

Hamilton - "Cushion Model - Engraved" Scarce Art Deco-Era with Wire Lugs – 17 Jewel Mechanical Movement Wristwatch - (circa 1926)



WNS-VINT-2034 - Hamilton - Engraved Cushion Case - Full Front Case View



WNS-VINT-2034 - Hamilton - Engraved Cushion Case - Full Front View



WNS-VINT-2034 - Hamilton - Engraved Cushion Case - Full Right Front View



WNS-VINT-2034 - Hamilton - Engraved Cushion Case - Movement View

Case: 27 mm across by 33 mm lug to lug [wire lugs] - Ornatly and Fancily Engraved Cushion Type Case (bezel, sides and rear) - Marked Hamilton Watch Co., Lancaster, PA, Guaranteed 25 Years and the serial number 351490 - Cabochon crown (with a dark blue stone) at the 3 o'clock position.

Dial: All Original Condition - Circular minutes track bordering the outside section - Bone White Background with black markings, signed Hamilton. The hour markers are Art Deco style Arabic numerals at all 12 positions. The minute and hour hands are gun metal plum colored.

Movement: 17 Jewels Mechanical Wind - Hamilton 986A - 17 Jewels, marked Hamilton Watch Co., and the serial number: 2157369 (which dates this watch to 1926.)

Strap: Brand New, IW brand, 16 mm Genuine Alligator Calf Leather, Brown Pattern with side stitching and a Sliver toned Buckle (open end [wire lug] strap.)

Comments: A scarce Roaring Twenties Hamilton wristwatch with a stunningly attractive engraved case - in all around original condition, running fine and keeping good time.

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The Following Information Regarding this Watch was Provided by: Rene Rondeau

"This was made as a ladies' watch, which is why it does not appear in the book, even my own. Although both men's and women's watches used the same 986A movement, ladies' watches had wire lugs through which a satin strap was laced, while mens had conventional open lugs which used a spring bar to hold a strap. This particular model was called "Cushion Model - Engraved" and was made in green or white gold, or gold-fill. Yours is gold-fill as indicated by the "25 year" guarantee. The manufacturer would warrant that the gold layer would last a specified number of years before wearing through to the underlying brass core. This type of marking was outlawed in 1924, after which cases had to be clearly marked as gold-filled. Production records have survived for this model, showing that 7,183 were made in white gold-fill like yours.

[If only 7,183 pieces were made of this model in the 1920s it is probably scarce today?]

"The general rule of thumb is considered a 10% survival rate, though I don't know who came up with that.... It does seem plausible based on long experience with many types of watches over the years. So yes, that is certainly scarce."