

Magical gem: Crab-like scarab with stars

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References	Michel, BM, no. 578; Michel, DMG, no. 33.2_3
Former Collections	Ogden Collection
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	14 x 12 x 12 mm
Dating	1st c. BC (Michel)
Iconography	scarab; stars (5)



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A: Scarab from above, surrounded with five eight-pointed stars. The beetle has four pairs of legs, its antennae are crescent-shaped, resembling a crab.

B: High, conical reverse, drilled through, with a modern wire. Plain.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-937](#)

[The British Museum Collection database on CBd-937](#)

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