

Dura-Europos Scutum 3rd century A.D.



Our Scutum shield is very well recreated replica model of this from Dura-Europos. I have made many improvements in the drawings. I even counted the waves from above and from below from photo of the original , also from the left and right . Of course it is very difficult to imitate ancient master ,almost impossible. But this level of similarity I think that is quite enough for Roman re-enacting. Thickness of 1 cm.it is heavy exactly 5 kg. width 80 cm height 105 cm.Everything is made in to our club.

The original:

<http://popular-archaeology.com/issue/june-2011/article/treasures-of-ancient-dura-europos-released-for-all-to-see>

Scutum (Shield)

mid-3rd century A.D.

Maker: Unknown

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Found flattened and in thirteen pieces, this shield was reconstructed by the excavation team. Although much of the resulting object is modern, it remains an important example of the classic semi-cylindrical shield known as a scutum, used by Roman legionaries and known from literary sources; no other examples outside Dura-Europos have been found. The painted decoration reflects Roman victory iconography, including an eagle with a laurel wreath, winged victories bearing additional wreaths, and a lion. When discovered the shield was missing its central boss (umbo). All the armor found within Tower 19, located midway along the western wall, seems to have been awaiting repair when the site was destroyed.



Object Details

Medium: Painted wood and rawhide

Dimensions: 105.5 x 41 x 30 cm (41 9/16 x 16 1/8 x 11 13/16 in.)

Geog. Data: mid-3rd century A.D

Period: Roman

Culture Syrian, Dura-Europos, Tower 19