

“Vintage” Hamiltons

Hamilton “Vintage” Re-Issue Watches



Speaking of celebrity associations with watches.... What did Rod Serling wear on “The Twilight Zone?” Give up? It was also the featured watch on “Men In Black.” OK, OK, for all you other Hamilton freaks (*this means you Dan*) the “Men In Black” version was a “re-issue” of the original watch. I’m talking about the Hamilton Ventura, one of the first commercially available electric wristwatches.

The Hamilton Watch Company was, arguably, the premier American watch manufacturer and was certainly a major contributor in the advancement of the wristwatch as an accurate, reliable timepiece. They were “first-to-market” with an electric watch. Granted, they got it wrong, and the Bulova tuning fork and eventually quartz regulation have probably made a bigger impact, but I don’t see how anyone can argue the importance of Hamilton in watch history. I fully expect to get vehement hate-mail, and am wearing my asbestos pants, so “flame” away. Boy, Hamilton and Bulova people can get worked up about stuff that happened some 40-odd years ago.

The Hamilton name is currently under the Swatch Group. They are continuing to release modern watches that are virtual copies of, or at least influenced by, original Hamilton designs of the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. I have quite a few Hamiltons in my personal collection and regularly wear both original and reissue Hamilton watches. These watches are most often found at higher-end retailers and are not often discounted. I have been thinking of carrying a Hamilton models at www.TheWatchPlaceOnline.com and will do my best to offer better pricing than is generally available. What do you think? Is this a watch line that is of interest to you? It is *your input* that drives the content of these messages as well as the content and offerings of our websites.