

SA1167273

Japanese Carved Wooden Bear

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1167273****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 39 cm (15.4")

Width = 57 cm (22.4")

Depth = 33 cm (13.0")

Description

A bold and beautifully carved wooden bear, capturing the dynamic spirit of traditional Hokkaido craftsmanship. Shown mid-roar with its mouth agape and teeth exposed, the bear's powerful stance radiates energy and presence. The fur is rendered with deep, rhythmic carving, while the polished finish highlights the wood's natural grain and tonal variation, lending warmth and realism. This style of carving is rooted in the Ainu tradition of northern Japan, where bears are revered as sacred creatures—symbols of strength, protection, and the vitality of nature. The sculpture's expressive detail and commanding form make it more than a decorative object; it is a cultural emblem infused with meaning.

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