

Basic Detail Report



Fencing longsword ("hand-and-a-half" sword)

Date
late 1500s

Primary Maker

German

Medium

steel, wood and leather

Description

Thick blade at hilt, tapering to flattened, spatulate tip which shows signs of damage and rework, probably during the object's working life. The distal end has some flex in the steel. The thick, broad ricasso (termed a Schilt) has 2 fullers on each side. The crossbar is of thick round stock, with blunt round swellings at each end. The grip is wrapped with black leather, probably over cord and wood, with a repair in the proximal end. The pommel is smooth and globose. There is an abstract stamped design on both sides of the Schilt, with the letter H stamped 8 times around its perimeter.

Dimensions

Overall length: 141.5 cm (55 3/4 in.) Blade Length: 107.3 cm (42 1/4 in.) Hilt length: 34 cm (13 3/8") Pommel Length: 6.2 cm (2 7/16 in.) Maximum Diameter: 4.2 cm (1 5/8 in.)