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An early PH 4/3 copper pendant light by Poul Henningsen (1894 - 1967)

£12,500



REF: 5103

Diameter: 40 cm (15.7")

Description

The three copper 4/3 shades with a patinated nickel socket housing, the underside of which stamped PAT. APPL. denoting the period of time while the patent had been applied for but was yet to be approved.

Manufactured by Louis Poulsen.

Denmark, 1927 - 1929

The 4/3 represents the shade size and combination for this light. Originally PH lights were created as 'whole' shade systems - a PH 3/3 or 4/4 or 5/5 and so on. The first number denotes the size of the upper shade (a 3 would mean 30cm diameter) and the second number denotes which lamp size the bottom two shades belong to (a 3 would denote the bottom two shades were the correct proportion 3/3 set). A 4/3, as in this case, means the top shade is 40cm diameter but the bottom shades have the dimensions of those of a 3/3 light. The shade combinations were endless and each mix would provide a different kind of light - more direct, more sideways, more diffused etc.