

Basic Detail Report



Sword

Date

1050–1150

Primary Maker

German

Medium

steel

Description

Steel blade. Oakeshott's type XA or XI. Double-edged, lenticular or hexagonal section, with broad, shallow central fuller on both faces extending to about 5" from tip. Fullers are about 1/3 blade width, with parallel sides tapering to point only from about 3/4 of length. At end of fullers blade becomes rather elliptical in section to the sharp point. Edges are parallel on upper third, narrowing in graduated curves to point. Tang is broad, made for 1 hand, & narrows acutely on its upper half. Flat, of rectangular section, & passes through top of pommel (Oakeshott's type A "Brazil nut"). This is wide, rather flat on bottom, triangular in section, with sharp top. A small wedge of iron has been inserted between the tang and pommel to stabilize the join; this is evidently a modern addition. Straight crossguard of square section, with no apparent taper.

Dimensions

98.5 × 4.9 × 85.7 × 16 cm (38 3/4 × 1 15/16 × 33 3/4 × 6 5/16 in.), 1 lb, 10 oz (weight)