



Vintage Bramble Large Springvale Golf Ball

Sold



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Diameter: 4.4 cm (1.7")

## Description

Springvale 27 ½ Gutter Bramble Golf Ball.

A good example of a 'Springvale 27 ½' bramble patterned gutty golf ball. The moulded gutta percha golf ball is in good stable condition and is manufactured by Hutchison Main & Co., Glasgow, Scotland. The ball is marked 'Springvale 27 ½' on a flat circular band, containing 7 brambles, on both poles of the ball. It is with the classic bramble pattern, raised dimples.

A rare ball.

The ball is approximately 1 6/8 inch in diameter (4.4 cm).

Hutchison Main & Co. were taken over by North British Rubber Co., Ltd. Edinburgh, in 1912.

The solid gutty golf ball replaced the feathery ball because of its cost effectiveness, as a gutty could be rolled in a matter of minutes, and slowly the game of golf became affordable to the masses. The 'Gutty' era lasted from around 1848 well into 1900's.

To make a gutty golf ball first the gutta-percha was heated and loosely rolled into a ball shape. The ball was then put into the mould and then placed into a press. The press would imprint the pattern onto the ball and the excess would squeeze out of the sides. The seams were then trimmed when cool, leaving a hard and non-brittle "Gutty" golf ball. The durability of the gutta along with its lower costs and better play rejuvenated the game of golf.

Gutta-percha is the evaporated latex produced from a tree, mostly found in Malaysia.