

SA345810

Antique silver Borgel cased Longines pocket watch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA345810****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

An unusual antique silver Borgel cased Longines pocket watch. The watch has a stem-winding movement, Longines calibre 18.79, which is ticking away nicely and the time keeping is good to within around two minutes over 24 hours. The movement has the serial number 2,400,518 which dates it back to 1910. The watch itself measures 47mm diameter excluding the winding crown and the loop. The case is silver and there are hallmarks inside the case back for London (import mark), 1912, with a case maker's for François Borgel (his mark is inside the case back). Borgel patented the eponymous Borgel watch case in 1891, a real step forward in waterproof and dustproof watches cases, making pocket watch cases first and subsequently moving onto wrist watches as fashions changed. François Borgel was a successful inventor and business man, and his business became one of the most important watch case manufacturers of its time. Early adopters of the Borgel screw case included Longines and the International Watch Co. (IWC). After François Borgel's death in 1912, the business was carried on by his daughter Louisa. The inside of the case back also has the AB mark for Alfred Baume, the UK i...

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