

SA535862

Gents Longines wrist watch,
1941, with provenance

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA535862

Date of manufacture: 1940

Description

A gents Longines wrist watch, 1941. The watch has a very good quality hand-winding movement, 23M with 15 jewels and five adjustments. The movement is signed Longines name and the serial number 6261224 dates it back to 1941. Longines have consulted their records and confirmed that this serial number refers to "a wristwatch in stainless steel fitted with a Longines manually wound mechanical movement, caliber 23M and was invoiced on 21 August 1943 to the company Danero, which was at that time the Longines agent for Uruguay". The 23M movement was introduced in 1939 and was an updated version of the 23, which in turn was derived from the 10.68Z which first appeared in 1932. The 23M was 1mm smaller than the 23, and the winding mechanism was hidden from the damaging effects of perspiration, which was particularly important as Longines sought to take advantage of the lucrative market for luxury watches in hot and humid former British colonial countries. The 23M is usually found in gold cases so stainless steel versions, such as our example, are more difficult to come by. The watch measures 31mm diameter excluding the winding crown and the lugs. The inside of the case...

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