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Agios Nikolaos, Arch. Mus., Σ7 CMS V Suppl. 3 no. 21

Crete/Malia, Quartier Nu, Square GD 134²⁴⁶⁶

Context: LM I (?), the piece was found in a sontage under the LM IIIB layer

Steatite, light brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves; the stringhole on one profile is somewhat offset from the centre

SF. 1,60×1,10/1,15/1,15; SH. 0,25; H. 1,15; BL. 1.60; BW. 1.35

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Almost workshop fresh, light file marks Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view, male organ. In front of it, an *Amphora* without neck.
- (b) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth, one arm extended in front and up. His hand touches a '*Pole*' slung with 'String vessels' which is situated in front of him and is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him.
- (c) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back, open mouth.

 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 2 Agios Nikolaos, Arch. Mus., Σ14 CMS V Suppl. 3 no. 22 Crete/Malia, Quartier Nu, Square GE 137,²⁴⁶⁷ sector XIII 1 Context: LM IIIA2/B

Steatite, dark greyish brown to light ochre Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial

edges; no grooves

SF. 1,50×1,35; SH. 0,30; H. 1,25; BL. 1,55; BW. 1,45

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, sharp edges

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated *Frontal man*, head in left side view, open mouth, arms and legs extended to the sides, trifurcated hands.
- (b) Standing 'Man with semicircular body', right side view, open mouth, no arms. In front of him, a 'Centipede branch' with only one spike on the left side.
- (c) Amphora with belly handles. Its lower part is flanked by two Papyrus triangles. The latter are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between one of the sides of their base.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

3 Agios Nikolaos, Arch. Mus., 3114 CMS V no. 25

Crete/Mochlos, Cemetery, excavation dump at the northwest area²⁴⁶⁸

Steatite, greyish green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear, orderly but not particularly deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 2,20×1,15; SH. 0,40

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; very confident, accurate engraving; the rounded contours of the devices on (c) create flowing motifs; attentive, dexterous work; very good workmanship

Some damage to (b); somewhat abraded

²⁴⁶⁶ CMS V Suppl. 3, 97 fig. 1.

²⁴⁶⁷ See footnote 2466.

²⁴⁶⁸ Davaras 1973, 109.

- (a) Two-armed whirl of 'Papyrus flowers', left-facing, double Circle as centre. The blossoms of the flowers are horizontally hatched.
- (b) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a 'Key sistrum/'plough', "Breasts" and a "Bottle" arranged the one next to the other (CHIC signs 057, 034, 056). Above the "Breasts", a Papyrus triangle. 2469
- (c) Three standing Waterfowls, left side view, arranged the one above the other.2470 The heads of the lower and the middle bird are directed upwards while that of the upper bird is turned back. The lower bird has an open mouth (?) and two legs which terminate in a horizontal line. This latter feature renders either the bird's feet or the ground.2471

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

Agios Nikolaos, Arch. Mus., 11855 CMS V Suppl. 1A no. 42 Crete/Agios Charalampos, Ossuary Cave The pottery in the cave was FN-MM IIB, with a few LN and LM I-III sherds Steatite (?), greenish to beige, on the surface light coloured calc-sinter remains Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

> Convex profile; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces; stringhole on one profile somewhat offset from the centre, partly sitting on two of the grooves SF. 1,25×0,90; SH. 0,25

> Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (c), traces of the combined use of solid and tubular drills; confident engraving; good workmanship

> Almost workshop fresh, almost sharp stringhole edges

Areas of light damage

(a) Standing Waterfowl, right side view, head turned back, toothed back. In front of it, a long inwards curving Wedge which closely follows the curvature of its neck.

- (c) Two standing/walking Men in profile, right side view, arranged the one behind the other. The left man has open mouth and an arm extended in front and up such that it touches the head of the man in front. Above them, a short horizontal Wedge. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 5 Agios Nikolaos, Arch. Mus., 11856 CMS V Suppl. 1A no. 43 Crete/Agios Charalampos, Ossuary Cave The pottery in the cave was FN-MM IIB, with a few LN and LM I-III sherds Steatite, anthracite coloured, in parts white Flat ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves SF. 1,25×1,35; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,25; BW. 1,45 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; very confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; very good workmanship Workshop fresh, sharp edges Good condition
 - (a) Crouching Dog/lion, left side view, head turned back, open mouth, vertically hatched body, long tail which forms a spiral.
 - (b) Standing 'Man with semicircular body', right side view, open mouth, no arms, horizontally hatched body. In front of him, an Amphora with belly handles. Above the latter, a Jug, right side view, rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the other two motifs.2473 Between the man's front leg and the amphora's left lower side, two One-armed whirls and one Two-armed whirl, all left facing, central 'cup sinking',

⁽b) Two Fish, left side view (?),2472 pointed mouths, arranged the one above the other.

²⁴⁶⁹ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 238 α .

²⁴⁷⁰ For these birds, see Jasink 2009, 141.

²⁴⁷¹ To this bird compare **388 b**.

²⁴⁷² The curvature of the 'upper' side of the upper fish could suggest that it is actually rendered in right side view. If this were the case, the fish would be arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located under their bodies.

²⁴⁷³ The combination Jug - Amphora is seen by Karnava and Jasink as the combination CHIC signs 053 - 054 (Karnava 2000, 25; Jasink 2009, 82, 194).

arranged in a triangular configuration.

