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## Khmer Vajra, Bronze Artifact Dating From The Khmer Empire (11th-13th Centuries)

450 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état



### Description

A ritual object (vajra in Sanskrit, dorje in Tibetan) used in Mahayana and Tantric Buddhist practices. During prayers, the monk holds the vajra in one hand and the bell (gantha) in the other. Its four short points represent the four cardinal directions, and the fifth represents the sky. It is associated with the masculine element, while the bell is feminine. One can see a parallel here with the thunderbolt of the Greek and Roman god Jupiter. This specimen is covered with a superb two-tone green and blue patina, malachite and azurite. Bronze artifact excavated in the Isaan region, in eastern Thailand, which was then part of the Khmer Empire centered on Angkor (11th-13th centuries). Length: 135 mm, weight: 180 g. Free shipping within France via Colissimo tracked delivery. Réf. : Bunker &

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