

SA620885

An Ancient Glass Kohl Bottle Circa 4th Century A.D

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA620885****Date of manufacture: Before 1700**

Dimensions

Height = 15 cm (5.9")

Width = 5.9 cm (2.3")

Depth = 5.9 cm (2.3")

Description

Date & Origin Possibly the Middle East, Syria or Egypt 4th century A.D. **Condition** The piece has been broken in two and repaired. **Dimensions** Height: 15cm Diameter: 5.9cm. Weight 95 grams **Technical Description** An ancient glass kohl bottle. The bowl is slightly tapered with applied trailing, an applied handle and a folded rim. The conical foot has a rough pontil. The green glass has been naturally iridised from years covered in earth. **Historical Relevance** Kohl was a cosmetic used in ancient times similar to eyeliner today. The mixture is said to be so sterile it can be used on infants, believed to strengthen the child's eyes or to protect them from the 'curse of the evil eye'. **Relevant References** Ancient Glass by C.S.Lightfoot – Page 111 Plate 259.

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