(c) Three standing/walking 'Men with semicircular body', right side view, open mouths, one arm extended in front, open trifurcated hands, in a Π-formation. The figures are arranged with reference to 90° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is situated in front of them. Their hands touch a "Trowel" (?) situated in the centre of the image.²⁴⁷⁴ The 'head' of the latter device is configured like a triangular loop.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

6 Agios Nikolaos, Arch. Mus., 11857 CMS V Suppl. 1A no. 44

Crete/Agios Charalampos, Ossuary Cave The pottery in the cave was FN–MM IIB, with a few LN and LM I–III sherds Wedge-shaped

Steatite (?), anthracite coloured and light beige white

Flat seal faces; one ellipsoidal, two round Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,20/1,40×1,40/1,40×1,40; SH. 0,30; BL. 1,45; BW. 1,50

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good to very good workmanship Workshop fresh, sharp edges

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Bird in profile*, right side view, head turned back, long beak. In front of it, a "*Centipede branch*".
- (b) *Swastika of Stalk triangles*, left-facing. The triangles are horizontally hatched.
- (c) Two seated *Headless waterfowls*, triangular bodies. The figures are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their backsides. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

7 Agios Nikolaos, Arch. Mus., 12072 CMS V Suppl. 1A no. 56 Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, South Workshop, Sector XI 2 Context: MM IB (?) Steatite, ochre and slate grey Flat ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves SF. 1,45×1,10 pres./1,10 pres./1,30; SH. 0,20; H. 1,10; BL. 1,50 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship Somewhat abraded Parts of (a) and (b) are missing (a) Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXVII. (b) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view, head turned back, vertically hatched neck. (c) Seated/lying Dog/lion, left side view. Under it, a small Legless dog/lion, left

reference to the larger animal.

Prism with EM III/MM I Influences

side view. The latter is rotated 180° with

8 Agios Nikolaos, Arch. Mus., 12607 CMS V Suppl. 3 no. 16 Crete/Kavousi, Evraiki, Burial Cave, fill on the floor of the cave near the Larnax 1 The pottery from the cave was mainly MM I, but some EM III shapes and two 'Chamaizi' pots were also represented Steatite, ochre to olive green Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; clear, broad, deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,35×1,05; SH. 0,25; H. 1,00; BL. 1,40 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Almost workshop fresh, sharp stringhole edges

Considerable damage to one edge of (b), chipping on (a)

(a) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front (the back part of the head and the back shoulder are missing). His hand touches a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' which is

 $^{^{2474}}$ For the "Trowel" on this seal face, see Jasink 2009, 128, 194.

- situated in front of him and is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him. To the right, a vertical *Bar*.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back and up, open mouth.
- (c) Cross pommée, central 'cup sinking', with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements.

 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 9 Agios Nikolaos, Arch. Mus., 12608 CMS V Suppl. 3 no. 17

Crete/Kavousi, Evraiki, Burial Cave, Larnax 1, near the scull

The pottery from the cave was mainly MM I, but some EM III shapes were also represented

Steatite, brownish beige to greyish brown Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,70×1,05/1,00/1,05; SH. 0,30; H. 1,00×0,90; BL. 1,75; BW. 1,10

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; very confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good to very good workmanship Workshop fresh, sharp seal face edges, file marks

Areas of light damage

- (a) Z-whirl of Stemless paisleys, right-facing, with Js as angle supplements. The paisleys are horizontally hatched.
- (b) *Head of a 'ram'*, horn edges turning outwards to form spirals. On either side of the horns and the face, a *Triangle*.
- (c) Z-whirl spiral, right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as curve and shoulder supplements of the arms and Bars as body supplements. The 'Papyrus flowers' that issue from the back of the scrolls are markedly more elongated than those that issue from the curves.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

10 Agios Nikolaos, Arch. Mus., 13868 Betancourt 2003, 9²⁴⁷⁵ *Pl. 128*

> Crete/Agios Charalampos, Ossuary Cave The pottery in the cave was FN-MM IIB, with a few LN and LM I-III sherds Steatite (?); white, at parts very pale blue and grev

> Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces (one almost round)

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. (tentative positioning of the stringhole channel) 1,60×1,50/1,60×1,50/1,55×1,50; SH. 0,30; H. 1,50; BL. 1,60

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (c), confident, accurate engraving; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Three standing/walking *Men in profile*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other. The left and the middle one have open mouths.
- (b) Crouching Agrimi, right side view, head down. In its back, the Back part of an arrow.
- (c) Repetition compound of Protomes of a man (?). Each of the figures has an arm extended in front and touching a "Saw branch" (?).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

11 Ann Arbor, Kelsey Mus., 26178
Bonner 1954, 142 no. 15
Steatite, dark green
Flat seal faces; one ellipsoidal, two round
SF. (tentative positioning of the stringhole channel) 1,10×0,9 (?)/1,10/1,10
Cut freehand; deep intaglios, oblique cut; moderate to good workmanship
Good condition

²⁴⁷⁵ Unpublished, courtesy of Philip Betancourt. I wish to thank Philip Betancourt for the permission to include the piece in my study and for the provision of photographs, impressions, and the relevant information.

