
Subject: The Caliber 250 Dietrich Gruen

Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Mon, 25 Apr 2022 01:18:40 GMT

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About 1,000 early UltraThins were made, between SN 41,000 and 42,500. They are impressively thin, and impeccably finished throughout. Some (though not this one) are graded Extra Precision. It is unknown whether the later UltraThins in SN 148-150k and 185k are the same in all respects.

Of interest, the dial is marked with the movement serial number, and also has a manufacturer's mark. It is a sterile dial on the front.

EDIT -- this is not an UltraThin, it is a caliber 250 without wind indicator.

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2) [UT mvt.jpg](#), downloaded 2126 times

A close-up photograph of a rectangular metal plate with a textured, slightly aged surface. The plate features embossed text in two columns. The left column reads 'NO. 1000' at the top, followed by 'CUSTODIA' in large letters, and 'OF THE' in smaller letters below it. The right column reads 'EDWARD' at the top, followed by 'CERATUR' in large letters, and 'THE' in smaller letters below it. A circular hole is punched through the center of the plate, and a metal fastener is visible through the hole.

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3) [UT dial side.jpg](#), downloaded 2105 times



Subject: Re: The Caliber UltraThin
Posted by [Case](#) on Mon, 25 Apr 2022 13:04:26 GMT
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Thank you for posting this—it is a remarkable movement. But I will say, it is not an Ultrathin. It is an even rarer caliber: the time-only variant of the Caliber 250 (aka the Dietrich Gruen), which is always shown & seen in the 23j up-down version. However, it was originally advertised as available without the up-down complication. Compare the middle bridge and center jewel—you'll see what I mean.

This is the only one I've ever seen, perhaps only a handful ever made. I've scoured the forums for years for a live example! Congratulations!

To prove it, here is a true UT, sn 41138 (earlier than yours), already with the distinctive upturned middle bridge.

<https://mb.nawcc.org/threads/rare-and-how-early-veri-thin-gr uen.63924/>

And the price guide listing...

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1) [C171C31A-7DEC-41D2-92AF-56416FC12C30.jpeg](#), downloaded 1740 times

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THE DIETRICH GRUEN MODEL

<i>With WINDING Indicator As Illustrated</i>	\$315.00
<i>In Verithin Size</i>	385.00
<i>In 12 Size Without Indicator</i>	290.00
<i>With MINUTE Repeater</i>	580.00
<i>With Minute Repeater and SPLIT SECOND</i>	825.00

Subject: Re: The Caliber UltraThin
Posted by [Case](#) on Mon, 25 Apr 2022 13:21:53 GMT
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I'm truly elated to see this—hence the edits and a followups post! Can you confirm its thickness?

Subject: Re: The Caliber UltraThin

Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Mon, 25 Apr 2022 21:30:59 GMT

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I would be happy to! My goodness, I had no idea that it was an even rarer movement! I will also edit the thread title to reflect what it actually is.

Subject: Re: The Caliber UltraThin

Posted by [thesnark17](#) on Tue, 26 Apr 2022 00:13:44 GMT

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I got 4.3 mm with hands installed. Without, it's probably in the 4.1 mm range.
