An important Charles II Salt Cellar made in London circa 1681. Makers Mark of IM in a dotted circle, Jackson page 137.

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Description

This extremely rare example is circular in form with flared sides engraved with a set of contemporary scratch engraved initials. The top has a wide rim and circular sunken well for the salt, which is marked three times with the makers mark of IM in a dotted circle. This mark is illustrated on page 137 of Jacksons Silver and Gold Marks. Amongst the examples of silver cited in Jackson, which bear this makers mark, is a single salt, which may refer to the piece we are offering for sale.

Salts from the Seventeenth century are extremely rare and from the Charles II period are virtually non existent. A similar set of 1667 are illustrated on page 230, plate 445, of The Collectors Dictionary of the Silver and Gold of Great Britain and North America by Michael Clayton. These are described as rare survivors.

Height: 1 inch.

Base Diameter: 4 inches.



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