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A PAIR OF SMALL BRASS GEORGIAN DOOR KNOBS,

the bun-shaped grip with a circular rose, linked with a standard gauge spindle,

DIMENSIONS: 4cm (1½") High, 3.8cm (1½") Wide, 3.8cm (1½") in Diameter

PRICE: £35 per pair

STOCK CODE: 91306



HISTORY

This smart Georgian design, was much used well into the 19th Century. This pattern can work beautifully in period interiors and cottage renovations. Suitable for internal mortise lock or rim locks (for rim locks one rose can be omitted & the knobs are secured to the spindle with a grub screw). Spindle gauge is standard and should work in any English mortise or rim lock.

This is the smaller of the two sizes available in this pattern, see 92431 for the larger. They are also available nickel-plated see 91304/5. These are reproduction door-knobs so can be ordered in quantity if required.

The 18th Century door-knob is notably small. Even in large stately homes, large doors have small mortise sets. Not only is this quite correct – as door knobs should relate to the hand operating them rather than the door they service – but metal production was extremely expensive and smaller door furniture saved on materials. Although brass seems the default material for period door furniture, it was rare in Georgian times. Due to a low melting point, zinc, that together with copper makes brass, is very hard to smelt and smelting wasn't carried out in any scale in England until the 1750's in Bristol – and remained rare for a long time after that. Georgian door-knobs were usually made in iron – as time went on they were invariably replaced in brass.