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AN ENGLISH CAST IRON FIREBACK,

20th Century, cast after a mid17th century pattern,
the rectangular plate, with an arched top and recessed lower edge, cast in relief with a
Carolean lion passant surrounded by the insignia of the realm: thistle, rose and fleur-de-lys
raised in relief, a drilled hole top centre,

DIMENSIONS: 68cm (26^{3/4}"") High, 77cm (30^{3/4}"") Wide, 3cm (1^{1/4}"") Thick

STOCK CODE: 45491

HISTORY

Whilst this pattern has been much copied over the years - with different variants to the same design having been cast, the earliest identified dates to 1641 and was produced in the Kent/Sussex Weald - possibly a foundry in Brede by a founder with the initials "IM". There is a casting of it in the Victoria and Albert Museum. The Weald - a centre of ironwork prior to the Industrial Revolution - produced a number of similarly Royalist themed firebacks during the Civil War, and after.