



Tschinke (wheel-lock hunting rifle)

Date

about 1650–1675

Primary Maker

historic Silesia

Medium

blued and plain steel, brass, bone or ivory, mother of pearl and walnut wood

Description

Silesia (Teschen), modern Poland/Czech Republic. Blued steel 9mm caliber rifled barrel of octagonal section, with flared muzzle, fixed sights & lightly etched leafy candelabra at breech. Full-

length, fruitwood dog-leg stock with overall stained yellow & white bone inlaid scrolls, dots, game animals & hunting scenes, & mother-of-pearl plaques. Angular, small butt with butt-trap, horn butt plate with iron spherical bumper. Wheel-lock with typical external mainspring & setting button. Lock with [once] gilded brass pierced plates engraved with hares, flowers & grotesques. Flat lockplate, pan assembly & cock engraved with floral, animal & dragon motifs. Iron trigger guard shaped for fingers. Single trigger.

Dimensions

117.5 x 92.1 cm (46 1/4 x 36 1/4 in.), 5 lb, 7 oz (weight)