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Some 176.001 Info *PICS* *LINK*

Posted By: **SteveW62** <Steve_Waddington@yahoo.com>

Date: 4/18/07 21:45 GMT

In Response To: [How about "WHOOOPS: eBay"? \(Chicagoland Chuck Maddox\)](#)

Chuck Wrote :-

Here is my "WHOOOPS: eBay post for today...
Omega Speedmaster Mark III, 70er Jahre, Neuzustand!

My main concern is that while I've seen so many "Cushion Cased Mark III's" to think that Omega probably made them this way, I've never before seen a Cushion Cased Mark III with the black dial that's ordinarily seen in the "Volcano" cased version of the Mark III.

Hi Chuck, cool auction !

I'm afraid I'll have to "sit on the fence" about the watch itself. I have never seen a speedmaster MK III in THAT case in ANY of the period literature that I have seen.

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But what REALLY woke me up about this auction is coming below....

This caseback is very interesting... It appears that a Case Reference number has been hastily crossed out and a new one added with the assistance of a drafting style engraving machine... Of you look at the "6" under high magnification one can easily see that the lower part of the "6" where it loops around and up to meet the left portion of the numeral overlaps the horizontal portion.

Looking at the crossed out Case Reference number I can discern that the number crossed out was either 176.001 or 176.007. Since it would make no sense to cross out 176.007 and then re-engrave it, it would seem most likely that the number is 176.001. The finny thing about the 176.001 is that I've never seen one of them ever anywhere in my travels. I don't know if this model is a "re-tasked prototype, or a put-together cobbled together with scavenged parts, or absolutely original [although I seriously tend to doubt the latter] but I think it qualifies for our WHEW or WHOOOPS posts.



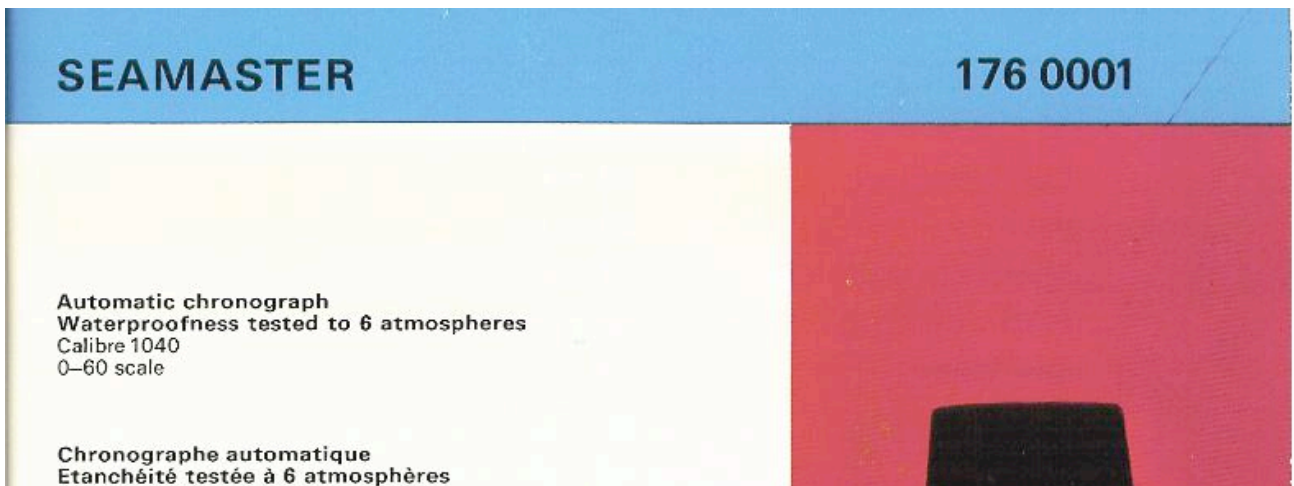
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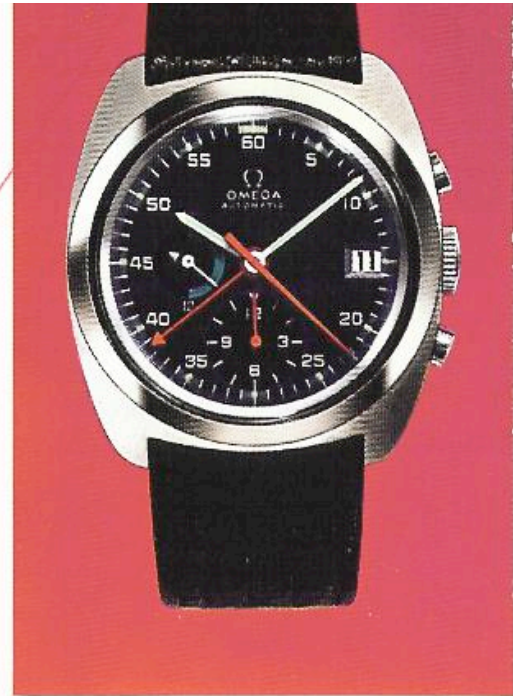
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Hi Steve! How do you like my suggestion for an acronym for this weekly event?

