

SA897761

Mark I Bell Pattern Sextant with Full Accessories by Heath & Co of London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA897761****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 13.5 cm (5.3")

Width = 28 cm (11.0")

Depth = 27 cm (10.6")

Description

For sale an early Twentieth Century bell framed sextant by Heath & Co of Crayford, London. This luxurious and complete example is comprised of a rare bell-shaped frame supporting an index arm with Vernier and clamp release with adjustable magnifier over the top. The divided arc is completed in silver and is signed to Heath & Co, Crayford, London below with a serial of J420 above. It has three index and horizon shades. The back has an original mahogany handle with a brass ferrule secured through the centre which allows the sextant to be locked into position with the case for transit. The sextant is released from the case by pushing the brass button with the words patent engraved on the face. The sextant retains its original mahogany case with brass fittings and an astonishingly complete set of accompanying accessories. It has a certificate of examination from The National Physical Laboratory at Richmond dated to 1912 on the inner lid and a tag at the front stating the model, "20th Century Mark I Sextant. The case is opened by an unusual push button mechanism at either side of the lid. Heath & Co was founded by George Heath in 1845 with some evidence pointing towards him...

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