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Original 1930s Anglepoise Model 1209 Task Lamp

£395

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Height: 110 cm (43.3")

Description

An original 1930s Anglepoise Model 1209 draughtsman's task lamp, manufactured by Herbert Terry & Sons. One of the defining designs of 20th-century British industrial design, this early four-spring example has the ingenious articulated mechanism and unmistakable silhouette that made the Anglepoise lamp an enduring modern classic.

Designed by George Carwardine and first introduced in the 1930s, the Anglepoise transformed the practical task lamp through its balanced spring mechanism. The four external springs and articulated arms allow the shade to be positioned with remarkable precision, holding light exactly where it is needed. Originally intended for drawing boards, workshops, and office desks, its combination of engineering intelligence and pared-back utility soon made it an icon of functional design.

This early Model 1209 is especially appealing for its strong, purposeful form: the broad domed shade, slender arms, cast fittings, and distinctive spring arrangement together create a design that feels as contemporary now as it did nearly a century ago. Its wear, marks, and age-related surface imperfections are an integral part of its history, bearing witness to a working life while adding to its industrial character.

A highly collectible piece of British design, this lamp would make an exceptional addition to a studio, home office, library, workshop, or interior with a considered industrial or modernist aesthetic. It is equally appealing to collectors of early lighting, design classics, and objects that unite practical function with lasting visual appeal.

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