

Basic Detail Report



Mace

Date
1600s-1700s

Primary Maker
Southern Indian

Medium
steel

Description
"Hindu basket hilt" of military type with wide flat crossguard extending upwards & tapering to form knuckle guard. Hole on upper rear of hilt for lanyard or tassel. Lozenge-section grip swollen at mid-height with wide flat discoid pommel with mushroom-shaped button. Reinforcing rib under crossguard tapering towards head in arrow-shaped langets on squared section of shaft ending with knurl section. Shaft continues in octagonal section tapering to flanged, pear-shaped head with 7 blades, brazed in place, with a turned finial at end. Hilt appears to be made for a mace, but perhaps a working-life marriage with the shaft and head.

Dimensions
74.9 cm (29 1/2 in.), 3 lb, 8 oz (weight)