



Important Marine Safe Or Wrought-iron Safe - 17th Century

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Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Width : 84.5 cm

Height : 31 cm

Depth : 32.5 cm

Description

An exceptional and highly authentic wrought-iron reinforced chest, used for maritime or travel purposes, dating from the 17th century. This security chest is distinguished by its sturdy structure, entirely clad in wide, riveted strips of flat iron, designed to withstand the rigors of maritime or overland transport. The iron plates on the front and on the lid retain elegant and rare traces of original polychrome decorations painted with scrollwork and leafy volutes, creating a striking visual contrast with the natural brown patina of the wrought iron. This model features a remarkable technical detail: unlike traditional so-called "Nuremberg" safes with complex top-mounted mechanisms, this safe has a main locking mechanism with four bolts. It is mounted directly on the front panel. To enhance security, it

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features an original triple locking system, which is particularly ingenious: A sturdy central lock opening on the front panel. Three fixed deadbolts (anti-unhinging claws) positioned on the inside at the back of the lid. When closed, they lock deeply into the safe's structure, making it impossible to tear the hinges off. Two solid wrought-iron rings positioned at the bottom allow a removable crossbar to slide through (preventing the upper door panel from opening). The bar itself is designed to be secured with a padlock at one end. The interior reveals ample raw storage space with traces of centuries-old forging, a lid hinged by sturdy original hinges or original hinge pins, and thick, hinged wrought-iron carrying handles on the sides. A historic piece from the High Middle Ages, solid, heavy, and in magnificent condition with a beautiful patina. Technical Specifications: Period: 17th century (High Renaissance) Geographic Origin: Southern Germany or Austria (High Renaissance production centers specializing in wrought iron) Material: Riveted wrought iron, original polychrome decorations Condition: Superb original patina, complete and sound. Sold without a key or modern padlock. Period front lock present. Original anti-swing mechanism intact. Width: 84.5 cm Depth: 32.5 cm Height: 31 cm