

SA1214418

Antique Victorian Rexine Domed Travelling Trunk Coach Luggage Chest Locking 1888

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1214418****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 46 cm (18.1")

Width = 43 cm (16.9")

Depth = 58 cm (22.8")

Description

Antique Black Rexine Coach Trunk . A very rare trunk, ideal as a blanket box. This late Victorian travelling trunk, circa 1885, is a wonderfully evocative survival from the era of coaching and early railway travel. Designed with a traditional domed top to allow rainwater to run off during transit on the exterior racks of a stagecoach or carriage, the trunk is clad in its original black Rexine or heavy oilcloth protective covering. It retains its authentic iron carrying handles to the sides and stands on its original wooden runners. A particularly fascinating element of its social history lies in its construction; the trunk was built utilising recycled timber, a common practice among provincial craftsmen of the period, with the underside clearly displaying an original stencilled mercantile stamp from its previous life as a commercial sugar crate. The interior offers a spectacular window into the late 19th century, remaining completely lined with its original, untouched English newspapers. Among the readable fragments is a clearly legible date from The Sunday Chronicle on October 7th, 1888, alongside charming period advertisements for "Beecham's Pills," "Smith's Patent Ge...

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