

SA701038

Mid Victorian Engineers Steel Rule by Charles Baker 244 High Holborn London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA701038****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 123 cm (48.4")

Width = 5 cm (2.0")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

For sale, a huge mid-Victorian architect or engineer's steel rule by Charles Baker of 244 high Holborn, London. This magnificent and extremely weighty forty eight inch flat section example with bevelled edges is divided into inches on one side with numbering which graduates in thirds of an inch (1 to 144 rising in threes). The other side is equally divided into thirds of an inch but is more minutely divided and is numbered sequentially. It is superbly engraved to the centre to, Baker, 244 High Holborn, London. According to some of the company's advertising, the Baker firm had roots stretching back to 1765 but Charles Baker (1820-1894) is actively recognised to have been trading by 1851 and presented itself as both opticians and instrument makers. Baker is more commonly associated with the making of microscopes to most modern collectors but voluminous catalogues held at The Borthwick Institute in York suggest that he was as prolific as the likes of WF Stanley and Elliotts in the range of instruments available. The company continued after Baker's death under the stewardship of the Curteis family until it was finally subsumed by Vickers Instruments Ltd in 1959 although ...

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