

SA605894

1920 Elgin B W Raymond railroad pocket watch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA605894****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Description

1920 Elgin B W Raymond railroad pocket watch. The great North American railroad watch became an institution after a fatal crash in 1891, which was caused in part by the stopping and then restarting of the engineer's watch, which caused it to be four minutes slow. In the early days of railroading, when trains ran by strict time and timetable rules, that four minutes proved to be fatal. As a result, in 1893, the General Railroad Timepiece Standards were adopted, which mandated high grade specifications including a minimum of 17 jewels in the movement, five adjustments, micro-metric regulation and lever set hands. The B W Raymond model was named after Benjamin Wright Raymond, the first president and one of the primary investors in the National Watch Company of Chicago (later renamed the Elgin National Watch Company). This particular watch has a beautifully patterned stem-winding movement, grade 455 with 19 jewels, which is working nicely. The grade 455 was only produced for four years, from 1918 to 1922. The serial number on the movement, 22,244,759 dates this particular watch back to 1920. The watch measures 50mm diameter excluding the winding stem and the loop. ...

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