



## Wrought Iron Casket, Gothic Period - France - 15th Century



4 500 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Wrought iron

Length : 22 cm

Width : 15 cm

Diameter : 11 cm

### Description

A rare Gothic wrought-iron casket, made in France in the mid-15th century, exhibiting remarkable forging and openwork decoration characteristic of late medieval art. The rectangular casket with a domed lid is entirely covered with iron plates richly decorated with geometric and interlaced motifs, typical of Gothic decorative vocabulary. The lid is reinforced by longitudinal ribs and decorated with hammered relief motifs forming a repeating network. The sides are adorned with openwork panels featuring interlacing patterns, revealing the underlying structure and demonstrating elaborate forging and high-quality craftsmanship. The front is fitted with a complex locking system of hasps and superimposed serrated elements, characteristic of late medieval security caskets, designed both to

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protect the contents and for visual effect. Lateral iron rings allowed for transport or securing the casket. The interior is made of wood, preserved in its original state, contrasting with the wrought-iron exterior, a typical construction of valuable caskets intended to hold documents, jewelry, or precious objects. This type of casket was used by merchants, prominent figures, or religious institutions, and today represents a rare example of 15th-century French Gothic metalwork.