

SA691446

Henry Griffith Art Deco Onyx & Lapis Lazuli Box

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA691446****Date of manufacture: 1940**

Dimensions

Height = 4.8 cm (1.9")

Width = 18.2 cm (7.2")

Depth = 13.6 cm (5.4")

Description

This is a circa 1930's or 1940's Art Deco onyx cigarette box inlaid with lapis lazuli. It was made by Henry Griffith & Sons Ltd of Tachbrook Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. They made a number of similar boxes throughout this period. I found an identical example online (though it does not have the divider inside) which was also made by Henry Griffith & Sons Ltd but was stamped to the underside 'Dunhill Paris, Fabrication England'. It was originally designed for holding cigarettes, but could be used for any number of purposes in a modern setting. The hinge is stamped with the marks 'Made In England' and 'H.G&S'. Most of these boxes made by Henry Griffith & Sons Ltd had hallmarked sterling silver mounts. This does not have all the relevant silver hallmarks but the maker's stamp is identical to their silver hallmark. The hinge is gilded. The thumb piece on the front of the lid would have been set with lapis lazuli which is now missing. The same piece is missing the two screws from the underside. There is a crack to the centre of the underside of the box, and also to the centre of the front. There are a number of nibbles to the corner edges.

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