

Magical gem: Leaping lion (A) Greek inscription with characteres (B)

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| CBd-Number | CBd-938 |
| ID-Number | GB-BM-MMEu_G 279, EA 56279 |
| Collection | GB_London, The British Museum |
| Inventory | G 279 (EA 56279) |
| References | Michel, BM, no. 579 |
| Former Collections | Hamilton Collection |
| Material | rock crystal |
| Dimensions | 21 x 10 mm |
| Dating | late Minoan; 3rd c. AD (Michel) |
| Iconography | animal: lion |
| Divine Names & Voces | Ἀβρασάξ |



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A: Leaping lion, in profile to right.

B: Characteres and inscription in mirror writing, in three lines: ζζζ|characteres ω|αβρασάξ → Ἀβρασάξ. (Later addition).

Minoan seal reworked as a magical gem.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-938](#)

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