



Medieval Lead Pilgrim's Ampulla 14th-15th Century

225 EUR



Period : Before 16th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Lead

Width : 3,4

Height : 4,5

Description

A rare medieval pilgrim's ampulla, made of a lead-tin alloy, probably dating from the 14th or 15th century. These small ampoules were sold in churches and at pilgrimage sites. They contained holy water or oil from a shrine and could be worn around the neck using a cord attached to the two side handles. This ampulla features molded decoration on both sides. One side is adorned with a radiating ribbed pattern, which may represent a stylized shell or a small pleated pouch. The other side shows a geometric rosette accompanied by eight raised globules. The body, originally hollow, has been almost completely flattened over the centuries. The right handle remains clearly visible, while the left handle is crumpled and deformed. The neck also has a few missing sections. Despite these ancient

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alterations, the general shape and decorations on both sides remain clearly visible. This ampulla was acquired in France, where it was likely discovered. In the absence of an inscription or characteristic religious attributes, its original sanctuary cannot be determined with certainty. An interesting testament to devotion and pilgrimages in the late Middle Ages. Dimensions: Height: 4.5 cm Width: 3.4 cm Current thickness: approximately 3 mm Thank you for visiting. Best regards, Ben