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A fine quality and detailed
Japanese Meiji period patinated
bronze crab, c.1890

Price

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Item Reference: SA1160870

Date of manufacture: 1890

Dimensions

Height = 4 cm (1.6")

Width = 9 cm (3.5")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

A fine quality and detailed Japanese Meiji period patinated bronze crab. The highly accurate depiction of the stance, claws, legs and body continue to the underside where the detail continues. It is also signed to the underside (see image). Stands evenly on four feet (no rocking). Dimensions: 3.5 inches wide x 2.75 inches long x 1.5 inches tall. (9 x 7 x 4 cm) Weight: 182 g Dated: Approx 1890-1895. Background: At the start of the Meiji era (1868-1912), Japanese metalwork was almost totally unknown outside the country, unlike lacquer and porcelain which had previously been exported. Metalwork was connected to Buddhist practice, for example in the use of bronze for temple bells and incense cauldrons. There were fewer opportunities for metalworkers once Buddhism was displaced as the state religion. International exhibitions brought Japanese cast bronze to a new foreign audience, attracting strong praise globally.

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