Large novelty fish-shaped pepper shaker

Maker Not Recorded

£1,485



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Height: 60 mm (2.36")

Width: 165 mm (6.5")

Weight: 136 g

Description

Large silver pepperette in the form of a carp fish. The model features finely detailed and lifelike scales and sits on four stylised fins. The head is removable to show the pierced shaker top.

Known as the king of spices, pepper is one of the oldest and most popular spices in the world as well as the most widely traded. Pepper was so valuable that in ancient Greece and Rome it was used as currency, and during the Middle Ages peppercorns were accepted in lieu of money for dowries, rent and taxes.

In past centuries, noble and wealthy families able to afford pepper would present it in silver pepper pots or pepperettes to beautify their table and impress their guests.