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Chinese Tang sancai glazed funerary figure, court attendant, c. 7th–8th

Price

GBP 1,500

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Date of manufacture: Pre 16th century

Dimensions

Height = 25.2 cm (9.9")

Width = 7.5 cm (3.0")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

A Chinese glazed earthenware funerary figure which, by its material, construction and glaze characteristics, can be attributed to the Tang dynasty (618–906), representing a standing court attendant or minor civil official. The figure is shown in a calm frontal pose, with hands concealed within the sleeves and clasped at the chest — a gesture typical of Tang tomb figures. The surface is covered with a lead-based glaze in the Tang sancai tradition, presented here in a less common blue-dominant variant. The glaze is characteristic of the Tang sancai technique, in which lead glazes enriched with copper, iron and cobalt oxides were used to produce a range of colours. In this example, the cobalt-enriched blue glaze flows naturally across the surface, gathering in the folds and creating a varied, uneven finish typical of early kiln-fired production — a quality specifically associated with authentic Tang manufacture rather than later reproduction. AI Visual Analysis. In the absence of thermoluminescence testing, the accompanying photographs — including macro images and UV illumination — were submitted for systematic visual analysis using an AI system. The analysis identified th...

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