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Antique 1914 silver Rolex Admiralty wrist watch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA403655****Date of manufacture: 1910**

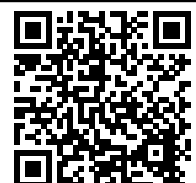
Description

Antique 1914 silver Rolex Admiralty wrist watch. The watch has a Reeberg hand-winding movement, signed Admiralty. The movement is working nicely. A company called Aegler supplied movements to Wilsdorf & Davis, the founders of Rolex. The movements came from their factory in Rebberg and they registered the Rebberg name as a trade mark. Movements signed Admiralty are scarcely seen. During World War I and the early 1920s period, Rolex registered several nautical themed names, apparently either not using them, or, as with the Admiralty, only in tiny quantities. These included Lusitania, Aqua and The Sailor King. It is a bit of a mystery why Rolex registered these names when they were rarely used but it could have been that the registrations were for both watches and compasses, indicating a possible expansion into marine instruments. Hans Wilsdorf had the Aegler Rebberg movements cased in Switzerland and this particular watch does indeed have import marks for London 1914 together with W&D, the sponsor's mark for Wilsdorf & Davis, together with the Rolex stamp. After the first World War, silver cases continued to be manufactured in Switzerland but gold Rebberg cas...

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