

SA915017

WWII portable altimeter
calibration pressure chamber,
Air Ministry, circa 1939.

Price

GBP 4,500

| USD \$6,135 | EUR 5,251

Item Reference: SA915017

Date of manufacture: 1930

Dimensions

Height = 26 cm (10.2")

Width = 51 cm (20.1")

Depth = 25 cm (9.8")

Description

A WWII mark I portable aneroid altimeter calibration pressure chamber by R. W. Munro for use by the Air Ministry, circa 1939. In original case with brass labels: REF. No. 6C/63 PORTABLE CALIBRATOR MK 1 FOR ALTIMETER R. W. MUNRO LTD SERIAL No. 130/39 With AM (Air Ministry) crown mark. Width: 51 cm. Depth: 25 cm. Height: 26 cm. R W Munro Ltd was established as an instrument manufacturer in 1864 by R W Munro. The firm quickly gained a considerable reputation in the fields of mathematical, optical, meteorological and banking equipment, fields in which it is still prominent. Following the Tay Bridge Disaster on 28th December 1879, where a bridge was blown away with a full passenger train, a public enquiry was set up. This enquiry found that there was a general lack of understanding of wind speed, how to measure it, and its impact on the bridge. As a result, W.H. Dines was called upon to research a solution to this problem. He devised the Dines Pressure Tube Anemometer. Following the design of this instrumentation, R.W. Munro was commissioned as the sole manufacturer of this product. These instruments were used around the world to better understand the imp...

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