

Magical(?) gem: Mithras slaying the bull

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Collection	IT_Perugia, Museo Archeologico Nazionale dell'Umbria
Inventory	1563
References	Mastrocinque, SGG II, no. Pe 13; Vitellozzi 2010b, no. 281
Former Collections	Guardabassi, Mariano (1823-1880)
Material	jasper, green and red
Dimensions	16.3 x 11.3 x 2.6 mm
Iconography	Mithras; animal: bull; animal: dog; bird, unspecified; snake; scorpion; stars (6); clothing: cap, Phrygian; clothing: mantle; clothing: tunic



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Description: Transverse oval, flat. Green jasper with red spots (heliotrope). Chipped and broken on the edge. Previously part of the Guardabassi Collection.

A: Mithras slaying a bull with a knife in the left hand, while grabbing the horn of the animal with the right hand. The figure is wearing a tunic, a mantle and a Phrygian cap. A dog approaches the wound of the bull. Below: a scorpion and a snake. Above: most probably a bird (only the beak is visible due to the damage). In the free field: six stars.

B: Plain.

Bibliography

[SGGII](#), 108, Pe 13.

[Vitellozzi 2010b](#), no. 281

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