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PAIR OF FRENCH EMPIRE PERIOD GILT BRONZE CANDLESTICKS WITH GUILLOCHÉ DECORATION

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Pair of Empire Period Gilt Bronze Candlesticks, France, early 19th century (circa 1805–1815). Each candlestick is formed with a tapering cylindrical shaft rising from a broad circular base, both enriched with finely executed guilloché and engine-turned decoration, including repeating geometric bands, leaf borders, and beaded moldings. The design is restrained and architectural, characteristic of the Empire aesthetic inspired by classical antiquity and the decorative language of Napoleonic France. Cast, turned, and hand-chased in gilt bronze, likely retaining original mercury fire-gilding, with a warm surface tone and subtle wear consistent with age and use. The drip pans and candle cups are crisply detailed, and the pair remains well matched. Minor rubbing to the gilding and light surface marks are visible, with no apparent structural issues. An elegant and refined example of early 19th-century French Empire decorative bronze work, well suited to both classical and modern interiors.

Dimensions: 5.375" Diameter, 10.75H