

SA811025

Mid Victorian Self Registering Max Min Thermometer in Case by Negretti & Zambra

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA811025****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 31 cm (12.2")

Width = 7 cm (2.8")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

For sale, a Mid-Victorian self registering maximum and minimum thermometer with external housing by Negretti & Zambra. The thermometer is comprised of a purpose made painted tin case with hinged lid and two central holes to the back for it to be fitted to the wall. The body of the case has an inner slot either side to secure a painted porcelain Fahrenheit scale plate. The minimum thermometer reads from 0 to 120 degrees and the maximum from 0 to 110, both containing a small magnetic pin in order to record the highest or lowest point of the reading at any given point. These can be reset to level by the use of a weak magnet when required. The early period Negretti scale plate has a domed top and is crested with the Royal Warrant over N&Z Patent (for their porcelain scales) and below left again with Negretti & Zambra, London. The N&Z Patent motif is a good indicator of an early piece from this famous firm. This pattern was advertised by Negretti & Zambra from the 1860's and it appears in a slightly different form in their famous "Treatise on Meteorological Instruments". It reads as follows: "Six's Self-Registering Thermometer – The very ingenious and certainly elegant in...

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