- (a) "Centipede branch".
- (b) Whirl, left facing.
- (c) Swastika, left facing.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

Ann Arbor, Kelsey Mus., 26181 CMS XIII no. 1

Steatite, light brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,20×1,00/0,95/1,00; BL. 1,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; moderate to good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge between (a)

and (b), damage also to (b)

- (a) Standing/walking Man in profile, right side view, open mouth.
- (b) Two 'Spiders' b, arranged the one next to the other.
- (c) Head of a 'ram', hanging ears. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- Ann Arbor, Kelsey Mus., 26182 13 CMS XIII no. 1D

Steatite, blackish yellow

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. (tentative positioning of the stringhole channel) 1,35×1,20; BL. 1,35

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good

workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded, motifs partly worn away, especially on (b) and (c)

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated Man in profile, right side view, head down, one bent arm extended in front, bent legs. Around him, six 'Figure-of-eight shields' in a circular configuration. Two or three of the shields have a middle spike.
- (b) Walking Dog/lion, right side view, open mouth, long upwards directed tail with outwards turning edge, vertically hatched neck. Around the animal, a Border with teeth on the outer side (half of it is missing). (c) Four pairs of motifs each of which consists of a Saltire enclosed in a ladder band Border quartering the seal face (one

of the pairs is missing).²⁴⁷⁶ In the centre of the image, a fifth Saltire. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

Athens, Nat. Arch. Mus., 4580

CMS I no. 414*

'Crete' ('From the Mitsotakis collection') Steatite, matt ochre mottled with brown Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded corners

Flat profile; clear and deep grooves only on the profiles (also initially)

SF. 1,50×1,35/1,20/1,30; SH. 0,25;

H. $1,20 \times 1,10$

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat stiff motifs; good workmanship Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage to the edges

- (a) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view, head up.
- (b) Standing/walking Man in profile, right side view, chevron-shaped arms.
- (c) Man in profile bent 90° at the waist, right side view, one arm extended down. His hand touches a 'Ring vessel' within which is enclosed a 'Squid' a with tentacles which are curved to the left.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

15 Athens, Nat. Arch. Mus., 4581 CMS I no. 415*

> 'Crete' ('From the Mitsotakis collection') Steatite, light olive green, in parts reddish brown and dark olive green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; intermittent grooves on the profiles and traces on the interfacial edges SF. 1,70×0,90/0,90/0,85; SH. 0,30; H. 0,80 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded Areas of light damage

²⁴⁷⁶ It is worn away. The placement of the other pairs with reference to the three corners of the seal face and of a cross in the centre of the image suggests that a fourth pair would initially have stood in the fourth quarter of the seal face.

- (a) Two "Saw branches", a thicker and a slimmer, arranged the one behind the other.
- (b) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth.
- (c) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, open mouth. Above and under its torso, a *Triangle*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

16 Athens, Nat. Arch. Mus., 4582 CMS I no. 426*

> 'Crete' ('From the Mitsotakis collection') Steatite, black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,10×0,85; SH. 0,30×0,25; H. 0,80

Cut freehand, drilled; medium deep intaglios; moderate workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded Areas of light damage

On (b) and partly on (a), tentative engraving

- (a) Cross pattern of four Centred-circles. On either side, a combination of curving Lines, two on one and three on the other. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face
- (b) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, right side view, closed mouth, arms extended to the sides, trifurcated hands.
- (c) Two "Saw branches" arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their backsides.²⁴⁷⁷ Between them, an *Y*. The arms of the latter abut the backsides of the branches.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

17 Athens, Nat. Arch. Mus., 4583 CMS I no. 416*

'Crete' ('From the Mitsotakis collection')

Gable-shaped

Steatite, dark grey

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces, two with one straight side

Somewhat convex profile; two broad

²⁴⁷⁷ Compare the CHIC sign 068.

interfacial edges, between (a)-(b) and (b)-

(c); no grooves; one stringhole larger than

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded, rounded breaks; on (a), shallowed intaglio Small chipping on (a)

- (a) Two "Saw branches" arranged in 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is situated between their backsides. One of the branches seems also to have three spikes on its backside.
- (b) Two standing *Waterfowls*, right side view, heads turned back, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is situated between their undersides.
- (c) Man in profile, left side view, open mouth, seated on a 'Stone'. In front of his mouth, a *Triangle*; behind his head, a *Wedge*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

18 Athens, Nat. Arch. Mus., 4584 CMS I no. 417*

> 'Crete' ('From the Mitsotakis collection') Steatite, dark olive green, in parts lighter Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; grooves on the profiles and very intermittent on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,25×0,80/0,90/0,80;

SH. 0,20; H. 0,80×0,70

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; clear engraving on (a), rounded contours and somewhat rounded intaglio on (c) create somewhat naturalistic device; dexterous work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, almost sharp stringhole edges, in the centre of the motif on (a) there is a break into the stringhole channel Areas of light damage

(a) Seated *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

the other (due to wear [?]) SF. 1,15×0,80/0,90/0,80; SH. 0,30/0,40; H. 0.80×0.75

- (b) Z-whirl of "Saw branches", left-facing, with a Grain ellipse as centre and Stemless paisleys as shoulder supplements.
- (c) Crouching *Unidentifiable quadruped*, right side view, head turned back.
 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 19 Athens, Nat. Arch. Mus., 4585 CMS I no. 418*

'Crete' ('From the Mitsotakis collection') Steatite, light and dark chestnut brown Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,30×0,85/0,90/0,90; SH. 0,30; H. 0,85×0,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Considerably abraded, shallowed intaglio, motifs partly worn away

Good condition

- (a) Two adjacent *Unidentifiable vessels* (?) (the mouths are missing).
- (b) Z-whirl spiral, left-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as shoulder supplements (?) (the stems of the flowers are missing).
- (c) *Head of a 'ram'*, horn edges turning outwards (the upper part of the horns is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

20 Athens, Nat. Arch. Mus., 5398 CMS I no. 419*

'Crete' ('Bought from Em. Kalyvianakis') Steatite, light olive green, in parts dark brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (one almost round)

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,25×1,30/1,35/1,35; SH. 0,30;

H. 1,30×1,20

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded Good condition

(a) Standing 'Peafowl', right side view, head turned back, long spikes issuing from

the upper part of the tail.

