

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

BRENSKE AUCTIONS

assessment system for catalogued items

Our assessment system allows you to easily access information regarding the condition of each item we offer for sale. Although we take great care to be as objective as possible in assessing the items, we must point out that our opinions are inevitably subjective.

We draw your attention to the fact that our grading system of items is solely for information purposes and represents our opinion of the condition of the item. In no way does this constitute a guarantee or a statement of fact for which BRENSKE AUCTIONS can be made liable.

To each wooden icon, you will find before the dimensions specified a reference "Cond." (meaning "Condition") with a grade of 1 to 6 behind. The mark is used in conjunction with the following table.

Cond. – Old wooden icons only*, not metal icons

Condition	Description	19th c. or later	18th c.	17th c. or earlier
1	Overall condition	Largely original		
	Signs of wear	Painting virtually flawless	Little, for ex. minor bumping mainly on the edges	As a rule clear, for ex. minor losses, also in the painting
	Restoration condition	Possibly minimal touch-ups and adjustments in places		
2	Overall condition	Clearly above average**		
	Signs of wear	Comparatively** few		
	Restoration condition	Possibly comparatively few retouchings, if any then predominantly in neutral areas		
3	Overall condition	Slightly above average**		
	Signs of wear	Comparatively** satisfactory condition		
	Restoration condition	Possibly minor retouchings, not adversely affecting the overall image		
4	Overall condition	Slightly below average**		
	Signs of wear	Sometimes clear		
	Restoration condition	Possibly worthy of restoration		
5	Overall condition	When standards are low, possibly presentable without further measures		
	Signs of wear	Sometimes considerable		
	Restoration condition	More extensive measures recommended or already taken		
6	Overall condition	In need of conservation		
	Signs of wear	Considerable; damages due to improper storage		
	Restoration condition	To be restored		

* In the case of icons with metal coverings, the condition information does not include the areas covered by metal

** As measured against the majority of pieces in this age category available on the market today