

SA896265

1918 silver Waltham Vanguard railroad grade pocket watch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA896265****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

1918 silver Waltham Vanguard railroad grade pocket watch. The watch has a good quality 23-jewel stem-winding movement, Vanguard railroad grade, which is working nicely. This is a beautiful movement with patterned plates, Ohlson 1908 patent regulator, screw-set jewels, and gilt Old English writing. The movement is protected by an inner hinged cover which has some unevenness. The movement is fully signed and the serial number 22255311 dates it back to 1918. 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 gra...

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