

**SA1210285**

## Victorian Single Draw Hexagonal Marine Telescope by Ross of London

Price

**GBP 495**

| USD \$669 | EUR 579

**Item Reference: SA1210285**

**Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 46 cm (18.1")

Width = 4 cm (1.6")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

## Description

For sale a Victorian Single Draw Hexagonal Marine Telescope by Ross of London. This beautifully manufactured nickel-plated telescope has its original leather sleeve to the hexagonal barrel and pull-out objective sunshade. It measures 64cms fully extended, 46cms closed and has an inch and a quarter diameter objective lens. The single draw is marked to "Ross London" with a serial no: 34253 and Patent below. A very unusual telescope style for its period, the hexagonal shape is more commonly found on telescopes prior to the mid-Eighteenth Century. The shape was originally created to overcome material and tooling challenges faced by earlier makers. Barrels were manufactured by gluing together six lengths of mahogany until the developments in the late Eighteenth Century allowed for the creation of thin, lightweight circular barrels which are more commonly encountered. Ross would have known this earlier barrel style during his lifetime, and I suspect he considered the technique to have some practicality for a more modern Victorian telescope. The shape being much less likely to roll away when placed on a flat surface. The maker, Andrew Ross was born in 1798. His Father...

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