

SA759809

Very Large Victorian Desk Thermometer by W Watson & Sons London

Price

GBP 725

| USD \$988 | EUR 846

Item Reference: SA759809

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 33 cm (13.0")

Width = 13 cm (5.1")

Depth = 13 cm (5.1")

Description

For sale, a very large Victorian desk thermometer by W Watson & Sons of 313 High Holborn, London. Outstanding design and very unusual for its huge proportions, this superb desk thermometer is comprised of a turned and graduated ebonized wooden base and upstand. To the front of the stand is a fantastic opaline glass and painted scale for both Fahrenheit and Centigrade with the maker's name to the top, W. Watson & Sons, 313 High Holborn, London and patent registration no: 291320, Dec 9th 1879. The large thermometer is held to the front with two brass stays and a larger protective grill over the bulb. Probably the largest of its type that I have yet encountered, measuring 33cms high with a base diameter of 13cms and upstand measuring 7cms across. The thermometer has a small piece of repaired damage to the scale plate which has emanated from where the stay is screwed through the glass front. A common issue with these examples but in no way detracts from its grandeur. A truly fantastic piece. William Watson started the business in 1837 as a manufacturer of scientific instruments but did not initially produce microscopes. It was not until 1876 that the first microscopes were ...

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