- (b) Whirl of 'Beaked' busts, right-facing. The heads have open mouths.
- (c) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back, open mouth, protruding tongue, collar (?).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

21 Athens, Nat. Arch. Mus., 9974

CMS I Suppl. no. 108*

Steatite, black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and intermittent on the interfacial edges, seal faces clearly set off

SF. 1,10×0,90/1,00/1,00; SH. 0,30;

H. $1,00\times0,90$

Filed, drilled; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Row of three Centred-circles*. Above and under it, a *Line*. Above one of the lines, two short *Lines* forming an angle.
- (b) Cross pattern of four Centred-circles. Three of the latter are double Centred-circles. The device is laid out diagonally on the seal face.
- (c) Rosette pattern of nine Centred-circles. Of the latter, the central is a double centred-circle and much larger than the rest.

Central Crete Ornamental Prism

22 Athens, Nat. Arch. Mus., 10090

CMS I Suppl. no. 106*

Steatite, light and dark matt greenish grey Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,95×1,20/1,10/1,20; SH. 0,30×0,25; H. 1.10×1.00

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a), somewhat clumsy work; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damaged on the edges

- (a) *Ship*, ²⁴⁷⁸ right side view (?), one pointed and one raised bifurcated extremity, long oars, steering oar (?), mast, two forestays and two backstays (parts of the upper forestay and backstay are missing).
- (b) Two walking *Bovines*, left side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backs. Between them, a *Z-whirl*, right-facing.
- (c) Two *Centred-lunettes* arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their backs. Between them, a "*Column*".

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

23 Athens, Nat. Arch. Mus., 10281 CMS I Suppl. no. 107* Gable-shaped

Steatite, light olive green

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal (one almost round)

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves; seal faces on the profiles slightly plastically set off and somewhat longer than the seal body SF. $1,10\times1,05/1,05\times1,05/1,20\times1,30$;

SH. 0,20; H. 1,00×0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, small parts of the motifs worn away

Good condition

- (a) 'Turtle', curved tail to the right. Around it, a Border with four Hatched triangles as border supplements. The triangles fill the 'angles' created by the body of the animal.
- (b) Seated *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back, open mouth, protruding tongue, vertically hatched neck. Around it, a *Border*. The claws of the front leg of the animal are mistakenly rendered on the front part of the leg.
- (c) Rosette with five petals. Around it, a Border with five Hatched triangles as border supplements. The triangles fill the angles created between the petals of the

blossom. Prism with EM III/MM I Influences

24 Berkeley, Un. Cal. Near East. Stud., Gans 34 1²⁴⁷⁹

CMS VIII no. 6²⁴⁸⁰

Steatite, dark grev

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Flat profile; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and intermittent on the interfacial edges, seal faces clearly set off

SF. 1,10×1,00/ca. 0,80 pres./ca. 0,75 pres.; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,10

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, some rounded breaks The largest part of one of the profiles and parts of (b) and (c) are missing

- (a) Saltire pommée with two 'V-flowers' as angle supplements.
- (b) *Spider*, four legs (one leg and part of the body missing).
- (c) *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back (only the head and the tail are preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

25 Berkeley, Un. Cal. Near East. Stud., Gans 34.5²⁴⁸¹

CMS VIII no. 132482

Steatite, light brownish cream

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; large stringholes almost occupying the whole profiles SF. 1,00×0,70

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep smooth intaglios; good workmanship

²⁴⁷⁹ In the future, the piece will be moved to the Hearst Mus., Berkeley, where it will receive a new inventory number. I wish to thank Marian Feldman for providing me this information.

²⁴⁸⁰ Former R. M. Dawkins collection, Esq., Great Britain (CMS VIII). Former E. Gans collection, Los Angeles, California.

²⁴⁸¹ See footnote 2479.

²⁴⁸² See footnote 2480.

²⁴⁷⁸ See also Wedde 2000, 337 no. 832.

Moderately abraded

Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edge (b)-(c), areas of damage to (b) and (c); in the motif on (c), a break into the stringhole channel; weathered (?)

- (a) "Saw branch" slung with 'String
- (b) Head of a 'ram'. On either side of its face, a Wedge.
- (c) Spider, four legs (?) (the fourth leg is missing). On either side of its waist, a Triangle (from one, only a small fraction is preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

Berlin, Staatl. Mus., FG62 CMS XI no. 7

'Crete'

Steatite, yellowish green

Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded corners

Flat profile; clear, deep but somewhat disorderly grooves only on the profiles SF. 1,50×1,10; SH. 0,30; BL. 1,50

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (a) and (c), somewhat hasty engraving; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded, in its intaglio, almost workshop fresh, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces; thick, deep scratch marks along the seal faces

- (a) Standing/walking Man in profile, right side view, open mouth, one arm hanging in front. His hand touches a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' situated in front of him and rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to
- (b) Three Fish, left side view (?),2483 arranged the one above the other (?). The lower and the upper animal have slightly pointed mouths.
- (c) Two standing/walking Men in profile, right side view, arranged the one behind the

²⁴⁸³ The slight curvature of the bodies of the upper and middle fish could suggest that the animals are depicted in left side view.

other. One arm of the left figure is extended in front and up such that it touches the head of the right figure. In front of the pair, two adjacent Spiders, each with two legs, rotated 90° with reference to the men.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

27 Berlin, Staatl. Mus., FG63 CMS XI no. 8

'Crete'

Steatite, brownish to black

Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded

Almost flat profile; intermittent deep but somewhat disorderly grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,70×1,30/1,10 pres. (init. ca. 1,20)/1,10 (init. ca. 1,20); SH. 0,30; BL. 1,70

