

SA535971

World War Two Hamilton Model 21 Two Day Marine Chronometer in Original Case

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA535971

Date of manufacture: 1940

Dimensions

Height = 20 cm (7.9")

Width = 19 cm (7.5")

Depth = 19 cm (7.5")

Description

A World War Two period Hamilton Model 21 Two Day Marine Chronometer in original mahogany case. This super example of an American made chronometer has a silvered dial engraved with "Hamilton Lancaster. PA. USA", the serial number "N4149" and the date of 1941. It has two further dials for minutes and state of wind. The movement is housed within a gimbal inside a three tier mahogany case. The top lid reveals a glass plate which was used for general observation of the chronometer whilst keeping the movement safe, the second lid for undertaking winding. The inside lid bears its original label providing information relating to the safe transport methods for the chronometer. It reads, "Cork as shown before shipping (with diagram). See Ship's chronometer record book (form NBS 702) Transportation Paragraph 2". The exterior of the case has a brass drop handle mounted to either side and two brass slide catches for opening the lids. It has a further label stating, "Hamilton Watch Co, Lancaster PA. USA". The Hamilton Watch Company were invited by the US Naval Laboratory in 1939 to create an American made marine chronometer. The US Government was plagued by shortages throughout the

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