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Eprouvette Powder Testing Pistol By Burel SOLD

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Height: 5.08 cm (2")

Width: 13.96 cm (5.5")

Depth: 2.54 cm (1")

## Description

A brass and walnut Eprouvette Pistol for testing the strength of black powder.

The pistol has a round pan to the top of the small barrel to take the black powder. A shaped anvil, with knob handle to the top, is lined up against the mouth of the barrel. The anvil has an indicator wheel engraved with numbers from 1 to 12 to its base which is riveted to the pistol's body. A steel spring gives the anvil some resistance and there is a marker below. When fired the wheel turns according to the strength of the powder with the number of its strength stopping in line with the marker.

The Testing Pistol has a walnut handle and the brass is engraved with foliate decoration and 'Burel', the name of the maker. Not much is known about Burel although it is thought that he was active from 1690 to 1730.