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (c), deep, compact drillings; on (b), somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, stringholes widened, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away Damage to the interfacial edge (b)-(c), damage also to (b) and (c); thick, deep scratch marks along the seal faces and on the profiles

- (a) Three standing/walking Men in profile, right side view, arranged the one behind the other. One arm of the left and middle figure is extended in front and up such that it touches the head of the figure in front of
- (b) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view, head turned back. In front of it, a curved Line.
- (c) Standing Bovine, right side view. In front of it, an 'Arrow' b rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the animal. From the right side of the head of the arrow issues a curved line that extends over one arm to the height of its fletching.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

[28] Berlin, Staatl. Mus., FG64 CMS XI no. 9 'Attika'

Flat ellongated rectangular seal faces with rounded corners
Flat profile; no grooves
SF. 1,40×0,80/0,80/0,75; SH. 0,20; BL. 1,40
Cut freehand; medium deep intaglios; oblique, partly linear cut
Somewhat abraded, in the intaglios almost workshop fresh, rounded breaks
Light damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces; thick, deep scratch marks along the seal faces and especially

Steatite, black

pronounced on the profiles The iconography of the piece is not described because it is not Minoan. It belongs to the LH III 'Mainland Popular Group'.²⁴⁸⁴

29 Berlin, Staatl. Mus., Misc.31407 CMS XI no. 10 'Egypt' Steatite, dark brown Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves, scratches SF. 1,70×1,00; SH. 0,30; BL. 1,70 Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep irregular intaglios; moderate to good workmanship Moderately abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away

Damage to the profiles, also to (b) and (c) (a) *Running Disc S-spiral*, right facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as curve supplements.²⁴⁸⁵

- (b) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an 'Arrow' b and a "Trowel" (CHIC signs 049, 044). On one side of the trowel, a *J-spiral*, left-facing. The trowel and the spiral are rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the arrow.²⁴⁸⁶
- (c) Two 'Papyrus flowers', spiral stem to the left, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their convex sides.

²⁴⁸⁴ For a commentary on this piece and the reason for its inclusion in the catalogue, see Appendix 3.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

30 Berlin, Staatl. Mus., Misc.31420 CMS XI no. 11

'Egypt'

Steatite, light to dark brown Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves, scratches SF. 1,90×1,05/0,90 pres./0,95 pres.; SH. 0,30; BL. 1,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks
One profile and parts of the interfacial edge

(b)–(c) are missing, some scratch marks on (a) and (c)

- (a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an 'Arrow'b and a "Trowel" (CHIC signs 049, 044). Under the left arm of the arrow, a *J-spiral*, left facing; on either side of the trowel, an *S*, right facing. The trowel and the S are rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the other two motifs.²⁴⁸⁷
- (b) Saltire of Ellipses with two 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements. The ellipses are elongated and horizontally hatched.
- (c) Two *C-spirals* arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their mouths. Between them, a *Mirror pattern of 'Lily flowers'* (only half of it is preserved). From each side of the stem of the mirror pattern issues a *'Wheat stalk'* which terminates at the centre of each spiral.²⁴⁸⁸

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

31 Berlin, Pr. Coll. Grumach CMS XI no. 74

> Chlorite, dark gray with green dots Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal (one almost round)

> Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves only on the profiles (also initially [?]); the piece appears

²⁴⁸⁵ For this device, see Jasink 2009, 136.

 $^{^{2486}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 219 β .

 $^{^{2487}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 220 α .

²⁴⁸⁸ For the pattern; see 'Miscellaneous compounds', p. 325.

somewhat bulbous

SF. 1,00×1,05/1,00/1,10; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,15 Cut freehand; medium-deep intaglios; uncomplicated work; moderate workmanship Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Cross pommée*, four *Triangles* as anglefilling. The image is laid out diagonally with regard to the axis of the seal.
- (b) *Two-armed whirl*, right-facing, centred-circle as centre.
- (c) Two *Lines*; between them, a *Mirror* pattern of 'Lily flowers'.

Mesara Chlorite Prism

32 Bonn, Ak. Kunstmus., B153

CMS XI no. 81

Steatite, light olive green

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,80×0,90/0,80/0,80; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,80 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a) and (c), tentative, hasty engraving; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

- Small part of (a) and larger parts of (b) and (c) missing, considerable damage to (a) and large break into the stringhole channel (a) *Ship*,²⁴⁸⁹ left side view (?), one arrowhead-shaped and one bifurcated extremity, oars, mast, two forestays and two backstays.²⁴⁹⁰ On either side of the stays, a *Wedge*.
- (b) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a "*Trowel*" and an '*Arrow*' b (CHIC signs 044, 049), arranged the one next to the other. On either side of the image and between the two motifs, a *Line*. ²⁴⁹¹
- (c) *Spider*, four legs.²⁴⁹² To the left, a *Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXXI*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

Boston, Mus. Fine Arts, 1971.159 CMS XIII no. 7D²⁴⁹³

Gable-shaped

Steatite, yellow

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves; on the profiles, the seal faces slightly plastically set off and slightly longer that the seal body

SF. 1,50×1,60/1,40/1,40

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (b), dexterously executed broad drillings; on (c), partly irregular intaglios; on (a) and (c), deep score marks cutting through the motifs; moderate to good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded, almost sharp stringhole edges

Areas of light damage

- (a) Two *Birds* (?), heads up, one wing, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their front sides.²⁴⁹⁴ Between them, a *Bar*. Two score marks cut through the right bird and join it to the central bar.
- (b) Two standing *Bovines*, left side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backs. Between the front and rear legs of each animal and between each animal's head and the other's hindquarters, a *Blob*.
- (c) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back. Under the animal, a *Blob* (?). Two rough score marks cut through the animal's body and head respectively. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

34 Bristol, Pr. Prop. Betts CMS VIII no.31²⁴⁹⁵ Steatite, dark brown

²⁴⁸⁹ See also Wedde 2000, 337 no. 833.

