

Italian Baroque Iron Strongbox Safe With Original 16 Bolt
Lock/Lockplate Chased

Sold



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Height: 58 cm (22.8")

Width: 109 cm (42.9")

Depth: 65 cm (25.6")

Description

MAGNIFICENT & RARE, ITALIAN, BAROQUE, IRON, 1" THICK, STRONGBOX OR SAFE WITH ORIGINAL 16 BOLT LOCK, CHASED PLATE, 3 KEYS - Stunning 1" thick, iron strongbox, impenetrable with massive lock and holes in the base where it has been bolted to the floor serving as a safe for centuries - Characteristic of Italian strongboxes decorated with classical, bold, floral studwork centered inside 8 panels on the top and front and four on each side and along the strapwork. The front with brass escutcheon and the lid with two brass lifting handles. Three hidden keyholes and keys in the lid. - The original sixteen bolt lock partly revealed and the finely chased original plate with leafy sprays. Later, probably 19th century adaptation to the lock to create an additional opening most likely because the original key was lost.

- Documents and private papers are recorded as being kept in strong boxes, which were also used to safeguard other items of personal value and money. They serve very well as modern safes. -This is the most secure and robust strongbox I have handled over the years.

- Provenance : Roman Collection Length 109cm., 43 inches

Strongbox Depth 65cm., 25½ inches with handle 70cm 28 ½ Overall height 58cm., 23 inches

Height with lid open 123cm.,