



## Ancient Bronze Bent Finger. Roman, 1st-4th Century A.d.



795 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Bronze

### Description

An Ancient Bronze Bent Finger. Roman, 1st-4th century A.D. Measures 4.6 x 3.2 x 1.7cm Weighs 63.8 grams. Description Fragment of a life-size bronze statue: the slender forefinger is bent in a naturalistic gripping pose. The distal and middle phalanges are modelled with subtle attention to anatomical detail -- a delineated nail bed and soft transitions at the joint surfaces -- producing a convincing sense of flexion. The proximal end is broken where it would originally have joined the hand. The surface displays a dark green patina with encrustation in recessed areas. The posture of the finger implies that, in the intact statue, it participated in holding a small attribute (for example a scroll, staff, or drapery fold), although any specific identification of the lost attribute remains conjectural. Condition Complete for the

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preserved element, with an ancient break at the base; stable surface patina; no modern repairs.

Provenance Formerly in a private collection (United Kingdom); acquired on the London art market, 1990s.