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LOT 63C - Post-War Montana License Plate #44-T382, 1949



Description

Original Montana pressed metal license plate from 1949 featuring the registration number "44-T382" with "MONTANA - 49" text across the bottom. This post-war era plate showcases the distinctive state outline border that was a hallmark design feature in Montana plates of this period. The black embossed characters on a golden/cream background represent the standard color scheme used for Montana's 1949 registration plates.

The plate demonstrates Montana's county-coded numbering system, with the prefix "44" indicating registration in Lewis and Clark County (Helena area). This numbering convention, introduced in 1926, assigned specific numbers to counties based on population rankings from the 1920 census. The "T" prefix following the county code denotes a specific vehicle classification or registration series within that county.

This plate represents a significant transitional period in automobile culture, as post-WWII prosperity led to increased vehicle ownership and expanded road systems throughout Montana and the American West.

Condition Notes:

Good original condition with expected wear consistent with vehicle use. The embossed characters retain strong definition and most of the original paint. Surface displays significant patina, oxidation, and scattered surface rust typical of a 70+ year old metal object. Mounting holes intact with some rust formation around edges. Plate retains its

original shape with some minor edge distortion. Refer to the pictures and in person inspection for condition.

Approximate Dimensions:

13.5 × 5.5 inches

Quantity: 1



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