

Set of Egyptian silver dishes

£1,250



REF: 6405

Height: 4 cm (1.6")

Diameter: 11.5 cm (4.5")

Weight: 1450 g

Description

A set of fourteen 1940s Egyptian silver dishes with lotus leaf design. Egyptian hallmarks.

Egyptian silver hallmarks are official stamps used to certify the purity and origin of silver items in Egypt. Introduced in the 19th century, these hallmarks typically include three key symbols: a fineness mark indicating the silver purity, a date letter representing the year of assay, and a national mark, often a lotus flower or cat to signify Egypt.

The silver purity is often .800 or higher, with .900 being common. Cairo has historically been the main assay office. These hallmarks help authenticate and date Egyptian silver items, adding value and historical context for collectors and enthusiasts.