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Egyptian Faience Pataikos Amulet

A large ancient Egyptian green faience amulet of Pataikos nude with pot belly standing on two crocodiles on an integral base, a scarab beetle atop his head, holding snakes in his hands; on the back a winged goddess wearing a solar disc, and on the sides stand the goddesses Isis and Nephtys.



Late Period,
Ca. 700 - 30 BC.
Height: 2 3/8 in. (6.1 cm).

Pataikos or Ptah the dwarf, was generally depicted as a broad-headed, bandy legged, youthful, sometimes janiform, dwarf. He was the protector of children.

cf.: S. Schoske and D. Wildung, Gott und Götter im Alten Ägypten, catalogue of exhibition, (Mainz,1992), pp. 236-237, no. 120a; C. Andrews, Amulets of Ancient Egypt, (Texas, 1994), p. 38.

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