

The 3 different Mainz gladius models with us

After our club successful participation at the Rhine limes Augusta Raurica where I demonstrate in action my primary series of Mainz models I was inspired to produce another bigger series of those covered with history Swords.



It has been 4 years since I worked on these swords models known as a Mainz model gladius. But also widely used along the Danube Limes and throughout all Roman Empire. Everything is my creative work or done in workshops under my control.



With this sword series, I think I present successfully again the series of 3 Mainz gladius model. Cortesia Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum - Mainz-D

Gladii from Dubravica

The Mainz model with curls under the brackets.

All they are assembled with similar applications (upper and lower).



In my effort to get closer to the originals as much as possible I even counted “the hearts” decorative elements on the plate of every single model I was recreating.

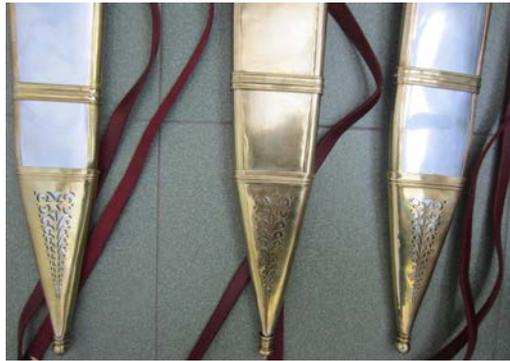
- Seeing the one Mainz with the bronze scabbard “the hearts” decorative elements are only 5 pieces.
- While The Mainz model with curls under the brackets are with 6 hearts.
- In my observation the Dubravica Mainz model should also be with 6 hearts plate.



This is a collage of archeology finds arranged in the same way as the picture with replicas.

Here is clearly visible difference in the numbers of the hearts decorative elements.

The other difference of this model is that the scabbards are entirely sheathed with bronze ore tinned, or silver-plated bronze. In my case I used brass sheet.

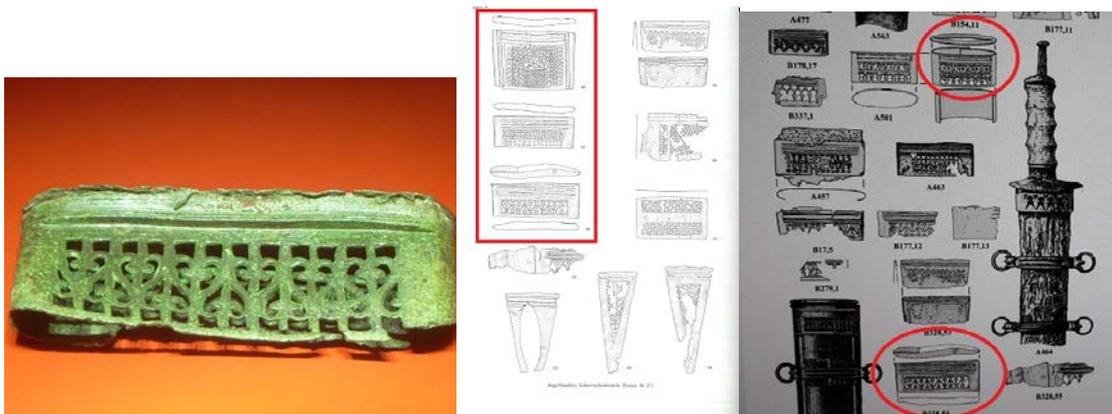


On all the top plates I have mounted plugs tinned.

I have been careful to make sure that the plates are completely covering the scabbards from the back (as the originals). The brackets are also completely covering the scabbards (as the originals).



This is a small part of the published Mainz archeology for the upper plate and brackets with which I am familiar.



Of course all the swords are blunted and do not cut. Designed for Roman Reenactment.

Total length of the sword (with the handle) 73 cm.

Width at the beginning under the handle (in its widest part) 6 cm.