



Rare 17th Century Swiss Or German Hunting Crossbow

4 000 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Other

Length : 56 cm



Description

Exquisite Bone-Inlaid Stock | Functional Iron

Sight | Superb Historical Craftsmanship

A beautifully preserved and exceptionally crafted 17th-century hunting crossbow, originating from Switzerland or Southern Germany, featuring hallmark characteristics of early modern aristocratic sporting arms.

This impressive piece showcases a hardwood stock (likely walnut) richly inlaid with engraved bone or antler panels, displaying the refined taste and high craftsmanship typical of noble commissions during this period. The robust steel prod is bound with cord and sinew, securing the power and stability of the bow's impressive draw weight -- likely once operated with a goat's foot lever or similar spanning tool.

The crossbow retains its original iron rear sight,

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enhancing both its functionality and rarity. The roller nut mechanism remains intact, with a gracefully curved iron trigger wrapped in brass wire for added grip and elegance. Every detail, from the winding pegs to the finely fitted bone overlays, speaks to the crossbow's dual role as both a functional weapon and a symbol of prestige.

Key Features:

Origin: Switzerland or Southern Germany, circa 1650-1700

Materials: Walnut stock with bone inlays, steel prod, hemp or sinew string

Mechanism: Roller nut with iron trigger and rear sight

Condition: Excellent for age, with authentic patina, minor age-appropriate wear

Use: Aristocratic hunting, target shooting **Length** 56 cm, **width** 50 cm