

SA643471

Antique Waltham railroad grade pocket watch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA643471****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

Antique Waltham railroad grade pocket watch. The watch has a grade 642 stem-winding movement which is working nicely. The plates are beautifully detailed, and the movement has a Lossier hairspring which means the hairspring allows the balance wheel to oscillate back and forth in precise rhythm. Micro regulation via the Ohlson regulator, invented by Olof Ohlson of Newton, Massachusetts, jewelled gold pallets, 17 jewels, adjusted five positions. The movement is fully signed and the serial number 22097947 dates it back to 1918. In fact only 3000 of these particular movements were ever produced, and all in the year 1918 (2000 lever set and 1000 stem set such as the watch we have here). 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 ...

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