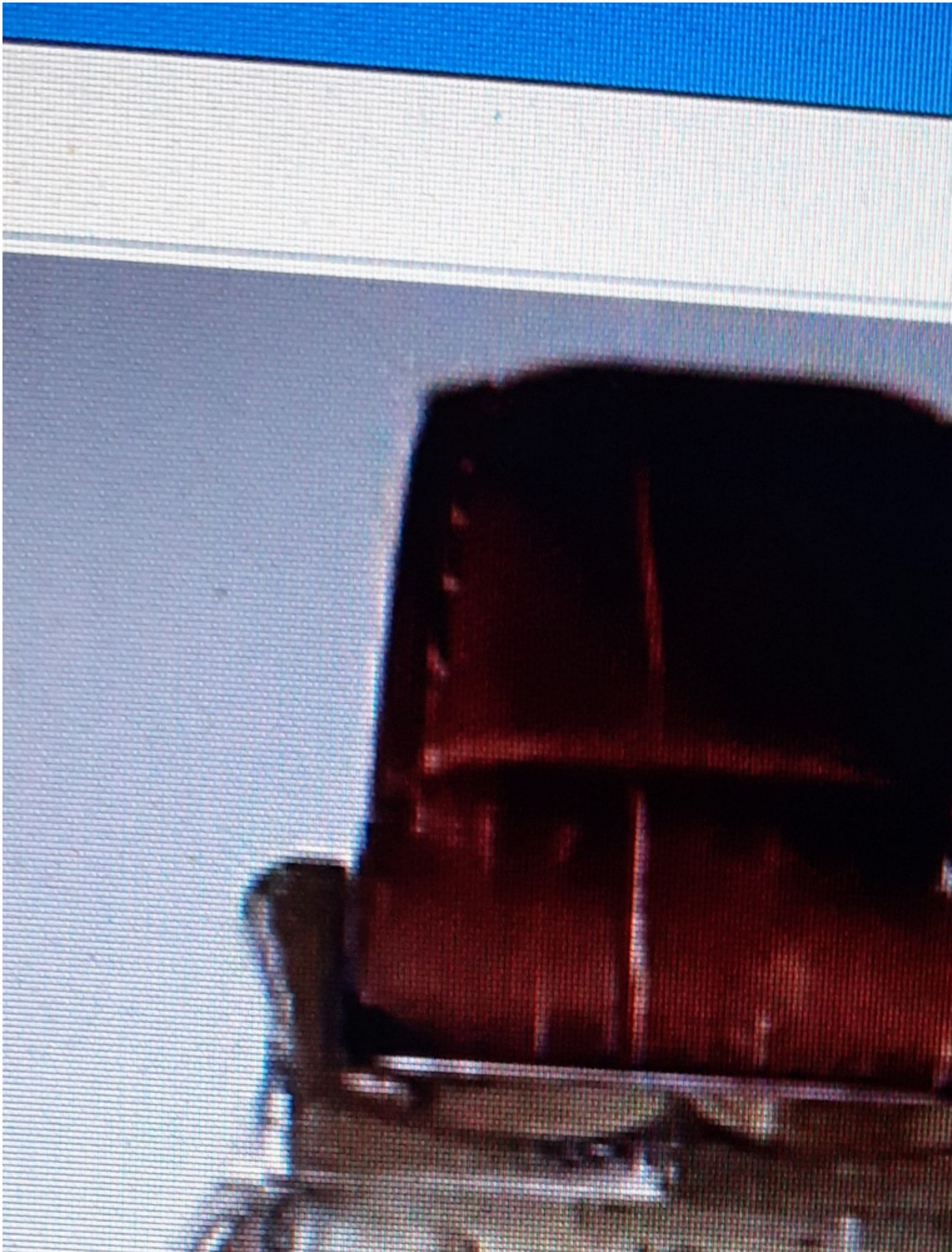
Subject: crystal for this wanted please
Posted by jackteet on Thu, 01 Sep 2022 15:52:57 GMT
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Hi, I have found for sale a Gruen CAL.422 for $180.00. I love the unusual shape but the crystal is cracked across 5 o`clock and the dial has a great deal of patina. I might be able to live with the dial but not the crack. Watchmakers here in spain are few and far between and when one is found they do not always want to do a job if it means hard work. I am looking to buy a new crystal and get someone to fit it.
I attach [heres hoping] two pics and would very much appreciate any help that you guys can give. TIA. jack

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2) 20220831_005222[1].jpg, downloaded 3192 times



Subject: Re: crystal for this wanted please
Posted by Jenneke on Thu, 01 Sep 2022 20:28:28 GMT
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I cant see it clearly, but the crystal doesnt look square? To find a crystal you first need to know which model this is. A picture from the inside case back will help.

In general I think it is not easy to find a correct crystal.

Subject: Re: crystal for this wanted please
Posted by jackteet on Thu, 01 Sep 2022 20:58:13 GMT
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Hi Jenneke, thanks for that. I have 422-998 L731704 but a search hasnt found one. Perhaps the unusual shape would preclude one being cut even in acrylic. I think it best if I let this watch go.
jack

Subject: Re: crystal for this wanted please
Posted by Benjamin_Rush on Sat, 03 Sep 2022 00:09:49 GMT
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jackteet wrote on Thu, 01 September 2022 16:58Hi Jenneke, thanks for that. I have 422-998 L731704 but a search hasnt found one.
Start your searches for the movement/case combo at gruen.watch.

One model is listed, luckily they have the marketing name: "Heritage." The marketing name will help find the crystal in the absence of measurements.

https://gruen.watch/?product=gruen-precision-422-998-dunbar

Now google "Gruen" "Heritage" crystal. This yields CMF309 and a listing at eBay.

https://www.ebay.com/itm/192882923604?hash=item2ce8b7d854:g: EDsAAOSwofFbkC9l

Finally, take this crystal model to TipTopCrystals to search for alternates and additional marketing names.

https://www.tiptopcrystals.com/index.php?main_page=product_i
nfo&cPath=1_15&products_id=6041

Here we get even more interesting info:

Gruen: 422/998, Dunbar, Heritage, Hollywood

If it has a service history, price is not bad. Without a service history, I wouldn't pay more than

about $25 USD.

Personally, the dial condition is a deal breaker, but you do you.

I hope this helps!

Subject: Re: crystal for this wanted please
Posted by jackteet on Thu, 08 Sep 2022 22:15:52 GMT
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Hi sleepyastronaut, Many thanks for all of your time and trouble. I have found a new glass crystal but the seller will only reduce the cost of the watch bu $10.00 which in my opinion is not enough. I have been thinking a reduction of $40.00 but thats life. Appreciate all your help

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