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EMG Xa Table Grand Gramophone in quarter sawn Mahogany with Ebony stringing and edges Circa 1932

Originally part of the Ian Calderbank Collection of Gramophones.

This Gramophone has been Sold, but the details might be of interest to fellow Collectors.



E.M.G. were responsible for producing some of the best Acoustic Gramophone Models in the World.

These Hand-made Gramophones are sought after by serious Collectors and discerning connoisseurs of the acoustic sound.

The Soundbox is the sought after and much praised 4-Spring brass nickel plated model. This Soundbox is rather special; in 2007 the Soundbox received the attention of Frank James (Author of The E.M.G Story) and his colleague Chris Powell. The Soundbox aided Chris in his research to design a diaphragm which improved upon the already excellent sound quality obtainable from EMG's diaphragm. To the non-EMG expert like me the diaphragm looks exactly the same as an ordinary EMG diaphragm. But this Soundbox has been professionally rebuilt with new washers gaskets etc. and embodies the improved diaphragm.

The superb quality case is of polished quarter sawn Mahogany with Ebony stringing and edges. Dimensions of the case including the feet are 20.75" wide, 23" Deep, 12.25" High. There is white plaque at the front of the motor deck above the keyhole "E.M.G., Hand Made Gramophones, 11 Grape St, Shaftesbury Avenue W.C.1". The gleaming mahogany case is in very good condition with very few minor marks.

The nickel plated fittings are in very good condition; the U-bend that connects to the Soundbox has been re-plated, it could do with further polishing.

The Gramophone has the Davey Isophonic Papier Applique Horn. In other words it is EMG's mathematically designed papier mache horn (one theory was that EMG originally derived the papier mache from old London Telephone Directories). The horn

mouth diameter is 28 5/8 inches. The total height from the bottom of the case to the top of the horn is 54". The horn is in very good condition excepting a crease on the lower edge of the mouth shown in the below pictures, this crease is perfectly solid.

The motor is the Collaro D30 2-spring motor which has a spring drum of 4" diameter and 2.25" deep. The blue velvet covered turntable is 11.75" diameter.

This Gramophone is in both very good physical and mechanical condition, but please bear in mind it is 80 years old; most people would be pleased to be in such condition at 80.

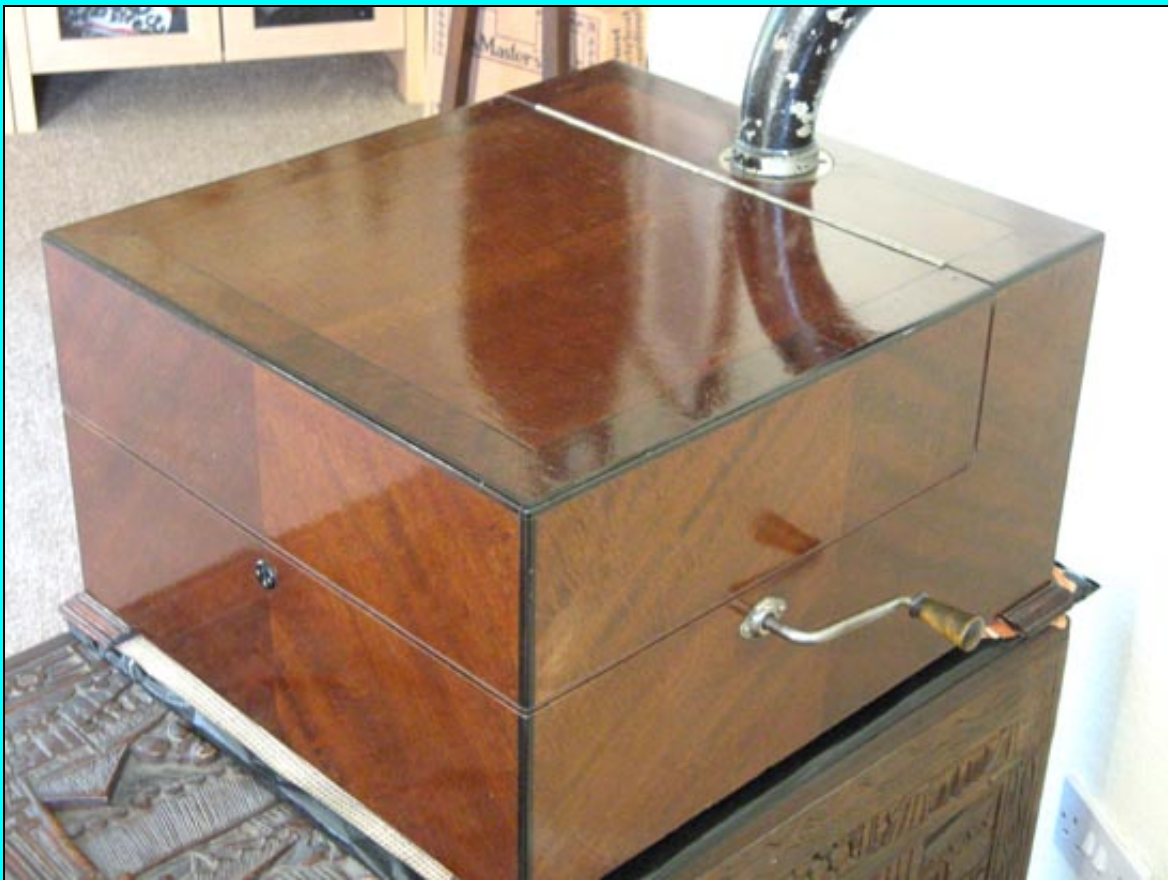
EMG Xa Table Grand gramophone in Mahogany

