

SA1178040

Japanese Choba Tansu – Merchant's Chest

Price

GBP 650

| USD \$880 | EUR 761

Item Reference: SA1178040

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 80 cm (31.5")

Width = 86 cm (33.9")

Depth = 37 cm (14.6")

Description

This traditional Choba Tansu, or merchant's chest, exemplifies the harmonious blend of function and beauty. Crafted from richly stained hardwood—likely keyaki (zelkova) or sugi (cedar), it showcases the expressive grain and enduring strength prized in Japanese joinery. Designed for practical use in merchant shops, the chest features a thoughtful arrangement of storage: a column of drawers in varying sizes lines the left side, ideal for organizing tools, documents, and small wares. At the centre, a pair of sliding doors with vertical slats conceals a spacious, shelved compartment, while additional drawers above and below offer layered utility. Blackened iron fittings and handles provide both structural integrity and striking visual contrast. Side-mounted carrying handles suggest portability, allowing the chest to be repositioned with ease.

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