

SA897592

Hampden Dueber Grand railroad pocket watch, 1901

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA897592****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Description

Hampden Dueber Grand railroad pocket watch, 1901. The watch has a high grade stem-winding movement, Dueber Grand grade, which is working nicely. The Dueber name dates back to 1864 when John C Dueber began making watch cases. In 1886 he purchased a controlling interest in the Hampden Watch Company of Springfield, Massachusetts. The movement is railroad grade, a high quality piece which met all the requirements for a railroad watch specification. It has a 17-jewel movement with screw-set jewels, Hampden Star patent regulator, Breguet hairspring for enhanced precision and lever set hands. The movement is fully signed and the serial number 1,602,896 dates it back to 1901. The serial number also confirms the piece's railroad status. 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 ...

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