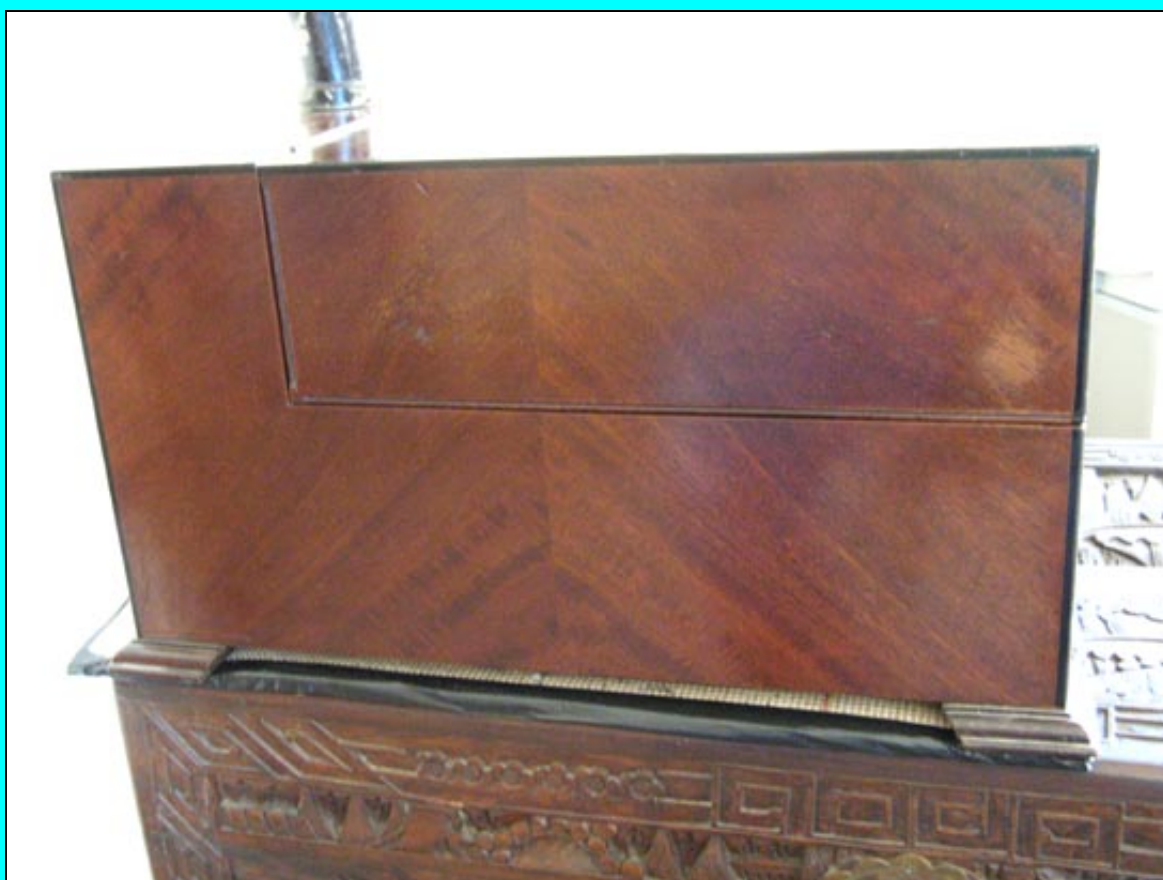
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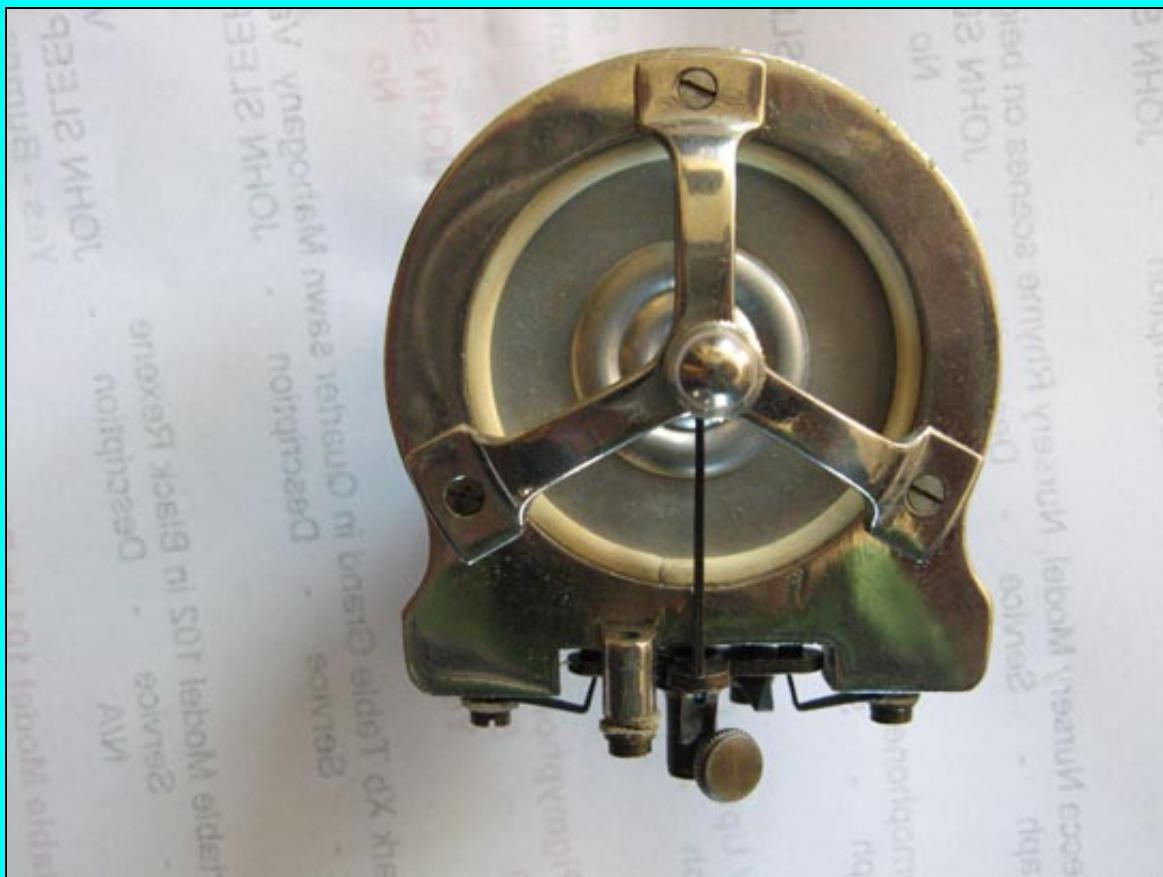
The Gramophone base measures 53cm wide, 59cm Deep, 32cm High. The horn is 74cm wide X 130cm high X 120cm from front to back.

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