



Scottish Broadsword With Basket Hilt



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Metal

Length : 96.5cm

Description

The iconic Scottish basket-hilted broadsword, locally known as a 'claidheamh more,' is the traditional sword used in Scotland. This magnificent example is a Scottish basket-hilted broadsword dating from around 1730. Characterized by its broad, double-edged blade and distinctive openwork basket-hilted iron guard, this weapon offered both offensive capability and excellent hand protection. The hilt is made of wood and was once wrapped with brass wire. The term 'Claidheamh Mor,' in Gaelic, meaning 'great sword,' comes in two types: the great claymore and the basket-hilted broadsword. This type of basket-hilted broadsword was a symbol of Highland martial pride and remained in use well into the 18th century, notably during the Jacobite risings. Later, many variations were

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adopted by the British Army, following regulated patterns. This design allowed for powerful slashing blows while providing robust hand defense, an ideal combination for close combat.

These swords were often used with a dagger or shield "targe." This particular sword features a traditional straight, hollow-edged blade and a well-preserved iron guard, adorned with decorative perforations and scalloped edges, demonstrating the typical craftsmanship of the period. The blade, rather thin and very flexible, is ideal for combat.visit our website for more information and antique arms and armour.