

BROOCH

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete cast copper-alloy Roman Developed T-Shaped Brooch, dated to c. 65-160 AD. The crossbar, head, head lug and part of the brooch body are present. Although the spring is missing, a small corroded fragment remaining at the end of one of the crossbar arms indicates that the spring was probably composed of iron. The spring hood appears to have curved around the spring in a half-cylindrical manner and a portion of the lug on top of the head suggests that a portion of the spring chord passed through it. The head lug is part of a small serrated rib running down the centre of the head, which terminates at the 90-degree angle in the brooch body at the neck. The body has two recessed cells running vertically along its length and one bears the remains of inlaid red enamel suggesting that both cells were inlaid with the material. An old break running horizontally across the brooch body occurs about halfway down. The lower half, including the foot and catchplate are missing in addition to the spring and pin above. The metal is of an even medium-green patina. For a similar example, cf. Bayley and Butcher 2004, p166.

Class: T-shaped

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: In a private collection, recorded for academic use

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 65

Date to: Circa AD 160

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 16.22 mm

Width: 6.82 mm

Thickness: 2.16 mm

Weight: 4 g

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

Other reference: No MD number

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Surface Treatment: Inlaid with enamel

Spatial metadata

Region: [South East](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [West Sussex](#) (County)

District: [Horsham](#) (District)

To be known as: alfoldean

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: Original finder donated this object to the individual listed above.

General landuse: Cultivated land

Bayley, J. and Butcher, S., 2004. [*Roman Brooches in Britain: A Technological and Typological Study Based on the Richborough Collection*](#) London : The Society of Antiquaries 68