



INFORMATION

Safe: 268

Country of Origin: Austria Antique Safe

Aged: 80~90 yrs

Weight Approx: 200kg

Size (Exterior): 77.5cm x 45cm x 49cm

Restored/Refurbished: Mr. David SIAH

Features Of Safe: Dual Key Lock System

Eagle Top Plate

Local Agent in 1920s: CHOP HEAP HOE, SG

Brief History of Austria Antique Safe

Austria Antique safe has 2 nicknamed “grandfather safe” and “knife-lock”. The grandfather safe nicknamed came about as most Austria made safe has a top plate that has either a roof top or an animal and knife-lock came about as the keys of some of the Austria safe resembles a knife like shape thus making Austria Antique Safe unique as compare to other countries safe. Austria Antique safe has many different type of top plate used, for example they would use top plate shaped that resembles of an ostrich, sun, leopard, penguin, lion, eagles and many animals. Reasons of having many lock, dual keys is because many of the olden businesses does not owned by just one person, but mostly with partners who each have shares in the company. Each partner will hold 1 key and when there is a need to open the safe; all the partners have to be present before the safe can be open. In Some cases, the safe even have 5 locks. Austria made Antique safe is very rare as in the market, there are not many left as during the WWI majority of these safe were being destroyed or thrown away.



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