

SA913393

Early Seventeenth Century Charles I Period Horizontal Sun Dial - 1625

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA913393****Date of manufacture: Before 1700**

Dimensions

Height = 6 cm (2.4")

Width = 11.5 cm (4.5")

Depth = 11.5 cm (4.5")

Description

For sale, a very scarce early Seventeenth Century, Charles I period horizontal sun dial. Comprised of a thin brass scale plate measuring four and a half inches square with securing holes at each corner, the central plate is engraved with a roman numeral scale around the outer circumference with hour division lines terminating to decreasing circles motifs to the centre. The South point of the scale is also engraved with the initials EC and the date 1625 with the North point behind the gnomon provided with a cross pattee, a Christian cross motif more recently associated with the German iron cross but used in abundance since medieval times. The centre is provided with its original, thin brass gnomon with fringed back edge which is secured through the centre of the dial. Featured in the June 2020 edition of The Sundial Society's monthly publication, the EC mark might immediately lead one to consider the name of Edmund Culpeper as the manufacturer for this rare and early example, but his working dates are clearly misaligned. It has yet to be established exactly who these initials relate to, but there are other extant examples which are similarly signed. Nevertheless, this...

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