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Roman Bronze Key

An ancient Roman bronze ring key with an incised handle perpendicular to the bit, with ten round teeth.

Ca. 1st - 3rd century AD.
Length: 1 1/2 in. (3.8 cm).

cf.:Rieche & Schalles, Arbeit. Handwerk und Berfude in der romischen Stadt, (Cologne, 1994), pp. 46-47.

Formerly in a New York private collection.

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