



Solid-hilted bronze sword

Date
about 1400–1200 BCE

Primary Maker
Central European

Medium
cast bronze

Description
Long, gently tapering cast bronze blade of elliptical section with rounded medial rib on both faces (maximum thickness at rib about 1/4"). Cast hilt with grip tapering to ends, ovoid pommel at right angle to axis. Lower end curves over shoulder of blade where secured by pair of rivets. Grip faceted. Traces of incised decoration on grip; most visible are rings around the grip near the pommel, with heavily effaced and occluded traces of circles with central and perhaps peripheral dots along the faceted surfaces.

Dimensions
61 × 5.7 × 4.4 cm (24 × 2 1/4 × 1 3/4 in), 1 lb 14 oz (weight)