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Pair of 18th-Century Old Sheffield Plate Sauce Boats, circa 1790

£220

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Description

An elegant pair of late 18th-century Old Sheffield Plate sauce boats, each beautifully proportioned with a sweeping, boat-shaped body, gently flared rim, and ornate cast handle. Their restrained yet decorative silhouette captures the refinement of Georgian tableware, combining practical design with the understated grandeur of the period.

Made using the early Sheffield Plate process-where a thin layer of silver was fused to a copper core-these sauce boats reflect a pivotal moment in the history of British silversmithing. This innovative technique made fashionable silver-plated wares more widely accessible while retaining the lustre and visual appeal of solid silver. The substantial cast handles provide a particularly handsome flourish, lending the pair a strong decorative presence on a dining table or sideboard.

Ideal for serving sauces, gravies, or dressings, the pair would sit beautifully within a Georgian or country-house table setting. They also make a refined addition to a collection of antique silver plate or period dining accessories.

Presented in antique condition, with expected signs of age and use that contribute to their character.

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