

SA1128922

Rare Ribbed Roman Glass Unguentarium 1st to 3rd Century CE

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1128922****Date of manufacture: Before 1700**

Dimensions

Height = 14 cm (5.5")

Width = 3 cm (1.2")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

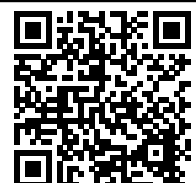
Technical Description A rare form of Roman glass unguentarium perfume bottle dating from the 1st to 3rd century AD. Made from translucent pale blue glass, it has developed a stunning layer of internal iridescence. The rim is folded and finished at the furnace, pulled to form a long narrow tapering neck and blown bulbous body with undulating tooled ribbing. - This form is more often found to have a heavily tooled body as shown in the reference below, this example is very subtle. **Date & Origin** Roman, Early to Mid Imperial Empire, 1st to 3rd century CE. **Condition** Intact. The entire vessel is well-preserved with some residue encrustation to the exterior and minimal pitting. The interior exhibits a stunning layer of iridescence due to the encrustation throughout. **Dimensions** Height: 14 cm Diameter: 3 cm **Provenance** Bonhams, London - December 1999. **References** MET museum: <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/460817> MET museum (showing internal iridescence): <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/245442>

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