

SA655341

Antique Waltham Vanguard
railroad grade pocket watch.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA655341

Date of manufacture: 1910

Description

Antique Waltham Vanguard railroad grade pocket watch. The watch has a nicely patterned high grade stem-winding movement which is working nicely. The movement is high spec with 23 jewels, five adjustments, jewelled pallets and patent Ohlson regulator, and it is indeed railroad grade. 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 and micro-metric regulation. While this particular watch would not have been used on the railways as it is not lever set, the specification was still at the required high levels and these high grade watches were purchased by other professionals and also civilians. As well as being fully signed, the serial number dates the watch back to 1910. The movement is protected by...

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