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Bronze Age European Armlet

A massive Bronze Age European armlet of circular form constructed from one sheet of bronze rolled into a tube, open on the inside and at the terminals.



Late Bronze Age, Central Europe.
Hallstatt, ca. 1200 - 900 BC.
Diameter: 6 3/4 in. (17.2 cm). Intact.

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, Die Altetertumer im Museum fur Vor- und Fruhgeschichte, (Berlin, 1999), p. 140, pl. 91.

Formerly in the collection of Princess Herzogin Marie Ernestine of Windischgrätz (1856-1929); collection of Marie Antoinette of Mecklenburg (1884-1944); collection of Hertha Lizbeth de Kozierowski, 1932; collection of Nina Baroness of Nistram 1963; collection of Dr. Ernest Zweymuller, Vienna, 1978.

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