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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Antique silver carriage clock

Mappin & Webb

Sold



REF: 2475

Height: 65 mm (2.56")

Depth: 47 mm (1.85")

Description

This pretty silver carriage clock, made by Mappin & Webb in 1915, has a handmade case decorated with bands of engine-turned decoration and flowerhead and leaf borders. This clock has its original French 8-day movement in full working order.

The first carriage clock was invented by Abraham-Louis Breguet for the Emperor Napoleon in the early 19th century. A carriage clock is a small, spring-driven clock, designed for travelling, developed in the early 19th century in France, where they were also known as "officers' clocks", travelling with the officers on campaigns. Eight days refers to the clock only needing to be wound once a week.

The popularity of silver carriage clocks has revived in recent years because they are considered a charming combination of art and engineering.