



France. Antique Light Cavalry Sword Model 1822. Châtelleraut, 1879



690 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : 102,5 cm (40.35 in)

Description

Excellent French regulation light cavalry sword, model 1822, manufactured at the Manufacture d'Armes de Châtelleraut and dated May 1879 according to the inscription visible on the spine of the blade. It is one of the most representative models of 19th century French military weaponry, with a clearly defined typology and a presence that immediately conveys its historical character. Its design follows the standards established for light cavalry, where functionality, balance and speed of use were essential. The hilt is made of brass and features the classic three branch guard, solid and enveloping, designed to provide effective protection for the hand without compromising the weapon's manoeuvrability. The pommel, integrated into the backpiece, faithfully follows the characteristic regulation design of this

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model. The grip retains its original dark leather covering, accompanied by brass wire or twisted wire arranged in a spiral, ensuring a firm hold and also giving the piece a very attractive appearance. The hilt is very well preserved, with logical wear consistent with its age. The blade is curved, made of steel, single edged and with a false edge near the tip, following the classic pattern of the French light cavalry sword. On the spine it clearly retains the manufacturing inscription, mentioning the Manufacture d'Armes de Châtellerauld together with the date of May 1879 and the reference to the light cavalry model 1822. This detail is fundamental for its identification and adds documentary value to the piece. The sword retains its original metal scabbard, fitted with two suspension bands and their corresponding suspension rings. The scabbard remains in good condition and is very well preserved. The overall state of preservation is very good within its category. As a whole, this is a well preserved sword, with balanced presence and evident historical character. This is not just any French sword, but one of the most emblematic and recognizable models of all 19th century cavalry. The model 1822 brings together exactly what many collectors look for in a military edged weapon. History, elegance, visual strength and clear regulation identification. In addition, this example adds two particularly important qualities, its excellent state of preservation and the fact that it retains its original scabbard. It is a piece with great presence, authenticity and a classic military aesthetic that immediately catches the eye. The inscription on the spine, the good preservation of the grip, the brass hilt and the overall harmony of the piece make this sword a very serious opportunity for anyone wishing to acquire an important French model, complete and with true character. Ideal for a carefully curated collection of historical edged weapons, where the aim is not only antiquity, but pieces that truly stand out. Measurements: Total length: 102.5 cm (40.35 in). Blade length: 87 cm (34.25 in). History

of the light cavalry sword model 1822The light cavalry sword model 1822 is one of the most emblematic designs of 19th century French weaponry. It was conceived in a context in which the Napoleonic tradition still influenced the design of military edged weapons, but where greater standardization and efficiency in army equipment were also sought. Its adoption responded to the need to equip mounted units with a balanced, effective weapon adapted to combat on the move.Light cavalry fulfilled specific tactical roles within the military structure. Its missions included reconnaissance, liaison, pursuit of enemy forces and rapid actions in the field. In this environment, the sword remained an essential element, not only as a part of the uniform, but also as a real combat weapon. The curved blade facilitated cutting blows from horseback, while the three branch guard provided adequate protection without sacrificing agility.Although the model was adopted in 1822, its effectiveness and acceptance prolonged its use for several decades. For this reason, it continued to be manufactured well into the last third of the 19th century, as shown by this example produced in 1879 at the Manufacture d'Armes de Châtellerault. This manufactory was one of the main centres of arms production in France, contributing decisively to the standardization and diffusion of regulation models.Today, the model 1822 sword is appreciated both for its historical value and for the clarity of its design, which sums up the evolution of European cavalry in the modern era. The presence of original inscriptions on the blade also adds a documentary dimension that reinforces its interest within the field of regulation militaria collecting.