

SA732612

World War 2 RAF Catalina Aircraft Model in Brass c.1941

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA732612****Date of manufacture: 1940**

Dimensions

Height = 18.4 cm (7.2")

Width = 42.6 cm (16.8")

Depth = 26.7 cm (10.5")

Description

A handsome solid cast brass model of a RAF Catalina seaplane model dating to c.1941 when this American military aircraft first entered RAF service. It's a good heavy piece and a good size with a wingspan measuring 16 3/4". The underside of the stand has RAF cast into the brass base. The two propellers do turn. I am presuming as it is marked RAF that it was made in England rather than American made. It has been professionally cleaned and polished. Excellent vintage condition measuring 16 3/4" wide x 10 1/2" deep x 7 1/4" tall. Like many American military aircraft of the period the Consolidated Catalina actually gained its first combat experience in British hands. The Air Ministry purchased a single example of the PBY-4 (as the commercial Model 28-5) in 1939, and in July 1939 the aircraft flew across the Atlantic to the Marine Aircraft Experimental Establishment at Felixstowe, Suffolk to undergo tests. Even though these tests were cut short by the outbreak of the Second World War, the RAF still decided to place an order for the Catalina. The first of around 700 Catalinas to enter RAF service arrived early in 1941, and entered service with Nos.209 and 240 Squadrons of...

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