

Clocks

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Clocks have always had a special place in the collectors' market. Like so many other areas of collecting the changing face of fashion has dictated the collectability in this area. In a more traditional home the front hall was always decorated with a large timber grandfather clock. But as we have moved to a more modern lifestyle the old grandfather clock struggles to fit.

Mantle and wall clocks are still popular items of technology. The range and variation of styles is in keeping with fashions of furniture throughout the ages. But as previously mentioned, with our modern style of living we look for clocks that are in keeping with the rest of the house. Makers like Jaeger, Atmos and to a lesser extent Ansonia, are all highly sought after as time pieces.

Your clock today does not have to be the old fashioned wind up and clanging bell; it can be a beautiful piece of modern design and technology. We have always been fascinated by the mechanical workings of clocks and many clock makers enhance the appeal by showing off the mechanism. If you are a collector of old clocks you must be prepared for the 'not so accurate' timekeeping, to the point where some clocks will run faster in summer than winter. May be a good excuse for lateness!!

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