



British Flintlock Blunderbuss with Sprung Bayonet, late 18th Century

Price

GBP 2,200

| USD \$2,977 | EUR 2,574

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Date of manufacture: 18th Century

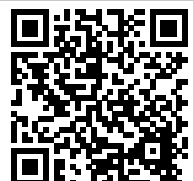
Description

A rare and intriguing defensive firearm from the late Georgian period, featuring a sprung triangular bayonet mounted above the barrel with and ram rod below and vacant escutcheon. The 36.5 cm (approx. 14½?) brass barrel flares at the muzzle and tapers to a short octagonal breech section, with a sprung 28 cm triangular bayonet above the barrel. The bayonet is retained by a catch and releases forward when deployed — a characteristic feature of close-quarters blunderbusses intended for shipboard or carriage defence. The flintlock action incorporates a roller on the frizzen and remains complete, although unsigned, consistent with government inspection pieces and private contract manufacture of the late 18th century. The furniture comprises an engraved brass trigger guard with pineapple finial and brass butt plate. Walnut Stock with cross hatched grip, shows age-appropriate wear, shrinkage cracks, and period restoration/repairs, particularly around the wrist and forend. There is evidence of old glue work and filling, but no modern replacements; all metal components are original and retain appropriate patina. The bayonet and barrel are marked with British proof and inspection ...

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