



Rare Tuareg Bronze Tobacco Pouch - 19th Century



480 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 20 cm

Height : 30 cm

Description

A Tuareg bronze tobacco pouch, from the Saharan metallurgical tradition, most likely originating from the Tuareg people (Kel Ahaggar, Kel Aïr). The bronze work is very characteristic, with its geometric decoration in vertical registers, raised dots (beadwork), and teardrop shape, frequently found in objects worn (pouches, amulets). It also features lateral rings for suspension and cowrie shells, widely used by the Tuareg. These shells are associated with protection, luck, and trans-Saharan trade; the fringes symbolize movement, protection, and status. The Tuareg were the great bronze workers of the Sahara, well before the colonial era. Even though it is called a "tobacco pouch," it often had a dual purpose: it could contain tobacco, powder, amulets, or talismans. This is an object of strong

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symbolic value, not only utilitarian but sometimes carried during travel or ceremonies. This type of object is much rarer than leather pouches - 19th century, 1850. The cast bronze is hand-worked. Natural patina (golden brown, old oxidation).