

# Basic Detail Report

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## Zulfiqar (split-bladed sword)

### Date

hilt late 1600s, blade 1800s

### Primary Maker

Indian

### Medium

steel, gold, silver

### Description

Sawtoothed single-edge, curved blade with yalman similarly treated terminating in point. Blade widens near point & is split perpendicularly to plane of blade from point ending in circle approximately 1/3 length from point. Gold koftgari flora & calligraphy along rear edge of blade & in "tree"-shaped mark on obverse of blade. Heavy khanda hilt terminating on both faces of blade in flattened trefoil. Remains of tinned surface and apparently gilding. Rounded "V" crossguard forming tapering knuckle guard with small discoid pommel with long grooved spike slightly curved forward. Blade is secured with a large irregular rivet through the languets, suggesting compositing.

### Dimensions

92.7 × 64.8 × 8.5 × 12 cm (36 1/2 × 25 1/2 × 3 3/8 × 4 3/4 in.), 3 lb, 4 oz (weight)