

SA553661**Gents silver IWC trench watch,
1916**

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA553661****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

A gents silver IWC trench watch, 1916. The watch has a hand-winding movement, calibre 64, which is working nicely. The movement has the Stauffer & Co mark, together with the Peerless name. These three details tell us that the movement was made by IWC. The watch measures 33mm diameter excluding the winding crown and the fixed wire lugs. The case is silver and there are hallmarks inside the case back for London (import mark), 1916, together with the initials CN for Charles Nicolet (the director of Stauffer). Nicolet registered this mark in 1877 so that his company could submit items for assay and hallmarking. There is also a case maker's mark for François Borgel. Borgel patented the Borgel watch case in 1891. At the time, it was a real step forward in the design and manufacture of waterproof and dustproof watch cases, initially pocket watch cases and then subsequently wrist watch cases. François Borgel was a successful inventor and business man, and his business became one of the most important watch case manufacturers of its time. Early adopters of the Borgel screw case included Longines and IWC. After François Borgel's death in 1912, the business was carried o...

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