



## Ancient Reduction Compass From The 19th Century

200 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Metal

Length : 16

### Description

Reduction compass with crossed legs, made of chromed brass and steel, English manufacture from the 19th century. It is an instrument used to enlarge or reduce a drawing; it was mainly used by cartographers, engineers, and artists to precisely resize drawings and maps. It has two arms, each with a slot in which a movable pivot slides, held by a screw. The reduction compass was invented by the Swiss scientific instrument maker Jost Burgi (1552-1632) in the early 17th century. This instrument derives from the Roman "whole and half" compass, an ancient example of which was found among the ruins of the Roman city of Pompeii.

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