Mantel clock

Place of origin: Aberdare (probably, manufactured)
Date: 1930-1940 (made)
Artist/Maker: Elco (manufacturers)
Materials and Techniques: Compression-moulded phenol formaldehyde ('Bakelite'); cardboard; electrical components
Museum number: W.61-1983
Gallery location: In Storage

Descriptive line
Synchronous mantel clock; brown Bakelite; Elco (designed London, manufactured Aberdare, Glamorgan); 1930s

Physical description
Electric (synchronous) mantel clock in brown Bakelite case. Cardboard back and original wiring. Attached electrical cord and plug.

Dimensions
Height: 14.6 cm, Width: 20.4 cm, Depth: 6.3 cm

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Object history note
Fred Bulmer, a collector based in Leeds, Yorkshire, offered his collection of 'plastic antiques' to the V&A in late 1982. The Museum chose to purchase 59 objects from Bulmer the following year (for acquisition papers see MA/1/B3395). The objects were divided among the Museum's collections according to object type: Furniture and Woodwork taking 26 objects (W.50 to 75-1983), Metalwork 18 objects (M.49 to 66-1984) and Ceramics and Glass 14 objects (C.41 to 54-1984).

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