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UNUSUAL GEORGIAN BILSTON ENAMEL PATCH BOX, CIRCA 1780

Price

GBP 175

| USD \$236 | EUR 205

Item Reference: SA1182088**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 2.5 cm (1.0")

Width = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Depth = 3.5 cm (1.4")

Description

This is a delightful 18th. Century Bilston * enamel "love token" patch box. The cream base and hinged cover with faux marble decorations surrounding a white roundel inscribed the words "Love constitutes the value". The hinged lid opening to reveal the original mirror, sadly broken but firmly in place and a white interior. Dimensions: Length: 5cm / 2 inches. Width: 3.5cm / 1.2 inches. Height: 2.5cm / 1 inch. Condition: In reasonable condition for this type of object. The exterior in good condition. Minor grazing, commensurate with age. Original lead mirror cracked. The interior base with discolouration. Good strong hinge. Lid snaps shut firmly. * By the early 18th Century the town of Bilston, on the southern edge of Wolverhampton, was already established as a metal-working centre. The next step for these manufacturers of artefacts such as buckles, boxes and toy was get ahead of their competitors by decorating them. So they turned to enamels. The technique of enamelling is applying heat to a mixture of silica, soda, potassium silicates and lead oxide, the enameller produced a paste which could be painted on to metal surfaces. Different colours could be created by intro...

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