²⁴⁹⁰ For the possible use of this device as a script sign, see Jasink 2009, 125.

²⁴⁹¹ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 221 β.

²⁴⁹² Jasink sees in this device a possible ideographic value (Jasink 2009, 32, 139).

²⁴⁹³ Former B. H. Emmet collection, Hanover, New Hampshire.

²⁴⁹⁴ Front side is to be understood as the side to which the birds are facing.

²⁴⁹⁵ Former R. M. Dawkins collection, Esq., Great Britain (CMS VIII).

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (one almost round); one unengraved

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and on the largest part of the interfacial edges

SF. $0.95 \times 0.90/1.00 \times 0.80$ pres.:

SH. 0,25×0,20; H. 0,85; BL. 1,00

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, in the intaglios workshop fresh, rounded breaks; unfinished (?) Part of one profile and of (b) and (c) (unengraved) missing; along (a), a slightly curved scratch

(a) Crouching Unidentifiable quadruped, right side view. The animal stands diagonally on the seal face. Unfinished (?) (b) Animal attack: Crouching Bovine, left side view, head turned back. Above its hindquarters, a running Dog/lion, left side view, rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the ruminant. To the left of the image, a Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XIV.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

Cambridge, Fitzw. Mus., GR.71.1901 CHIC no. 250

'Crete/Zakros'

Steatite, brownish

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile

SF. 1,70×0,90

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (a) and (c), somewhat rounded intaglio; good workmanship

Damage to one profile, also to (c)

(a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an Eye and a "Trowel" (CHIC signs 005, 044). Next to the trowel, an 'Ivy leaf'. 2496 The eye is rotated 45° anticlockwise and the leaf 90° clockwise with reference to the trowel.

²⁴⁹⁶ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 250 α; also Jasink 2009, 29 who sees the 'Ivy leaf' as a hieroglyphic symbol which is, however, not meant to be read.

(b) Two-armed whirl of Paisleys, left-facing, with 'Lily flowers' as curve supplements, 'cup sinking' as centre. The bodies of the paisleys are horizontally hatched.

(c) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a *Shamrock b*, a *Leg*, right side view, and a "*Ladder*" (CHIC signs 031, 010, 038).²⁴⁹⁷ The shamrock is rotated 45° anticlockwise with reference to the other two signs.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

36 Cambridge, Fitzw. Mus., GR.72.1901

CMS VII no. 216

'Crete/Epano Zakros'

Steatite, grey and black

Flat elongated rectangular seal faces with rounded corners

Almost flat profile; no grooves (?), scratches on the interfacial edges (?)

SF. 1.60×0.80; SH. 0.20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; somewhat stiff work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Some scratch marks along the seal faces

(a) Fish.

(b) Crouching Dog/lion, left side view, open mouth, markedly long ear.

(c) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Between the vessels, two Wedges.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

37 Cambridge, Fitzw. Mus., GR.73.1901

CMS VII no. 212

'Crete/Anaulochos'

Steatite, greenish grey

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no

SF. 1,30×0,90; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

(a) Head of a 'ram'.

²⁴⁹⁷ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 250 γ .

- (b) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a horizontal Wedge.
- (c) *Meander Z*, right-facing, inner sides of the arms toothed.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

38 Cambridge, Fitzw. Mus., GR74.1901 CMS VII no. 208

'Crete/Anaulochos'

Steatite, black

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces; two almost blank

Somewhat convex profile

SF. 1,10×0,70; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs worn away to a great extent on (a), almost wholly on (b) and (c)

Damage to the profiles

- (a) *Waterfowl*, right profile (only the neck, body, and part of one leg preserved).
- (b) Minute remains of an unidentifiable motif in the shape of a line.
- (c) Minute remains of an unidentifiable motif.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

39 Cambridge, Fitzw. Mus., GR.75.1901 CMS VII no. 207

Gable-shaped

Steatite, light green

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal Somewhat convex profile

SF. 1,40 (?)×1,40 (?)/1,10 (?)/1,10 (?); SH. 0,30

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away

Areas of light damage

(a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back. Between its front and back legs, the *Profile head of a ruminant* (?), left side view (?), rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the quadruped. Around the image, a *Border* (?) (only an inwards curving line in front of the quadruped is

preserved).

- (b) Two-armed whirl of Protomes of a dog/ lion, left-facing. Each of the protomes has the head turned back, an open mouth, two front legs, one directed in front and up, the other to the back (the leg of one of the animals is missing).
- (c) Whirl of 'Beaked' busts, right-facing, central 'cup sinking'. Around it, a Border (only a small fraction in the form of two short inwards curving lines is preserved). The heads have open mouths.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

40 Cambridge, Fitzw. Mus., GR.76.1901 CMS VII no. 209

'Eastern Crete'2498

Steatite, yellowish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves (?)

SF. 1,25×1,00; SH. 0,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; good workmanship Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to one stringhole and the interfacial

edges, damage also to the seal faces

- (a) Standing *Pig/boar*, left side view, head down. Above its waist, a *Triangle* (?).
- (b) 'Frog', diagonally hatched body.
- (c) *Dolphin*, right side view, trifurcated tail. Under it, standing *Waterfowl*, left side view. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 41 Cambridge, Fitzw. Mus., GR.77.1901 CMS VII no. 211

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'Crete/Sitanos'2499

Steatite, black

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces; one almost blank

Concave profile (due to wear), initially somewhat convex (?); no grooves (?)

