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## Roman Bronze Lion's Head Handle Ancient Art II-III.



1 600 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Diameter : 13 cm

Height : 19 cm

### Description

Bronze with green patina.  
Eastern Roman art / Levant  
2nd-3rd century.  
Diameter: 13cm  
height with ring: 19 cm

These bronze lion head handles were produced in a set of four pieces to be attached to wooden sarcophagi a typical production of the Eastern Mediterranean, many parallels can be found in Thomas Weber's book *Syrisch-römische Sarkophagbeschläge*.

The handle is decorated with a lion's head with a radiant mane with incised details, large almond-shaped eyes with dilated pupils, the fluted ring is inserted in the open mouth. Three

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holes were used to attach the handle to the wood  
(the ferrous metal nail heads still remain in place)

provenance: from an old french collection / public  
sale

bibliography:

Thomas Weber: Syrisch-römische  
Sarkophagbeschläge, Mainz / Rh. 1989

public sales:

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