

SA1160018

Nautical Desk Timepiece from the Guilmet Industrial Series.

Price

GBP 1,950

| USD \$2,659 | EUR 2,275

Item Reference: SA1160018

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 26 cm (10.2")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

Depth = 10.5 cm (4.1")

Description

A Nautical timepiece with a French eight day movement regulated by a large high quality English lever platform escapement, behind a silvered roman dial with blued steel spade hands under bevel glass. The movement is housed in a nickel and gilt case in the form of a ships wheel supported by an anchor with intersecting cannons. All mounted on a black marble base with gilded plinth. The movement is numbered 1454. Dating from circa 1890 the design of the this timepiece and the movement are all indicative that this clock was made by Guilmet. André Romain Philéas Guilmet was an obsessive inventor who took out many patents for designs, both horological and others. It was Guilmet who in 1868, in collaboration with Edouard Meyer, first placed a driving chain on a bicycle, set below the seat to drive the rear wheels, and so produced the first bicycle powered in the method that is standard on all machines. Guilmet is recorded as not just an horologer, but also a bijoutier (jeweller) and doreur (gilder). Under the entry for Doreurs in the 1861 almanach he is described thus: horologer, bijouterie, orfeverie argentes de la maison Christolfe, Fbg-St. Martin, 103 et 108; an horologer,....

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