

SA816258

Striking George IV eight-day rosewood pagoda library clock by French, London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA816258****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 25 cm (9.8")

Width = 16 cm (6.3")

Depth = 13 cm (5.1")

Description

This lovely small library clock has a spring-driven eight-day twin chain-fusee movement with going and striking trains. The going train has anchor escapement with a short pendulum and stirrup regulation to facilitate adjusting the timing, which is accessible from the back. The rack striking indicates the hours of a gently sounding bell, which can be repeated at all times by pulling a cord to the side of the case. The elegant chased and engraved arched gilt brass dial has a Roman chapter ring with five-minute and minute divisions. The maker has signed the dial above the middle: FRENCH ROYAL EXCHANGE LONDON. The time is indicated by a fine pair of Breguet hands. Signed on the dial: FRENCH ROYAL EXCHANGE LONDON Circa 1820. The finely carved pagoda top rosewood case has faceted glass to the sides so that the finely made movement is almost entirely visible. It has lovely mouldings all around, buttresses on the front corners and rests on four gilt brass bun feet. Height: 25 cm Literature: Jonathan Betts, *Marine Chronometers at Greenwich, Oxford*, 2017, pp 317-18 Brian Loomes, *Watchmakers and Clockmakers of the World*, London, 2006, p. 282. Tony Mercer, *Chronometer Makers of ...*

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