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Subject: Veri-Thin Submarine

Posted by [MikeTheWatchGuy](#) on Tue, 15 Oct 2013 21:18:03 GMT

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Model name : Veri-Thin Submarine

Type :

Period/date : 1951

Gender : Male

Case Maker : Star

Case Material : Guildite

Case Serial : 0504299

Case Style no : 725

Caliber : 421 in this example

Movement Maker : Gruen

Movement Serial: need to dig up from original photos

Bracelet : All ads I have show leather bracelet

Other info :

The submarine is one of the few Gruen's I've seen that the model name and look stay 100% the same, as does the Style Number, but the movement switches. It not only switches, but it goes from a round to a rectangular model.

Interesting that the 'migration' as coined in the Style Number dating article, was done in a purposeful way as can be seen using the casebacks. In the photo, one indicates a caliber 421 movement is in the watch, the other a 426.

[Picture Front]

[Picture Side]

[Picture caseback inside]

[Picture movement]

[Picture ad]

(post by MB - From the book - Gruen Watch Model Identification Guide Vol 2, page number TBD  
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1) [1951 watch Veri-Thin Submarine.jpg](#), downloaded 1916 times



**1951 - Veri-Thin Submarine**  
Water-resistant Non-breakable crystal Lumi-  
nous dial \$39.75 (\$350)

2) [Veri-thin Submarine 02.JPG](#), downloaded 1928 times



3) [Veri-thin Submarine 03.JPG](#), downloaded 1973 times



4) [Veri-thin Submarine 04.JPG](#), downloaded 1920 times



5) VT Submarine 2 different backs.jpg, downloaded 1956 times



426 - 725



421 - 7

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Subject: Re: Veri-Thin Submarine  
Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Tue, 15 Oct 2013 21:46:10 GMT  
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Nice clean watch! I like that "rope" around the bezel.

Why did they call it "non-breakable crystal"? Is it a clever way to say it is plastic? Or is it special glass?

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Subject: Re: Veri-Thin Submarine  
Posted by [Gary](#) on Wed, 16 Oct 2013 00:01:01 GMT  
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Veri nice! Makes me wonder if we had Gruen sales records if any were sold to the sub makers like the electric boat company. I've been on the watch for one for a long time but it takes penitence to look at the 6 o'clock position for that sub.

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Subject: Re: Veri-Thin Submarine  
Posted by [mikey](#) on Wed, 16 Oct 2013 00:16:41 GMT  
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Very cool watch!

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Subject: Re: Veri-Thin Submarine  
Posted by [JackW](#) on Wed, 16 Oct 2013 00:46:02 GMT  
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Sub-lime! Or should I say sub-perb!

Sorry couldn't resist.

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Subject: Re: Veri-Thin Submarine  
Posted by [MikeTheWatchGuy](#) on Wed, 16 Oct 2013 01:09:05 GMT  
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I like how well the dials on these restore. Of the round 1950's Gruens, it's one of my fav's.

I had this picture of the side, showing the rope as Jenneke pointed out, ready to post with the others but didn't know if I should post it or not since that shot isn't in the template. The rope is what makes it identifiable from across the room.

That sub that floats on the dial seems to dive often enough that I can't catch a good picture of it. I know it's in there somewhere, I'm sure of it.

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Subject: Re: Veri-Thin Submarine

Posted by [afire](#) on Mon, 21 Oct 2013 16:17:06 GMT

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GaryM wrote on Tue, 15 October 2013 19:01Veri nice! Makes me wonder if we had Gruen sales records if any were sold to the sub makers like the electric boat company. I've been on the watch for one for a long time but it takes penitence to look at the 6 o'clock position for that sub.

Since I've been aware of this model (maybe a couple of years) I've seen quite a few and none of them have had the little submarine at 6:00. I'm starting to wonder if it's just something in the ad illustration that never was actually produced. Of course, I could be wrong. But I've never seen one.

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Subject: Re: Veri-Thin Submarine

Posted by [MikeTheWatchGuy](#) on Mon, 21 Oct 2013 18:35:21 GMT

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Yea, I'm afraid that dial ship has sailed. The idea sunk.

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