



Brass Mounted Lodestone. French, 18th Century.



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Metal

Description

A brass mounted lodestone. French, 18th century. Measures 6 x 5.5 x 2.9cm excluding loose bail. Weighs 254.8 grams. A lodestone is a naturally occurring, magnetized mineral composed of magnetite (Fe_3O_4). It is unique because it exhibits natural magnetism, which allows it to attract iron and other ferromagnetic materials. Lodestones were used to re-magnetise compass needles, which gradually lost their magnetism over time and prevented the compass from functioning correctly.

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