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Early Ball ORRS - 8774

NAWCC MB 938 [Ball thread](#)

Prior to the run of 100 Hamilton Ball ORRS watches from 8701=8800, Ball watches were marked Standard, Hi grade, Superior grade, etc on the movements. With this run Ball established the popular marketing trademark "Official Railroad Standard"

I have never seen pics or know of anyone who has seen # 8711 the earliest reported Ball marked movement. I would appreciate anyone who has pics or knows about this watch to contact me.

10 watches have been reported from this run, 7 of them are private labels.

#8774 was the first Ball marked movement to be reported. Since then two more have been reported, the earliest being #8711. statistically there were probably as many as 30 Ball marked watches in this run. The price guides value the 2nd and 3rd runs higher than this first run, but I believe that is because the editors are not aware that the first run had ball marked movements as well as private labels.





Watch was originally found without a dial. This is a correct dial for the watch and was located 40 miles from where I found the watch movement. The dial was mounted on a Hamilton when I found it. One could stretch things a bit and romance that watch and dial have been reunited.





I have better dials, but they are mounted on their original, 13K, 14K, 28K and 42K Ball & CO ORRS movements.



Silver case is not original to the movement either, but there are no other screw marks on case. I do not know if this case is of the right era, but it sure displays it nicely.



Below is a picture of movt 8782, my data base says that this has an incorrect Ball Watch Co dial



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