

SA781079

1907 Waltham Vanguard railroad grade pocket watch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA781079****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Description

1907 Waltham Vanguard railroad grade pocket watch. The watch has a high grade 23-jewel Vanguard movement, railroad grade, which is working nicely. The movement has beautifully patterned plates, screw set jewels and a patent regulator. It is fully signed and the serial number, 16,120,718, dates it back to 1907. 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 civilians. The watch measures 50mm diameter excluding the winding stem and the loop. The c...

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