SF. 1,40×1,00; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; quality of workmanship cannot be estimated

²⁴⁹⁸ Gill – Boardman 1969, 226.

 $^{^{2499}\} Gill-Boardman\ 1969,\ 226-227;\ Gill\ 2000,\ 522.$

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs worn away to a great extent; on (c), almost wholly worn away

Part of the profiles missing, also missing are a large part of (c) on the two edges along the stringhole channel and small parts of (a) and (b)

- (a) Standing (?) *Unidentifiable quadruped*, right side view (part of the body and the back legs are missing).
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion* (?), right side view, head turned back. Between its front and back legs, a *Blob*.
- (c) Fraction of an unidentifiable motif. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 42 Cambridge, Fitzw. Mus., GR.78.1901 CMS VII no. 206

'Crete/Sitanos'

Steatite, grevish green

Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded corners

Almost flat profile

SF. 1,40×1,30/1,20 pres./1,00 pres.; SH. 0,25 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded (?)

Small parts of (a) and part of (b) and (c) missing

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left profile, head turned back, vertically hatched neck. Around it, a ladder band *Border*.
- (b) Two 'Poles' slung with 'String vessels' arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their upper sides (parts of two vessels are missing). Between them, a 'Snake' a. right side view.
- (c) Two Amphorae, pinched neck, belly handles, arranged the one next to the other (parts of the motifs are missing). Between their mouths and extending higher than those, a triangular Leaf (?), fishbone venation (?).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

43 Cambridge, Fitzw. Mus., GR.79.1901 CMS VII no. 215

Steatite, dark green

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves (?) SF. 1,50×0,80; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces, large chipping on (c)

- (a) Two *Whirls*, left-facing. Between them, two *Triangles* arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between one of their corners.
- (b) Z-whirl spiral, right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as curve and shoulder supplements of the arms (one joint of the whirl is missing).
- (c) Standing *Pig/boar*, left side view (the front part of the body is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

44 Cambridge, Fitzw. Mus., GR.80.1901 CMS VII no. 214

Steatite, dark green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves (?) SF. 1,20×0,70; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a) and (c), confident, accurate engraving; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(c), damage also to the seal faces, some deep scratch marks on (a), crack along (a) and (b), in the centre of the motif on (b), large break into the stringhole channel

- (a) S-whirl of Leaves with stalk, left-facing. The leaves are triangular and horizontally hatched
- (b) Framed Saltire, rectangular Border with Triangles as border supplements. The outer side of the border is equipped with spikes, left-facing. The triangles fill the angles of the saltire.
- (c) S-spiral, left-facing, with 'Papyrus

flowers' as body supplements.
Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

45 Cambridge, Fitzw. Mus., GR.4.2001 CMS X no. 35²⁵⁰⁰

Chlorite; dark grey with light coloured dots Flat round seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,10×1,10; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand; medium-deep intaglios, partly linear cut; confident engraving, rounded contours; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Z-whirl*, right facing, composed of five strands. On either side, a *Papyrus triangle*. The triangles fill the angles of the Z.
- (b) Two 'V-flowers', inwards curved stems, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between the buds on the concave sides.
- (c) *C-spiral roof compound*, a small and a larger '*V-blossom*' are placed inside the spiral and outside its mouth respectively. The two blossoms are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their undersides.

Mesara Chlorite Prism

46 Cambridge, Fogg Art Mus., 1960.525 Robinson 1949, 308–309 no. 2²⁵⁰¹

'Eastern Crete'

Steatite, grey

Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded corners

Flat profile

SF. 1,40×0,90/0,80/0,85

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (a), confident engraving and linear rendering; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded (?)
Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b),
small areas of damage also to (a) and (b)

- (a) Lizard.
- (b) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, right side view, ²⁵⁰² chevron-shaped arms.
- (c) "Ladder band" slung with 'String vessels'. Each vessel hangs from one string and has two spikes issuing antithetically from its underside.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

Chania, Arch. Mus., Σ77
CMS V Suppl. 1A no. 324
'Crete/Moni Odigitria (?)'
Steatite, olive green, in parts beige
Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (almost round)
Convex profile; clear, broad, and deep grooves on the profiles and intermittent on

the interfacial edges SF. 1,05×1,10; SH. 0,25; H. 1,00; BL. 1,10 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) 'Spider' a, eight legs.
- (b) Z, left-facing, with 'Papyrus blossoms' as edge supplements and Spike rows as body supplements.
- (c) Two *Jugs*, right side view, pinched necks, mouth handles, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their front sides.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

Chania, Arch. Mus., Σ87
CMS V Suppl. 1A no. 325
'Crete/Moni Odigitria (?)'
Steatite, unclear beigeish green
Flat ellipsoidal seal faces
Convex profile; clear, fine and deep grooves

 $^{^{2500}}$ Former H. and M. – L. Erlenmeyer collection, Basel (CMS X).

²⁵⁰¹ Former Robinson collection.

