

SA541777

1920's Siebe Gorman & Co Ltd Twelve Bolt Diving Helmet & Corselet with Matching Serial Numbers

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA541777****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 48 cm (18.9")

Width = 40 cm (15.7")

Depth = 35 cm (13.8")

Description

A mid-1920's Siebe Gorman & Co Ltd twelve bolt diving helmet and corselet with matching serial numbers throughout. The helmet is of copper construction with an oval port to each side covered with brass grills and circular front port with threaded front plate to allow for communication with the diver when out of the water. This port is stamped with the serial number 10375. To the left of the front port it has a spit cock valve named for its use in sucking in a small amount of water into the diver's mouth and spitting it onto a steamed up port. To the reverse, the helmet has an air inlet with non-return valve, exhaust valve and communications elbow with end cap stamped with "telephone" to the face. The communications speaker and comms button remain present inside the helmet and it is also stamped inside with the serial number 10375. The corselet or breast plate (also stamped with serial number 10375 to the neck ring) is primarily used for distributing the weight of the helmet onto the diver's shoulders and as a means of attaching and sealing the suit to the helmet. The helmet derives its name from the twelve bolts that surround the base of the corselet. These bolts hold t...

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