



Classic 1950s Wrist Watch By Gallet

£1,200



REF: 32164

Height: 1 cm (0.4")

Width: 3.7 cm (1.5")

Depth: 24 cm (9.4")

Description

1950s Gallet Two-Register Chronograph Wrist Watch.

Fully Serviced Venus Calibre 188 Movement

A handsome example of mid-century Swiss chronograph design, this 1950s Gallet two-register wrist chronograph combines a compact 35mm case with the highly regarded hand-wound Venus Calibre 188 movement.

Gallet & Co. of La Chaux-de-Fonds has a long history of producing precision timing instruments for military, aviation and sporting applications. This post-war chronograph reflects that practical heritage, with a highly legible dial, robust two-register layout and distinctive angular case design.

The watch retains its original silver-white dial, now showing a warm, naturally developed patina. Crisp Arabic numerals, aged luminous paint and classic syringe hands give the dial an unmistakably vintage character. At 9 o'clock, the small seconds register is balanced by the 30-minute chronograph recorder at 3 o'clock, while the outer telemeter/tachymeter scale adds to the watch's period functionality.

Inside is the Swiss-made, 17-jewel Venus Calibre 188, a manual-winding movement operating at 18,000 vibrations per hour. The movement has been fully serviced and overhauled, with smooth winding and crisp chronograph start, stop and reset functions.

The 35mm chrome-plated base-metal case measures approximately 36.8mm across including the crown and pushers, with a 43.5mm lug-to-lug length and 12.5mm thickness including the acrylic crystal. Its sharp angular lugs, twin pump pushers and stainless-steel screw-down case back capture the distinctive proportions of the period.

The case shows light surface wear and tarnishing consistent with its age, while the original dial's patina gives the watch an authentic, lived-in vintage appearance. It is paired with a tan ostrich leather strap and stainless-steel pin buckle.

Specifications:-

Brand Gallet & Co.

Period Circa 1950s

Origin La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland

Movement Venus Calibre 188

Movement Type Manual wind

Jewels 17

Frequency 18,000 vph

Case Diameter 35mm

Diameter incl. crown/pushers 36.8mm

Lug-to-lug 43.5mm

Thickness 12.5mm incl. crystal

Lug Width 18mm

Chronograph Two-register

Crystal Acrylic

Strap Tan ostrich leather

Condition Fully serviced and overhauled

An authentic mid-century Swiss chronograph with an original patinated dial, distinctive Gallet case design and a fully serviced Venus Calibre 188 movement - ready to wear and enjoy.