

SA456059

Silver Invar full hunter pocket watch with chain

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA456059****Date of manufacture: 1930**

Description

A 1930s silver Invar full hunter pocket watch. The Invar watch company was founded in 1901 by Achille Hirsch in Le Chaux de Fonds, but the name was not registered until 1925. Mr. Hirsch was a rather prolific watch distributor around the turn of the century, who registered hundreds of trademarks, so to some degree this watch represents an attempt to profit from the new material, Invar. Invar is an alloy which, when used in watches, makes them non-magnetic and good steady time keepers through a wide range of temperatures. Invar was invented in 1896 by Swiss scientist Charles Édouard Guillaume. He received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1920 for this discovery, which enabled improvements in scientific instruments. The watch has a signed stem-winding movement (with a particularly interesting regulator) which is working nicely. It is protected by an inner hinged dust cover which is engraved with the Invar logo. The watch itself measures 50mm diameter excluding the winding stem and the loop. The case is silver and there are Continental hallmarks inside both of the back covers. The outside of the case is exquisitely decorated on both the front and the back and it is i...

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