

SA1183961

Ship's elm single pulley block

Price

GBP 350

| USD \$473 | EUR 410

Item Reference: SA1183961

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 38 cm (15.0")

Description

A mid 18th century Naval ship's elm single pulley block, made in three parts – pulley, pin and shell. Height: 38 cm. Width: 30 cm. Depth: 15 cm. For a similar single pulley blocks see the collection of: Chatham Historic Dockyard. In sailing, a block is a single or multiple pulley. One or a number of sheaves are enclosed in an assembly between cheeks or chocks. In use, a block is fixed to the end of a line, to a spar, or to a surface. A line (rope) is reeved through the sheaves, and maybe through one or more matching blocks at some far end, to make up a tackle. A large sail-powered warship in the 18th and 19th century required more than 1,400 blocks of various kinds.

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