

SA1045361

Late 17th century Continental walnut & tortoiseshell collector's chest of drawers

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1045361****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 71.5 cm (28.1")

Width = 68.5 cm (27.0")

Depth = 29 cm (11.4")

Description

A highly decorative late 17th century (circa 1690) Continental walnut and tortoiseshell collector's chest of drawers, possibly Anglo Spanish or Anglo Portuguese, on later supports. This chest consists of a walnut top with ivory and walnut line decoration leading down to the arrangement of drawers. Although the drawers have the appearance of seven drawers there are actually five: the top, third and fourth drawers all being long with two smaller drawers below the top drawer. The drawers being highly decorative and consisting of fruitwood and ebony banding with central tortoiseshell panel with ebony and ivory line decoration, the sides being veneered with figured walnut. The chest would probably have had wooden knob handles originally, the brass handles and escutcheons being a later addition dating from the Arts & Crafts period (1880-1910) - it is not uncommon for handles etc. to be replaced at some time due to changing fashions over the years. Originally the chest would probably have been supported by a stand but again changes have been made probably in the late 19th century where turned and ebonised legs and castors have been added. This chest is in very good condition.

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