I too can't honestly say that I've seen ad's from Omega for Mark III Speedmasters in anything other than a Volcano case, but there is the case of the Interesting Mark IV Cushion case from YEARS ago...

Danish Mark IV Variant / Mark IV(b):



This [Mark III] example seems VERY similar to me...



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I really don't know [or believe] that the Seamasters of this era were really all that more water resistant than the Speedmasters of that era.

Aside from that, your theory does seem plausible. I believe that Speedmaster dials are easier to source than Seamasters dials.

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I hope Marco's book answers a lot of questions!

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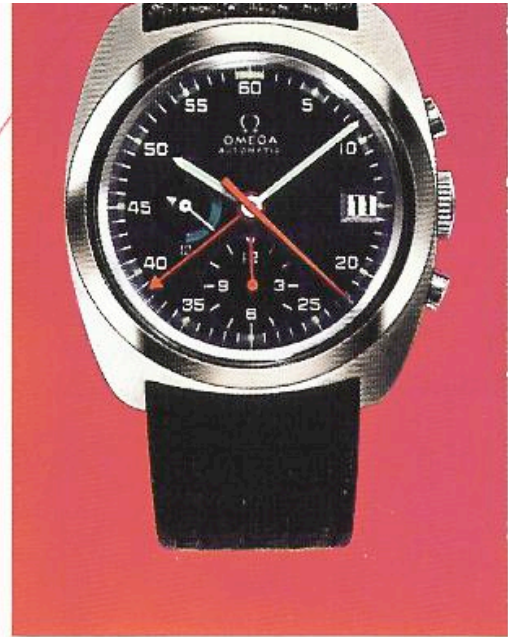
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Perhaps we can get Georges or Pascal to translate for us?

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This watch looks more like the [FIFA Prototype](#) than any other Sea or Speedmaster I've seen. The FIFA also is a product

that is in limbo in the Omega history. We know it existed and exists, but Omega doesn't like to talk about it much.



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I'm not sure I agree with this point, but...

- *Isn't the Centre minute hand (with the "arrowhead") unusual ? I've never seen this on an Omega before*

Yes, the Chrono Minute hand looks closer to a Rolex Daytona or Tudor Oysterdate Chronograph Second hand than a typical Omega hand.

- *I think the dial needs bolder Hour markers. The dial just looks "weak" to me. Not "finished". I don't like it*

I agree... There are hardly any Hour markers and I agree with the rest of this point.

I'd bet this was a prototype that never got far & the case backs that were made up in advance for this model, were restamped by Omega themselves & used on the replacement model.

That's possible, however, the caseback of the example which is on eBay doesn't look, to me, that it was done with the care Omega might use. It looks more like "Home work" as John Diethelm was known to say.

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Plenty! =)

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Contact me first! [Just kidding!] Contact us both.

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Sure... Just tell me which category it belongs in! For I don't know!

A great Auction find Chuck. Thanks !

Thank you Steve for a great idea for Wednesdays!

-- Chuck

Chuck Maddox *Chronographs, like most finer things in life, only improve with time...*



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