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JAPANESE TSUBA WITH "DRAGON - PEARL" IN HIGH RELIEF. EDO PERIOD.

Price

GBP 975

| USD \$1,329 | EUR 1,138

Item Reference: SA1143581

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 8 cm (3.1")

Width = 7.5 cm (3.0")

Depth = 0.4 cm (0.2")

Description

Japanese Iron Tsuba Guard with dragons chasing and holding pearls. In extremely high relief. Circa 1800. Possibly earlier. Fine detailing of dragons circling and chasing pearls in swirling clouds, and finally catching the pearl within its three-toed claws. A clever design with the dragon seemingly moving through the Tsuba guard. Elaborate and intricate details. Excellent craftsmanship with rare Nanako surface (The Japanese name for punched, dotted surface finishes on metal). Condition: Unrestored original / authentic condition. Some minor rubbing to the highest points of the 'raised' relief, with some gold wash still remaining. Some minor dings to edges commensurate with actual sword (Katana) use. Dimensions: (very slight oval form). Height = 8.0cm. Width = 7.5 cm. Thickness = 3- 4mm. * The pearl is often associated with wisdom, power, and the dragon's ability to control the tides.

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