

Rustic large striking wall clock by Hirt, Nantes



An imposing 17-inch dial rustic French dial clock dating from the middle of the 19th century, with a gold-painted metal surround.

The movement case is a hexagonal wooden structure, edged in shaped wooden sections, left as an unpolished backbox.

The French movement has an 8-day duration. It has outside countwheel strike on a bell, striking the hours and the passing of the half hour.

There is a regulation arbor which protrudes through the dial, just above the signature, *Hirt, Nantes*. The movement is overhauled and guaranteed for 3 years.

Charles Hirt of Nantes (c.1820-c.1890) is noted in Tardy's dictionary of clockmakers as having exhibited turret clocks between 1851 and 1861.

Overall diameter 54cm,
Depth 15cm

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