

Elgin - Automatic All Stainless Steel with a Seldom Seen Corduroy Black Textured Dial - (circa 1960s)



Case: Stainless Steel case measures 36 mm across (without the crown) and 38 mm from top to bottom. The lugs are nicely styled and are stubby. The black dial has a textured finish that resembles small patches of corduroy. Depending on how the light strikes it the dial will change colors and reflections. There is a raised silver angled seconds/minutes scale around the edge of the dial and the hour and minute hands are silver with luminous tips. There is a smooth sweep seconds hand and a day/date window at 3 o'clock that can be quick-set using the crown. The hour numbers 12, 6, and 9 are in white and sit on little raised "platforms" that are silver and black. The rest of the hour markers are silver and black and also raised. Turning the watch over we find a spotless lock-down caseback that reads "All Stainless Steel Swiss, Elgin". The inside of the case back reads "Bouilles Switzerland" # 4213.

Dial: Minty overall conditioned that is marked "Elgin" in raised silver letters and has their logo in white below this. It also reads "Automatic - Swiss" above the 6. There are twin luminous dots at the 12 and single dots at 3, 6, and 9, which are placed on the silver inner bezel ring.

Movement: The Rotor is signed "Elgin # 334, Unadjusted, Swiss, 17 Jewels". Below the balance wheel it has the famous Swiss Hallmark of "AS" and the Caliber # 1916.

Band/Strap: The watch is fitted with a new padded hand-stitched black leather strap with a polished chrome buckle.

Comments: A highly collectible watch in fantastic overall condition inside and out (and is the only model of its style I have seen.) It dates from the mid to late 1960s.

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