

SA1036565

Early French striking Carriage Clock by Henry Marc, c.1840

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1036565****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 14 cm (5.5")

Width = 10 cm (3.9")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

Rare early French brass Carriage Clock by Henry Marc (signed) with original and unusual skeleton escapement and subsidiary seconds dial. The movement strikes hours and half-hours on a bell. It is contained within its early one-piece case, with a beautiful silvered dial, and mask. This clock features a subsidiary Seconds dial, unusual for a Carriage Clock. Roman numerals for the main dial and arabic numbering for the seconds dial. Gilded brass hands on both dials and a central sunburst. The makers nameplate features under the VI, although interestingly with a different spelling of Henry (ie: Henri) to the engraved spelling on the backplate, which was presumably engraved by the maker himself! Possibly spelt Henri on the dial plate for the French market? The solid backplate features a shutter action, enabling winding and hand alterations to be made through 'key holes' when the shutter is slid open. There is even a lever externally for fast/slow adjustment at the top of the backplate. The shutter action helps keeps the movement dust free and prevents clock-oil drying out quite so quickly. The backplate also features an inscribed signature (see above). Dated: circa 1840 D...

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