

FMS Mauthe advertising clock

Sold



REF: 6065

Depth: 22 cm (8.7")

Diameter: 46 cm (18.1")

Description

A monumental clock by German clockmaker FMS (Friedrich Mauthe, Schwenningen) advertising the 'World's Best Mauthe Alarms'. Original electric motor replaced with a quartz movement.

In 1844 Friedrich Mauthe founded a company in Schwenningen, Germany to produce watch parts. By the end of the 1860s Mauthe began to produce their own wall clocks and movements. Some were produced through the network of cottage clock industries or so called "Gewerblern", others were produced in a mass production industrialised way. The Mauthe sons Christian (1845-1909) and James (1847-1915) took over in 1876. In 1886 Mauthe Clock began manufacturing its own spring. In 1899 a case factory was added, by 1900, 1000 employees were on the payroll. In 1915 Mauthe added their own sawmill and milling shop. In 1923 the year of inflation made competition for Mauthe tough. In 1930 2000 workers produced 45,000 clocks and watches a week. By 1923, 60% of German clocks exported to London were Mauthe.