

SA1158410

Small Art Deco Silver Sapphire Paste Brooch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1158410****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 0.2 cm (0.1")

Width = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

A dainty little Art Deco brooch in the form of a long thin bar with scalloped decoration along the sides, channel set with lovely old-cut blue and white pastes. The French jeweller Georges Frédéric Strass invented "Paste" in 1724. True paste is crafted from a special leaded glass that was painstakingly cut and then polished by hand with metal powder until it appeared to shimmer like a diamond. It was an instant success with the chic upper classes of Parisian society and continues to be highly sought after today. Nowadays paste is often used as a generic term to describe costume gemstones. SIZE: 4 x 0.2cm. WEIGHT: 1.4g. MATERIALS: 935 silver - a silver fineness higher than sterling silver (925). We most often see 935 on pieces from Germany, Austria and Switzerland c.1920s-40s, which absolutely fits with this piece. HALLMARKS/STAMPS: Stamped 935 on the back. CONDITION: In good vintage condition; the lines of the silver frame are a little wavy throughout, rather than dead straight. Fixes with a locking rollover clasp. ERA: Art Deco c.1930.

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