

SA604517

Edwardian Mining Stick Barometer by Thomson Skinner & Hamilton of Glasgow

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA604517****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 90 cm (35.4")

Width = 12 cm (4.7")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

For sale, an Edwardian oak cased mining stick barometer by Thomson, Skinner & Hamilton Ltd of Glasgow. This example is of typically robust form given its intended use and is created with a straight golden oak case with enclosed cistern tube and chamfered edge detail. The top of the body has an inverted three sectioned ivory scale plate reading 28 to 33 inches of barometric pressure with makers name to the top and Fahrenheit thermometer to the side, all of which are enclosed behind a brass framed glass plate. It also maintains a Vernier scale to the side of the scale operated by a brass knob to the front for taking accurate reading and for comparison with earlier observations. Similar examples were produced by Negretti & Zambra and are thus described in their catalogues: "It having been observed, that explosions of gas in mines mostly occur when the barometer is very low (showing diminishing atmospheric pressure), it is important that a good barometer should be at hand, for observation by managers and others". Barometers of this type were being manufactured as early as the 1860's, however their use for mining was made compulsory by an act of parliament in 1872. It wa...

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