



Antique Golf Ball, Large Brambles

£750



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Diameter: 4.3 cm (1.7")

Description

Unusual Patterned Vintage Golf Ball.

A good example of an interesting, patterned rubber core golf ball. The ball name or maker's name is illegible but Worthington Rubber Co., Elyria, Ohio, of U.S.A. made balls with this type of marking. Their balls were called 'Worthington Stud' and 'Worthington White' and the ball covering was made up of large flat discs, flat bramble markings, raised buttons or studs. On one pole we believe there may be the word 'Remade' in raised lettering.

The ball is approximately 4.3 cm in diameter.

The rubber core ball (the ancestor of the modern ball) began its life in the late 1890's. The first mass produced rubber core ball was by Coburn Haskell of Cleveland, Ohio. The first core balls were hand wound with elastic thread with a Gutta-percha cover, moulded with the raised square mesh pattern of their predecessor. The slight irregularities in the early wound balls made them quite lively, it was not until the invention of the automatic winding machine by John Gammeter (an engineer at Goodrich) and the change of pattern from mesh to bramble that the balls became more consistent and predictable. In later years, the 1920's, the design went back to a mesh pattern with lattice design.