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Gents J W Benson silver wrist watch, 1933

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA607419****Date of manufacture: 1930**

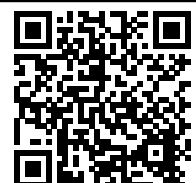
Description

Gents J W Benson silver wrist watch, 1933. A very stylish piece very much in the style of the famous Rolex Oyster. In 1927, Rolex claimed their watch was waterproof and to prove it, a young English swimmer called Mercedes Gleitze wore an Oyster when she swam the Channel. The swim lasted over ten hours but the watch was still in perfect working order upon completion. The watch we have here is incredibly similar in design and it does seem that other watch manufacturers wanted a share of this lucrative market. This particular watch has a good quality 16-jewel hand-winding Cyma movement which is working nicely. The watch measures 30mm wide excluding the winding crown and 30mm high excluding the lugs. The case is silver and there are hallmarks inside the case back for Glasgow (import mark) 1933, together with an importer's mark for Schwob Frères & Co. Schwob Frères & Co. registered its name in Switzerland in 1881 and the company also owned the Tavannes Watch Company. Tavannes was founded in 1891 by Henri Sandoz, but from 1892 on, Tavannes and Schwob Frères shared brand names and trademarks. Between them, the two firms registered a huge number of brand names and trad...

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