



## Crab Claw Sword Germany 16th Century

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Period : 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Other

Length : 103 cm

Width : aux quillons 15.3 cm



### Description

This sword is known as a "crab claw" because of the particular shape of its quillons. It dates from the 16th century and shows a more "serious" or "military" aspect than the models from the 17th century. Although these swords are generally from Italian origin, here the Germanic origins can be attributed in relation with the style of the blade, the punchmark, and the style of the hilt, including the type of wire binding used. The blade bears a deeply engraved letter S on each side.

This mark can be found on a number of high-quality blades from the 16th century, including swords made for Charles V. Authors differ as to whether the S is attributable to Clemens Tesche, Salvador de Avila or other swordmakers...**BLADE** : After a very short ricasso, it takes a lenticular cross-section, with a central

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fuller over the first 21 centimetres after the ricasso. About fifteen centimeters from the ricasso, on each side, a swordmaker's mark = a letter "S". On the outer face, small remnants of decorative engravings which appear to feature vegetal motifs. Blade length = 84.2 cm, width at ricasso = 3.2 cm, thickness at ricasso = 5.5 mm. Balance point 11 cm from the cross guard, corresponding to a 2-handed use, confirmed by the length of the grip and the shape of the pommel. CROSS GUARD : It features the double arched quillons typical of this model. The protective shell is riveted on these quillons. POMMEL: this is a large, baluster-shaped pommel with 6 faces. The tang of the blade is riveted directly to this pommel. GRIP : IT is covered with a double wire binding of twisted iron alternating with a thicker copper wire binding. This type of work is typical of Northern Europe (Germany, Austria, Netherlands). The "Turk's heads" ferrules are present and in good condition. To sum up, this is a fine-looking sword in pretty good condition that deserves its place in a collection of medieval and Renaissance swords. Ref A-2634 Shipping costs France 30EUR, Europe 40EUR.