

SA465905

A gents 1950s Universal Genève wrist watch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA465905****Date of manufacture: 1950**

Description

A gents 1950s Universal Genève wrist watch. The company was founded by two horology students and initially they were a manufacturer and retailer of cases, crowns, dials and movements. After the death of one of the founders, the company enrolled the services of a co-manufacturer of complications and the company traded briefly under the name Perret & Berthoud. After transferring the business to Geneva in 1919, the company became Universal Watch et Company (UWEC) Genève, Ltd. The company went on to supply pocket watches and trench watches during the first World War. Following on from the demise of the pocket watch and the increase in popularity of the wrist watch, Universal Genève continued to expand, forging strong links with Hermès of Paris and Henri Stern Watch Agency in Manhattan, the U.S. distributorship of Patek Philippe. Universal Genève were granted a Royal Warrant by the Dutch Royal Family in 1939, and produced military watches for the Dutch army. Universal Genève are today owned by a Hong Kong investment firm but they still have a presence in Geneva. This particular watch has a bumper automatic movement, calibre 138 with 17 jewels, which is working nicely. ...

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