

The Model OB-BR Antique Electric Meter Lamp with Operating Meter

From its highly-polished, solid brass reflector to its heavy solid brass pull chain ball, the Model OB-BR Antique Electric Meter Lamp exudes uncommon quality and pride of craftsmanship throughout.

Snap on either of its dual operating switches and transport yourself back to the early days of electricity as you watch the meter's slowly-rotating brass gears record the electricity consumed by the Lamp's bulb. The bulb, in turn, lights up its own recording mechanism and bathes the immediate area in a soft, warm glow . . . a glow reminiscent of the kerosene lantern made obsolete when this same, original meter likely calculated some long-ago homeowner's first electric bill.

About the electric meter:

The Westinghouse Electric Company type OB watt-hour meter was widely installed by electric utilities in the early 1900's to record residential electric use. In all likelihood, an olden-days startup utility used this same meter to calculate the first electric bill tendered to a pioneering energy consumer at the very dawn of the electric age!

In restoring each meter, our skilled craftsmen carefully removed nearly 80 years' accumulation of corrosion and grime to reveal the long-concealed, natural metallic lustre of solid yellow machined brass, heavy red cast brass, and bright nickel plate. Brass meter components are brilliantly polished and then immediately sealed in clear metal lacquer to preserve the hard-won finish.

Professional metering engineers with whom we've consulted confirm that this refinished instrument should operate smoothly for generations more to come, thus assuring an heirloom-quality restoration piece for the owner. With the added final touch of personalized engraving, you couldn't imagine a finer presentation piece in its category.

Additional features:

(▲ Denotes features exclusive to the Model OB-BR.)

(■ Denotes features common to all of our OB-series restorations.)

- ▲ Polished and laquered 8" long brass reflector uses standard-base tubular bulb (supplied).
- ▲ Solid brass socket with solid brass chain and chain ball.
- ▲ Polished, solid brass reflector arms.
- ▲ Up to 40-watt bulb capacity.
- ▲ Recommended for low light level or nightlight applications.
- Can also be operated by means of a second, line cord on/off switch.
- Jeweled mechanical meter movement for long operating life.
- Optically-polished meter cover glass removes decades of accumulated scratches, haze, and embedded mineral stains, providing exceptional clarity for viewing the internal meter recording mechanism.
- Included are three copper-wire, pressed-lead wingnut security seals, just like the olden-days metermen installed to thwart tampering. Pressed-lead seals are sealed in clear metal lacquer to prevent oxidation.
- Precision-cut, hand-finished, solid walnut woodwork.
- Wedge-mounted interior brass plate is informatively engraved "Residential Electric Meter, Circa 1920".
- Illustrated with a second, optional brass plate affixed to the front Lamp base. This larger plate is for personalized engraving, and the buyer can request this service at no additional charge. Two suggested formats are:

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(Other engraving formats are left to the option of the buyer. However, there is a 5-line capacity, with a linear capacity of 55 characters and spaces per line. Engraved logos, both stock and custom, are available as well. Please contact us for additional information.)

- The meter manufacturer's original data plate, displaying an individually-stamped meter serial number, is clearly visible through the front meter glass.
- Each Lamp is individually signed beneath the base by the assembling skilled craftsman.
- No two meters are exactly alike.
- Proudly restored and assembled in the USA.
- Partly degaussed meter brake magnet provides additional meter animation.
- Safe for use around computers and magnetic storage media.
- Information packet included.
- Full product warranty covers both buyer and recipient.

The Model OB-BR Antique Electric Meter Lamp is a museum-piece-quality, classic electrical instrument, and a true surviving relic of the electrical industry's early, formative years.

General specifications:

- Instrument: Westinghouse Electric Mfg. Co. type OB watt-hour meter, patented 1911-1919.
- Overall height: 14 in. (35.56 cm)
- Base: 7 in. square (17.78 cm sq)
- Net weight: 10 lbs. (4.54 kg)
- Shipping weight: 15 lbs. (26 lbs. dimensional weight applies for UPS air)
- Energy requirements: 115V, 50/60HZ AC
- Energy consumption: Bulb – to 40 watts max. Meter – 1-1/2 watts

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