

SA474953

Rare Art Deco Period Mahogany Cased Five Inch Dial Clock by Negretti & Zambra

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA474953****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 20 cm (7.9")

Width = 20 cm (7.9")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

A very rare Art Deco period mahogany cased dial clock by Negretti & Zambra. This small wall clock has a five inch silvered dial with a quality brass bezel and an eight day movement with Coventry Astral stamped to the back plate. Astral clocks were a brand name for a company called Henry Williamson Limited and the key motif with Coventry written to its centre denotes the factory in which it was manufactured. Other movements by the company were also manufactured in Salisbury and in Switzerland. These markings are therefore useful for dating this Negretti & Zambra clock because the Swiss factory closed in World War One owing to import restrictions and the Salisbury factory was destroyed by fire in 1909 wherein all manufacturing moved to Coventry. Prior to this date, only watch movements were made in Coventry so it must have been manufactured post 1909. Owing to the world wide depression, the company was forced into receivership in 1930 and became part of the English Clock & Watch Manufacturers company, which was also bought out shortly afterwards by Smiths English Clocks. The brand name of Astral continued to be used by Smiths after this date but this movement dates to prio...

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