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Subject: Dial needed

Posted by [mikey](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 01:12:46 GMT

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Time for my "Tomas" imitation...

I'm looking for a replacement dial if anyone has one they are willing to part with for a reasonable fee. Watch is a 705 - 13 with the case inscribed as 1934. Dial is 25mm h x 21mm w. I need a crystal too (25.0mm x 20.5mm) so if anyone has spare stock....

While i'm in a begging mood.....if anyone has a red seconds hand for a Pan-Am, i'm looking for one of those too.

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File Attachments

1) [Gruen 705-13 Guild dial.JPG](#), downloaded 2553 times

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2) [Gruen 705-13 inside caseback.JPG](#), downloaded 2486 times

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Subject: Re: Dial needed

Posted by [JackW](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 04:18:28 GMT

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Hello!

In looking at the dial for your 705, I'm thinking it isn't the correct shape for the case. As to the seconds hand, good luck. I've had to buy complete movements to find my spares.

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Subject: Re: Dial needed

Posted by [mikey](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 16:06:42 GMT

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Hey Jack,

I'm 'pretty sure' the dial is original given its condition and the amount of 'gunk' around it and it actually fits the case / dial cover fairly well. I've cleaned up the case etc since those pics were taken and it looks much more presentable now. As for the red seconds hand....i figured as much.

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Subject: Re: Dial needed

Posted by [afire](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 16:36:24 GMT

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I don't know if or how this is possible (moved feet, lucky placement of the 4th wheel), but I think that may be an Elgin dial. I've only ever seen that oddball "10" on Elgins.

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Subject: Re: Dial needed

Posted by [Bazzab](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 16:43:24 GMT

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Must agree with Micky T on this.

I have the same model in White gold filled, same dial, even the very strange 10, although the second hand track on mine is different

When I first received it I thought it was a redial because of that 10,  
I believe the Models are Strap 134 for the Yellow Gold and 135 for the White

Will post pictures later

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Subject: Re: Dial needed

Posted by [afire](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 18:07:05 GMT

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Interesting. I just know that font from Elgin dials, but I suppose perhaps Gruen used it too.

Another possibility - I usually see that odd font on NOS Elgin dials. It's never been 100% clear to me whether these are in fact from the Elgin factory, or aftermarket replacement dials made by a third party. If that's the case, maybe similar styles were made for more than just Elgin.

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Subject: Re: Dial needed

Posted by [Timeticker](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 18:25:50 GMT

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MikeyT,,,

Ha ha ha ha! You're killing me! You will never be as big a bum as I am!!! I took years to perfect the art! (I do give free lessons tho)!

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Subject: Re: Dial needed

Posted by [mikey](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 22:16:47 GMT

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Thanks for that info Barry, i'll look forward to your pics! Tomas.... you may be right.

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Subject: Re: Dial needed

Posted by [Timeticker](#) on Thu, 30 Jan 2014 01:06:44 GMT

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MikeyT,

Did you ever make that solution I gave you the recipe for? Please let me know either way.

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Subject: Re: Dial needed

Posted by [mikey](#) on Thu, 30 Jan 2014 03:25:10 GMT

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No I didn't. I keep meaning to try it out but just never seem to get around to doing so.

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Subject: Re: Dial needed

Posted by [Gary](#) on Thu, 30 Jan 2014 03:44:32 GMT

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Given that the dial looks redone on that pan am, paint the town red (second hand). Some enamel red paint and pop her in the toaster oven for a slow roast.

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Subject: Re: Dial needed

Posted by [C. Hurt](#) on Thu, 30 Jan 2014 06:23:55 GMT

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For the PanAm hand, use a matte red model paint applied very thinly.

Borel has a red seconds hand that is a reasonable substitute.

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Subject: Re: Dial needed

Posted by [Bazzab](#) on Thu, 30 Jan 2014 17:55:45 GMT

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Heres the photos of mine

This just as I received it. Same movement, same case maker. the marking around the the second hand is different

The dial fits in the same way as Mickeys.

The dial seems to be finished in the same way.

It does look like a match to the Elgin, It does not match the watch in the Collectors Book, My case back number, is 230 later than Mickeys, which might lead me to believe that they were from the same batch?

Maybe the factory had a group of old stock watches re dialed to modernise them.

PS Mickey, did you manage to contact Darin?

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Subject: Re: Dial needed

Posted by [mikey](#) on Thu, 30 Jan 2014 23:00:16 GMT

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Interesting stuff Barry. No, i've never heard back from DarHin. I might have his phone# here somewhere so if i can find it i'll give him a call.

mike

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**Subject: Re: Dial needed**

Posted by [Gary](#) on Sun, 09 Feb 2014 18:45:24 GMT

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mikeyt wrote on Thu, 30 January 2014 23:00i've never heard back from DarHin. I might have his phone# here somewhere so if i can find it i'll give him a call.

Any luck Mikey?

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**Subject: Re: Dial needed**

Posted by [mikey](#) on Mon, 10 Feb 2014 00:06:05 GMT

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Nope, nothing. I did have his phone# at one point but i think it was lost with my email in the demise of our original forum.

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