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Egyptian Scarab: Tuthmosis III



An ancient Egyptian inscribed steatite scarab bearing a scene of a bull trampling a prostrate foreigner, a falcon before, and the cartouche of Tuthmosis III above, "Men-Kepher-Re."

New Kingdom,
18th Dynasty, ca. 1411-1375 BC.
Height: 19 mm.

The ancient Egyptians believed the Scarabeus Beetle was able to spontaneously regenerate itself from cow dung, which these beetles can be observed rolling into small balls and burying. Consequently the scarab came to symbolize a spontaneous continuation of the life cycle. These finely carved amulets were worn in life and in necklaces around the mummy. Often the bases were inscribed with symbols or "words of power," intended to magically invigorate the wearer.

Formerly in the Ernest C. Freemark collection, (1882-1966), Elmore, Ohio, examined by J. H. Breasted in 1916.

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