



Socket Head Golf Club, Driver With G. Forrester Patent

Sold



REF: 29587

Height: 110 cm (43.3")

Width: 8.5 cm (3.3")

Depth: 3 cm (1.2")

Description

Patent George Forrester Socket Head Golf Club.

An original persimmon wood driver made by George Forrester stamped with his patent No. 269117. This relates to the drilled neck design he registered on 13th Sept 1895. Forrester produced the first real socket head wood, the unbreakable drilled neck driver. This club is in great original condition with the original hickory shaft with circular name stamp just below the sheep skin grip. The club head stamped "G. Forrester, Special, Rd. No. 269117. It has a traditional pegged horn slip along the leading edge of the sole and lead weight to rear.

The measurements shown are the length of the club and the width and depth of the face.

George Forrester was one of Scotland's most innovative club makers of the 1890's. He was originally a stonemason and had spent some time in the United States looking for work as a stone cutter. With no job, in 1871 he returned home and tried his hand at clubmaking at the age of 34. His lack of reputation made his early days difficult and it was not until the 1890's before he became established as one of the masters. In 1903 he was joined by his son, James, and the firm was renamed George Forrester & Son. James opened a London retail outlet and later joined his father as a professional at the Golf House Club, Elie. Forrester produced the first real socket head wood, patented as number 269,117, the unbreakable drilled neck driver in 1898, he died in 1930.