



Japan, Order of the Precious Crown, 6th class, includes a lapel pin, in original fitted case of issue.

In silver gilt and enamels, 44.6 mm in length, 40.6 mm in width; weighs 30.1 g (incl. oval suspension). Suspended from an oval plate with blue enameled design of wave crests, in its turn suspended from a metal loop on a bow ribbon of yellow moiré silk with a red stripe 5 mm from each edge. The reverse is entirely flat and featureless. In outstanding, superb condition, showing no wear of any kind visible to the naked eye. The ribbon is perfectly clean and has retained its original moiré sheen.

The lapel pin is 12.0 mm in diameter, with a pin attachment on the back. In excellent condition.

The issue box measures 13 x 10 x 3 cm, lined with purple velvet, with a fitted pad for the badge and space for the bow ribbon. The lid features the title in kanji, inlaid in gold. In very good to excellent condition, showing a few minor scratches to the lid, not too intrusive to the eye or detractive. The hinge is a little loose but the lid matches the bottom perfectly when closed. The latch is in good working condition.

The Order of the Sacred Crown, aka Golden Crown, Precious Crown, or Crown of Japan, was established by Emperor Meiji's Edict of 4 January 1888, and is considered equal in rank to the Order of the Rising Sun. It is bestowed on women only, and in higher classes was conferred only on royalty and nobility with rare exceptions. The lower classes are used as an order of merit but are seldom awarded.

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