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Rear grip lever cocking
.177

## **Description**

This is a rare Westley Richards & Co Ltd 'Highest Possible' .177 Calibre Air pistol. This is the top barrel model second variant and features bakelite grips. Manufactured by Westley Richards of London, Patented in 1907 and manufactured between 1909 to late 1914. The design was patented by E. Anson,

a relative of W. Anson of the well-known partnership Anson & Deeley. Westley Richards is one of the oldest surviving traditional handmade gun and rifle makers in England. Founded over 200 years ago in 1812, in Britain's historic gun-making capital of Birmingham, This air pistol is "the key contributor of the British air pistol revolution during the early 20th century." The quality of the pistol was such that air pistols could no longer be considered children's toys. Prior to this, the air pistol market was dominated by importers such as Germany and the United States of America. This pistols serial number is 692 only approximately 1200 were manufactured making this a scarce collectable air pistol. The stamping's on the cylinder detailing 'WESTLEY RICHARDS "HIGHEST POSSIBLE" AIR PISTOL and 'WESTLEY RICHARDS & Co LONDON W' with the patent 'PATENT 24837 1907' on the frame are sharp and clear. See pages 245-246 0f Air Pistols by Dennis Hiller. The pistol has black chequered vulcanite grips which are fully intact and have use related marks to the base and a 9 ¾ "rifled barrel which has a good aged patina, as does the rest of the metalwork (see images\*. The rear sight is adjustable for elevation only. The length from the tip of barrel to the base of the butt is 12 1/4 ". The price for this very rare sought after collectors piece includes UK delivery.21294.

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**Mechanism** Rear grip lever cocking

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