

SA479982

A 1930s Vertex full hunter pocket watch

Price

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Item Reference: SA479982

Date of manufacture: 1930

Description

A 1930s Vertex full hunter pocket watch. The watch has a stem-winding movement which is working nicely. The movement is signed VWC for Vertex. In 1859, Louis Tschopp and Gédéon Thommen ran the Societe d'Horlogerie in Waldenburg Switzerland and eventually Gédéon Thommen took over the sole ownership and he renamed the company Gédéon Thommen. Thommen started to build lever movements with the aim of developing a manufacturing process whereby the components were interchangeable. Upon his father's death, Alphonse Thommen took over the business and by 1890, the factory was producing 13,000 watches per year. By 1929 Thommen had registered the brand name Vertex specifically to market the watches in the UK. Early Vertex wrist watches were very functional with most being modified pocket watches with simple wire lugs. However, by the 1920s and early 1930s, the fashion for Art Deco soon became incorporated into Vertex watches resulting in some striking Art Deco pieces. Unfortunately the economic crash of the late 1920s / early 1930s hit the watch making industry hard and in fact saw the demise of many watch making companies but Thommen began manufacturing aviation navigatio...

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