

## Magical scarab: Horse, Ἴάω (A) scarab (B)

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-933
<b>ID-Number</b>	GB-BM-MMEu_G 93, EA 56093
<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	G 93 (EA 56093)
<b>References</b>	Michel, BM, no. 574
<b>Former Collections</b>	Towneley Collection
<b>Material</b>	chalcedony, white to brown/grey
<b>Dimensions</b>	18 x 14 x 10 mm
<b>Dating</b>	5th c. BC; 3rd c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	animal: horse; scarab
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	Ἴάω



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Classical period gem reworked as a magical gem.

A: Horse in profile, galloping to left, with reins loose. Inscription at the top, on the two sides of the head: ιαω (later addition) → Ἴάω.

B: Profiled as a scarab.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-933](#)

[Boardman 2001](#), 292, Pl. 560.

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