



Tessen, War Fan Made Entirely Of Iron - Edo Period (1603-1868).



2 450 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wrought iron

Width : 23 cm.

Height : 32 cm.

Description

JAPAN - Edo Period (1603-1868). TESSEN, a war fan with 15 iron blades and two hammered iron master blades. Very slight oxidation. Dimensions: 32 x 23 cm. Sold with its custom-made stand. Dimensions with stand: 35 x 22 x 9 cm. Notes: The tessen is a defensive bladed weapon often used by samurai in the palaces of daimyos or shoguns, who frequently forbade the carrying of swords in their residences. Furthermore, a small weapon can be more practical for use in confined spaces, such as a corridor or a room in a castle. The fighting techniques developed with this weapon are called tessen-jitsu. Tessen-jitsu primarily emphasizes strikes, parries, and joint locks, focusing less on edge techniques since sharp fans were neither prevalent nor particularly effective. Tessen were

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therefore favored by samurai and used in situations where carrying a sword was prohibited or impossible, ensuring they were always armed. During the Edo period, tessen were also popular with high-ranking samurai who could use them against lower-ranking opponents, as using a sword against them was considered improper. It is worth noting that after the Haitorei (Government Edict Banning Swords, March 28, 1876), this weapon experienced a resurgence in popularity.