

Watch and clock sales

The descriptions in the catalogue for watches and clocks in relation to preservation and/or restorations are given as guidelines to the prospective buyer but may under no circumstance be considered all-inclusive.

The Condition Reports which Il Ponte may send, on request of a prospective buyer, do not reflect an exhaustive description and some restorations or imperfections may not be mentioned. Condition Reports are statements of opinion given by our experts and are purely subjective and do not constitute a guarantee that may substitute a direct examination by the prospective buyer.

Prospective buyers should personally inspect the condition of each lot in order to ascertain its effective state.

Lots are sold in their present state and the fact that an imperfection or a restoration is not mentioned does not imply that the imperfection or restoration does not exist. Watches, because of their mechanical and functional nature, are normally used and kept up and possibly repaired, in the course of their existence: they are examined by the experts of Il Ponte prior to the sale, but Il Ponte gives no guarantee that they are in working order, free of repairs or in the presence of non-original parts.

Wristwatches in water-resistant cases have been opened to examine their movements: therefore Il Ponte suggests that the watch be controlled by an authorized dealer before using the same in conditions where water is present.

As concerns quartz movement watches, no information is given about working order if the battery, at the moment of examination, is discharged.

All documents regarding watches, if not otherwise specified, are not present.

All straps and bracelets, if not otherwise specified, are not to be considered authentic.

Straps made of organic material are associated with the watch for display purposes: prospective buyers are aware that the importation to foreign countries of materials derived from endangered or otherwise protected species (purely as an example: tortoiseshell, ivory) are subject to CITES international rules.

Prospective buyers should therefore acquire the necessary information on such restrictions prior to their participation in the sale for lots containing, even though partially, materials falling under these rules.

Indications of weight, if included in the description, are to be considered gross and purely indicative, as are weights in carats of precious stones and measures of cases.