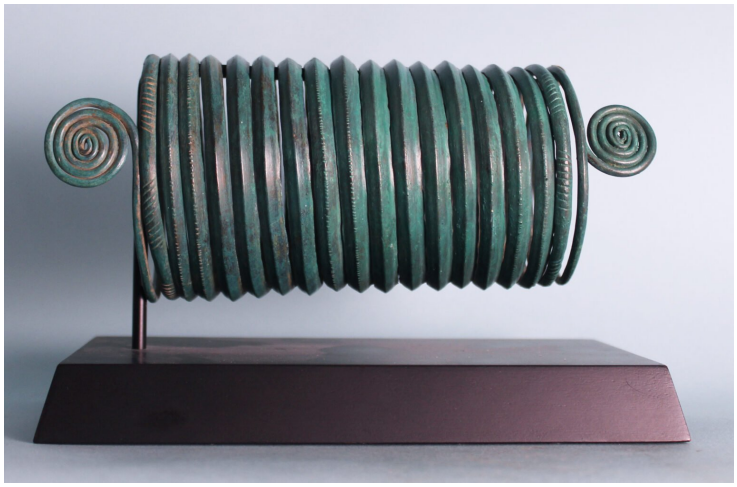
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Bronze Age European Armlet



An ancient Bronze Age European large coiled spiral armlet of sheet bronze with a central rib and terminating at both ends with carefully twisted cuffs.

Late Bronze Age, Central Europe.
Hallstatt, ca. 1200 - 900 BC.
Length: 6 in. (15 cm).

The inhabitants of Central Europe from Gaul to the Danube Basin in the second millennium BC coalesced into a culture identified in the archaeological record by large well defined cemeteries containing numerous cremation burials contained in cinerary urns. The graves were often accompanied by bronze tools and ornaments. The wealthiest burials were those of warriors and princes, often containing finely made bronze swords, spears, and adornments.

cf.: W. Menghin, Hallstattzeit, (Berlin, 1999) pl. 63, 74; Antiquities from Europe and the Near East in the Collection of Lord McAlpine of Westgreen, (Oxford, 1987), group 6, no. 9.7, from Sweden.

Formerly in a New York private collection.

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