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## Early 19th Gilt Bronze Bust Of Napoleon Marble Column, Empire Period



480 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 6

Height : 17

Depth : 6

### Description

Small bronze bust gilded with mercury depicting Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte wearing the laurel wreath, from the Empire period. The depiction of Napoleon wearing the laurel wreath is a powerful propaganda symbol that evokes the Roman imperial legacy, transforming the emperor into an almost divine figure. The most famous portrait, often depicted on coins and medals, features precisely this laureate profile. Napoleon is usually depicted with a Greco-Roman profile, wearing the laurel wreath, as can also be seen in the famous portrait Napoleon I on the Imperial Throne by Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, where the wreath emphasizes his majesty. The small bust features refined chiseling and beautiful original mercury gilding; the gilding shows minor wear but is still very beautiful and certainly looks

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better in person than in photos. The bust has been mounted on a serpentine marble column. Dimensions Total height: 17 cm Bust height: 7 cm Base: 6 x 6

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