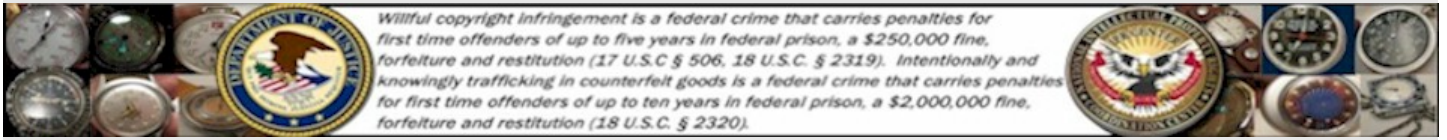




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A 1940 WWII GERMAN MILITARY RUHLA UMF?

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VINTAGE 1940's GERMAN MILITARY RUHLA UMF SATURN POCKET WATCH WITH CHAIN WW2 WWII ????

IS THIS A 1940'S GERMAN MILITARY POCKET WATCH?

IS THE USE OF THE STATEMENT "1940's" AN ATTEMPT TO HAVE YOU BELIEVE THAT IT IS WWII ERA?

IS THE FACT THAT IS HAS "MADE IN GERMANY" AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DIAL MEAN GERMANY PROPER AND NOT EAST GERMANY?

AND IF SO, WAS THIS POCKET WATCH MADE IN GERMANY ?



AT THE END OF WWII, East Germany was created by the Soviet Union. The clock and engine works of brothers Thiel GmbH Ruhla which produced clocks and engines—and not wrist or pocket watches, was taken over by the Soviet Communist administration. It then WAS TO BECOME a Soviet state enterprise named the VEB Clock and Engine works Ruhla – VEB, stood for "Volkseigener Betrieb" which meant it was "owned by the people". VEBs were publicly owned and routinely combined with other organizational units which were called Kombinaten. By the mid 1950's VEB Clock and Engine works Ruhla would become the Uhren und Maschinenfabrik Ruhla –or UMF. The Ruhla works developed clocks and instruments through the 1950s and 60s. VEB Ruhla developed calibers for use in aircraft in East Germany and the Soviet Union as well as electrical clocks, automatic controllers and such instruments as chess clocks as well as heavier machinery such as milling machines.

A few notes,

THE ANSWER TO ALL THE QUESTIONS WAS THIS POCKET WATCH WAS MADE IN EAST GERMANY. IT IS NOT A WWII MODEL. AND IN FACT WAS A 1950'S POCKET WATCH MADE WITH THE INTENT OF PASSING IT OFF AS GERMANY PROPER AND NOT EAST GERMANY. SIMILAR TO SEKONDA –THOUGH IT NEVER APPROACHED THE SUCCESS OF SEKONDA !

A: ADS FOR "GERMAN MILITARY RUHLA UMF "OR "GERMAN RUHLA" MILITARY WATCHES are a scam unless the offer explicitly EXPLAINS OR STATES CLEARLY IT IS EASTERN GERMANY AND NOT GERMANY NOR PLACE A DATE EARLIER THAN 1948.

B: THERE ARE NOT MANY RUHLA WRIST OR POCKET WATCHES THAT CAN BE SAID TO BE EAST GERMAN OR SOVIET UNION MILITARY WATCHES. AND NONE THAT CAN BE STATED AS WWII.

C: RUSSIA MAINTAINED A VIGOROUS WATCH INDUSTRY SINCE LONG BEFORE THE THE COMMUNISTS FIRST TOOK OVER THE COUNTRY.

1- Founded by Peter the Great in 1721, The Petrodvorets *Watch Factory* (Russian: ??) is the oldest factory in *Russia*."

2- Founded in 1930 under orders from Joseph Stalin, the First State Watch Factory was the first large scale Soviet watch and mechanical movement manufacturer. The Soviet government bought the Ansonia Clock Company of Brooklyn, New York in 1929, and then the Dueber-Hampden Watch Company of Canton, Ohio. It moved twenty-eight freight cars full of machinery and parts from the USA to Moscow.. Twenty-one former Dueber-Hampden watchmakers, engravers and various other technicians helped train the Russians in the art of watchmaking as part of the Soviet's First Five-Year Plan. The FIRST movements were stamped "Dueber-Hampden, Canton, Ohio, USA". In 1935 the factory was named after the murdered head of secret police Sergei Kirov.

3- SEKONDA CHAIKA MOLNIJA POLJOT SLAVA POEBA VOSTOK ARE OTHER BRANDS OF THE SOVIET UNION/RUSSIA

D: IN FACT NO POWER IN RUSSIA WOULD ALLOW THIS THRIVING INDUSTRY INDUSTRY TO TURN OVER MARKET OR EMPLOYMENT SHARE. THUS, THOUGH RUHLA WOULD PRODUCE AIRCRAFT CLOCKS, MACHINERY, CLOCKS AND OTHER RELATED TIMING DEVICES, IT WAS SOVIET WRIST AND POCKET WATCHES THAT WERE USED BY THE MILITARY.

E: YET THERE REMAINS A SMALL COLLECTORS MARKET FOR VINTAGE RHULA WATCHES. KNOWING WHICH ARE THE BETTER COLLECTORS VERSIONS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT A PROFIT CAN BE ATTAINED AND A CORRECT BUYING PRICE MUST BE UNDERSTOOD.

F: AND FINALLY. MOST GERMAN MANUFACTURERS BEFORE THE END OF WWII USED GERMAN AS THEIR LANGUAGE OF CHOICE IN THEIR PRODUCTIONS AND PRODUCTS UNLESS THE END ITEM WAS TO BE SOLD OVERSEAS.

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