

SA774926

Waltham Vanguard rail road grade pocket watch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA774926****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

Waltham Vanguard rail road grade pocket watch. The watch has a high grade movement with 23 jewels, five adjustments, which is working nicely. There is a patent micro regulator, Ohlson 1908. The movement is fully signed on the beautifully patterned plates and the serial number 23,051,679 dates it back to around 1919. The high specifications of the movement tell us that this is a railroad grade piece. 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...

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