

SA891841

Antique Illinois railroad pocket watch, 1909

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA891841****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Description

Antique Illinois railroad pocket watch, 1909. The watch has a 17-jewel grade 79 stem-winding movement, railroad grade, which is working nicely. This particular grade of movement was in production from 1904 until 1920. The serial number on this particular movement, 2,158,427, dates it back to 1909. 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. The watch measures 58mm diameter excluding the winding stem and the loop. The case was made by the American Watch Case Company and is stamped inside the screw-on case back as being Silveroid. Silveroid was an alloy often used in watch cases around this time and it came under various names such as Silverore and Silverine. O...

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