

SA1107126

AN EARLY ENGLISH CASED "TRANSITIONAL" REVOLVER

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1107126****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Width = 33.5 cm (13.2")

Depth = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

An interesting (and quite rare) cased English 'IMPROVED REVOLVER' almost certainly by Charles Osborne of Birmingham. The six-shot percussion revolver with radially aligned nipples features acanthus engraved self-cocking action with bar hammer, 'crisp' chequered wooden grip and rifled octagonal barrel of .36 calibre. The fitted mahogany case (possibly later) is fitted with various accessories including: nipple key; powder flask; bullet mould and quantity of lead shot. Measurements of case: 33.5 x 15 x 6.5 cms (13 x 6 x 2.5ins). English circa 1840-50. ** Samuel Colt invented the revolver in 1835 which featured at least one barrel and a revolving cylinder chamber containing multiple chambers, each holding one cartridge. When Colt began his quite aggressive marketing in Britain, local gunsmiths competed against these imports by producing their own revolvers, of which this is an early example. (No licence is required for this cased revolver, if possessed as a curiosity or ornament)

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