

SA498784

1927 silver wristwatch from Sir John Bennett

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA498784****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Description

A 1927 silver cushion cased watch from Sir John Bennett of London. The watch has a Swiss 15-jewel hand-winding movement which is working nicely. The watch itself measures 31mm wide excluding the winding crown and 31mm high excluding the fixed lugs. The case is silver and there are hallmarks inside the case back for London (import mark), 1927, with an importer's mark for George Stockwell. From 1 June 1907, Stockwells acted as assay agents, facilitating the import into Britain of foreign gold and silver items, which had to be assayed and hallmarked in a UK assay office before being released for retail. The case has some unevenness to the back and a little scratching but otherwise looks good. The lens is in good condition. The white enamel dial has a couple of hairline cracks but not too noticeable to the naked eye. The hands and numbers would originally have had painted infill but this has been removed over the years. The dial is signed with the name Sir John Bennett, London. John Bennett (1814 – 1897) was one of the most controversial characters in British horology and, in many aspects one of the most advanced. He greatly advocated the Swiss methods of manu...

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