



Record 'Dirty Dozen' British Military Watch
£1,995.00

Watch: Record 'Dirty Dozen' British Military Watch
Stock Number: CHW7186
Price: £1995.00

Record "Dirty Dozen" WWW – British Military Watch – Calibre 022K – c.1940s

This Record WWW is one of the famous "Dirty Dozen" military watches commissioned by the British Ministry of Defence during the Second World War. If you're reading this, chances are you already know the significance of these legendary timepieces.

An honest and characterful example, this watch has clearly lived the life it was designed for. Rugged, well-worn and full of authenticity, it remains exactly the sort of military tool watch collectors seek out today.

Key Details

- Brand: Record
- Model: WWW ("Watch, Wristlet, Waterproof")
- Era: Early to mid-1940s
- Case Size: 35–36mm
- Case Material: Stainless steel
- Dial: Black military dial
- Hour Markers: Luminous Arabic numerals
- Hands: Original hands with age-related discolouration
- Military Markings: Broad Arrow dial marking
- Movement: Record Calibre 022K manual wind
- Lug Width: 18mm
- Strap: Grey textile strap (can be changed upon request)
- Water Resistance: Not guaranteed due to age
- Guarantee: 12-month mechanical guarantee

Condition Report

Case: Well worn with numerous marks, scratches and signs of military use acquired over decades.

Dial: Original military dial with strong character and excellent legibility.

Hands: Original with attractive ageing and discolouration.

Caseback: Original matching numbered caseback.

Strap: Modern grey textile strap fitted.

Overall: A genuine, honest military example retaining the rugged appearance collectors appreciate.

Special Notes

Whilst not the rarest of the Dirty Dozen watches, with approximately 25,000 examples believed to have been produced, this watch possesses a particularly desirable feature.

Both the caseback and lugs are stamped with the matching number 499, indicating the original caseback remains fitted to the watch — an important detail that collectors greatly value and increasingly difficult to find.

Working Order

Passed through our workshop and checked.

Running at approximately +25 seconds per day with a healthy amplitude.

Excellent performance for a military watch approaching 80 years of age.

Supplied with a 12-month mechanical guarantee.

Our View

The Record WWW perfectly encapsulates what the Dirty Dozen series is all about. It isn't a pristine museum piece, nor should it be. This is a military tool watch that shows evidence of the life it has lived.

The matching case and caseback numbers elevate it above many examples seen on the market today, while the honest wear and original components preserve its authenticity.