

Basic Detail Report



Sword of Schalenknaupf ("bowl-pommel") type

Date

about 1000–800 BCE

Primary Maker

Central European

Medium

bronze

Description

Blade of flattened diamond section. Medial ridge along blade flanked by multiple incised lines. Slight waist at ricasso, also marked by blunting of the edges and a distinct decorative treatment; the ricasso may be designed to allow the forefinger to rest here as in early modern swords. Blade is sandwiched and riveted into the cast grip, which also bears incised decorations of lines and circles, as well as four raised bands encircling it. Disk pommel similarly decorated. Hole in pommel-disk, probably for a lanyard. The disk is secured by a domed terminal, which may have been secured with some kind of glue or solder. The foilble of the blade is somewhat more corroded than the forte.

Dimensions

66 × 4.8 × 8 cm (26 × 1 7/8 × 3 1/8 in.), 2 lb 8 oz (weight)