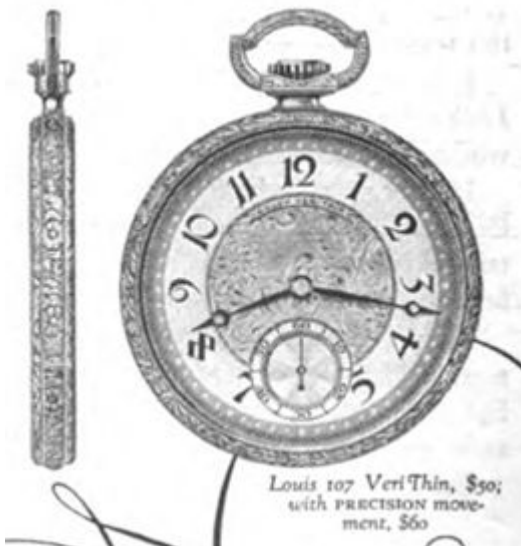
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2) [Louis107.jpg](#), downloaded 1936 times



Subject: Re: Verithin pocket watch round
Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Sun, 14 Mar 2021 21:58:31 GMT
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Those little flowers on the middle of the watch... I agree, match! With middle I mean the part between the bezel and the back, dunno how that is called.

Must be very special that a pocket watch has such design on that part that it is showed in the advertisement. And even more, that it has a name. So, not just a simple empire xxx.

And learned something new from you Bernd, the caliber number as part of the design number.

Subject: Re: Verithin pocket watch round
Posted by [Case](#) on Mon, 15 Mar 2021 02:41:56 GMT
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I'll add that it may be as early as 1923. You're safe for sure with a 1923-25 range. I believe I can trace 3 distinct gold filled pocket watch case # lines, which all folded together by 1925.

-a "DGS Ultra" line that was at 307k in the 1907 invoice Liz shared, with the last example I've seen at 802119 circa 1920.

-the Wadsworth-Gruen main line, which began with the "American Made" cases

-the "Gruen Reinforced" line - usually only signed "Gruen". Also distinguished by its cursive "Gruen" script -- yours is an exception here, proving Wadsworth was supplying all!

The case number jump to 3,000,000 seems to have happened in mid-1922, seemingly to merge the DGS Ultra and the main line. The "Reinforced" line seems to have carried on in the 300k range until 1925--the first Reinforced I've seen jump to the 3MM range is at 3052XXX.

I've little enough pocket watch data, so hoping others can poke holes here. But it may help explain why so few case numbers seem to exist vs. the Gruen annual sales numbers.

Anyway, all that to say--it is a gorgeous watch!

Subject: Re: Verithin pocket watch round
Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Tue, 16 Mar 2021 03:38:41 GMT
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After going back and consulting my guiding data for the watch, I don't think it could be as early as 1923. That is because quite a number of movements in the low 611k range were definitely shipped in 11/1923, and seem to be the highest made at the time. So 1924 began to look more right. However, when I went back and took a real close look at all the similar V7s out there, the thing that emerged was uncertainty. If the cases were assigned in anything approaching chronological order, then here is a mess that never will be sorted!

Let me show you what I mean.

V7 SN 612609
Case SN 3007500

V7 serial numbers listed in sequential order by case number range
Case number within 500 noted with *

3005000-3007500 (case serials lower than example)
605290
607192

608988
609607
610230
<<612609>>
612249
613775
614538 engraved 10/24/1925
642889

3007500-3010000 (case serials higher than example)
601883 known to have been imported as a bare mvt and stolen in Nov 1923 (along with scattered mvts mostly in the high 610k/low 611k range)
601956
603591
606727
610768
611444 engraved 12/4/1926
611743
612405
<<612609>>
614460 engraved 11/2/1925
615700
649498
649539

This list actually is still obscuring the big problem, which is that there is no obvious progression. Case numbers do not appear to increment similarly to movement numbers.

For example, cases from the range 3,000,000-3,001,400 were paired with movements of 605k, 611k, 613k, 614k, 616k, and 643k. Sure, some of them could be movement swaps, but that is still a huge range of serial numbers for 1,500 cases to go towards. Just like the data above...

The movement data makes me think 1924, the (not very trustworthy) engravings 1925. 1923 is just possible, 1926 is also possible. Date of sale of course could be any time after manufacture. That's why engravings aren't all that trustworthy.

Subject: Re: Verithin pocket watch round
Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Wed, 17 Mar 2021 20:27:01 GMT
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Ok. So, how to explain the lack of a linear relationship:

- case and movement not sold together. Order your personal combo at the jewellers. "Made (= combined) by order"
- several case production lines (qualities) with possible re-use of numbers
- different FIFO/LIFO approach for cases and movements at the workshop
- more stolen and refund movements

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Subject: Re: Verithin pocket watch round
Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Mon, 26 Jul 2021 20:39:06 GMT
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After COA with new glass and hand.

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Subject: Re: Verithin pocket watch round
Posted by [Gary](#) on Mon, 26 Jul 2021 20:56:13 GMT
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Nice!

Subject: Re: Verithin pocket watch round
Posted by [Case](#) on Tue, 27 Jul 2021 01:25:11 GMT
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Well done, Jenneke!
