



Vintage Gutter, Mesh Pattern Golf Ball

£185



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Diameter: 4.2 cm (1.7")

## Description

Antique Gutter Golf Ball.

A Victorian moulded mesh patterned gutta percha golf ball. The ball is in a repainted condition and is with the classic mesh pattern.

The ball is approximately 1 5/8 inch in diameter (4.2 cm).

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

To make a gutter 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 "Gutter" 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.