

SA1005714

A fine French striking carriage clock (Circa 1850) - signed E J Dent to the back plate - one piece case (No.416)

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1005714

Date of manufacture: 1850

Dimensions

Height = 12.7 cm (5.0")

Width = 8.2 cm (3.2")

Depth = 6.9 cm (2.7")

Description

This fine mid-19th-century French carriage clock is in good working order. Its white enamelled dial carries the retailer's name 'E J Dent Paris' (Edward John Dent) - this important clockmaker's name can also be found in italic script on the movement's backplate. When its original trefoil hands land on the hour or a half-hour it will strike them delicately on a turned bell (the hours can be repeated by a simple press of the button that is on the top of the case). An alarm can also be set by repositioning the hands on the smaller subsidiary dial to the time of your choosing. The clock's high-quality movement is housed in a gilded 'one-piece' case - it is cast in brass with a finely shaped handle and has a hinged and glazed rear door. The clock's lever-escapement is original (please see photographs). As you can see from the images, there is a small, very fine and historic, hairline crack to the dial's enamelled surface (bottom-right corner) - personally, we feel this is a minor flaw when considering its age and the fact it may have been transported great distances. Also, when you take into account how original the rest of the clock is, it does seem a shame to make alteration...

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