



Western Asiatic Gold Bead, 2nd-1st Millennium B.c.

895 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gold



Description

Western Asiatic Gold Bead 2nd-1st millennium B.C. Measurements Length: 3.1 cm Diameter: 0.8 cm Weight: 3.33 grams A finely constructed bead formed from a hollow cylinder of gold, ornamented with four longitudinal strips composed of diminutive gold rings soldered side by side. Each strip is arranged with eighteen rings affixed at their centres, the extremities bent outward to create a dynamic, radiating texture from the central tube. The precision of the soldering and the rhythmic repetition of the ringed bands demonstrate both technical control and an eye for refined surface effect. The bead retains its warm, ancient patina and displays the subtle irregularities characteristic of hand-worked gold. Gold beads of this type were treasured in the Western Asiatic world during the Bronze and

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early Iron Ages, valued not only for their material splendour but also for the intricate craftsmanship required in their making. Such ornaments were typically worn by individuals of high status, forming part of elaborate necklaces or composite jewels. With its unusual construction and elegant proportions, this example testifies to the inventive artistry of early goldsmiths, while its understated beauty allows it to be appreciated today as a subtle yet striking piece of wearable art from the ancient world.