

SA1211900

R. & J. Beck, London, Binocular
Microscope, "Improved
National", c.1880, in original
Mahogany Case

Price

GBP 1,250

| USD \$1,692 | EUR 1,463

Item Reference: SA1211900**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

A late 19th-century brass binocular compound microscope by R. & J. Beck, the "Improved National" model, dating to circa 1880–1885. This is a genuine Victorian scientific instrument featuring a true binocular head with prism system, rack and pinion coarse focus, fine adjustment, and substage mirror. The microscope is engraved to the foot "R. & J. Beck, London" and retains good overall form and presence. Housed in its original fitted mahogany case, stamped internally for Brady & Martin, indicating period retail through this Newcastle agent. The case also retains its original instruction label. The microscope is supplied with two Beck eyepieces and associated fittings. A scarce example of an early binocular microscope by one of London's leading instrument makers, offering both display appeal and practical usability. Height of microscope: 33 cm Height of case: 38 cm Condition Report Presented in good antique condition with wear commensurate with age and use. Brass surfaces have been cleaned/polished and show light handling wear Optics show some scratches and debris; not tested for optical performance Stage glass plate has a visible stable crack and appears to be a later repl...

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