 $^{^{2502}}$ The feet do not point to the right. However, a slight indention of the body at the waist could be seen as indicative of a right side view. Compare also the figure 14 b.

around the seal faces; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre

SF. 1,45×1,00; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good to very good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded, sharp stringhole edges

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Man in profile*, left side view, open mouth, arms extended in front, seated on a '*Chair*'. Two spikes issue from the lower part of the inner side of the chair. The figure touches the plain side of a slightly curving "*Saw branch*" situated in front of it.²⁵⁰³
- (b) Two *Daggers* arranged the one next to the other.²⁵⁰⁴ Between their lower parts, a *Wedge*.
- (c) *Head of an 'ox'*, long spikes as ears. ²⁵⁰⁵ On either side of the face, a "*Bulb branch*". The bases of the branches slope inwards such that the combination encloses the head in a V.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

Chania, Arch. Mus., Σ115
CMS V Suppl. 1A no. 326
'Crete/Moni Odigitria (?)'
Somewhat gable-shaped
Soft stone (burnt steatite [?]); yellowed white with bluish grey areas
Flat ellipsoidal seal faces
Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves
SF. 1,30×1,20/1,10/1,10;
SH. 0,25; H. 1,15; BL. 1,30
Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good

workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks, sharp edges Areas of light damage

- (b) Head of a 'ram', long hanging ears.
- (c) Cross pommée with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements. The cross is laid out diagonally on the seal face such that it describes a saltire.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

50 Chania, Arch. Mus., Σ210 CMS V Suppl. 3 no. 148 'Crete/Moni Odigitria (?)' Wedge-shaped

Steatite, light brownish to dark brown, at parts blackish brown

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; intermittent deep grooves on the profiles and on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,90×1,10/1,20/1,10;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,00×0,90; BL. 1,95

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (a), tentative engraving; somewhat hasty work; moderate to good workmanship Moderately to considerably abraded, rounded

Moderately to considerably abraded, rounded breaks and stringhole edges

Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), damage also to (a) and (b)

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back, open mouth.
- (b) Flying *Bee* and *Protome of a bee*, right side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their faces.
- (c) ' Π -legs' slung with 'String vessels'. The undersides of the legs are toothed.

⁽a) A larger and a smaller *Waterfowl*, ²⁵⁰⁶ right side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between the underside of their necks.

²⁵⁰³ The man is seen by Jasink as the possible CHIC sign 001 (Jasink 2009, 121).

²⁵⁰⁴ In this case, the dagger is seen by Jasink as the possible CHIC sign 051 (Jasink 2009, 121, 194).

²⁵⁰⁵ The head is seen by Jasink as the possible CHIC sign 011 (Jasink 2009, 121, 194).

²⁵⁰⁶ The smaller size of one of the birds, the fact that its leg is bent back, its positioning in the small space between the beak and leg of the large bird, and the fact that it is laid out diagonally on the seal face suggest either that the initial intention of the engraver was to depict just one bird, or that they miscalculated the space.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

51 Copenhagen, Nat. Mus., 1366 CMS XI no. 232

(Acquired in Athens in 1880)

Steatite, yellowish green

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal (almost round)

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,10×1,05/1,10/1,15; SH. 0,30; BL. 1,10 Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (c), thick drillings; good workmanship Moderately abraded

Some thick scratch marks on the seal faces

- (a) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth.
- (b) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back, toothed back. Under its neck, a horizontal *Wedge*. The bird is laid out diagonally on the seal face.
- (c) Triskeles pommée with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

52 Copenhagen, Nat. Mus., 1367 CMS XI no. 233

'Crete' (acquired in Athens in 1880)

Steatite, greyish green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; no grooves

SF. 1,95×0,95; SH. 0,30; BL. 2,00

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the edges, also to the seal faces, some thick scratch marks on (a) and (c)

- (a) Two 'Dogs/lions with spiral body', left side view, open mouth, eye, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backsides.²⁵⁰⁷
- (b) "Trowel". On either side of it, a 'Papyrus flower'. The flowers are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry

being located between their upper sides.²⁵⁰⁸ (c) Two *S-spirals*, left-facing, each with two Stemless paisleys: one as a curve supplement and another as a shoulder supplement (the shoulder supplement of one of the spirals is missing). The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

53 Crete, Pr. Prop.

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'Crete/Malia, near the excavation area' Steatite, brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. ca. 1,00 pres.×ca. 0,80 (init. ca. 1,50)

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

One profile and approximately the half of the seal faces preserved

- (a) Crouching (?) *Dog/lion*, left side view (the head, the front part of the body, and the front leg are missing).
- (b) 'Arrow' b (CHIC sign 049).
- (c) Fragmentary unidentifiable device IV. The device is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

54 Dresden, Staatl. Kunstsamml. Alb., Zv.65 CMS XI no. 265

'Crete' (acquired in 1883)

Steatite, light brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,70×1,10/1,00 pres./0,95 pres.;

SH. 0,25-0,30 (?); BL. 1,75

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)-(c) and

²⁵⁰⁷ Jasink sees the devices of this seal as possible signs of the hieroglyphic script (Jasink 2009, 191).

²⁵⁰⁸ On the subject of the possible function of these motifs as signs of the hieroglyphic script see Jasink 2009, 20, 127–128.

- to (b) and (c); thick, deep scratch marks along the seal faces
- (a) Three *Jugs*, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, arranged the one behind the other. Between the lower parts of each two vessels, a *Wedge*.
- (b) *Agrimi* standing on the back legs, right side view. Behind its back, in front of its horns, and between its fore- and rare limbs, a *Triangle*.
- (c) Standing *Pig/boar*, right side view, head down, toothed back. In front of its face and between its front and back legs, a small *Triangle*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

55 Geneva, Mus. Art. Hist., 1962.19765 CMS X no. 245

Steatite, black with a small green area Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,70/1,70/1,65×1,30; SH. 0,35; BL. 1,75 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (c), evenly executed, smooth drilling; confident, accurate engraving; on (a) and (b), rounded intaglio; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, in the intaglios workshop fresh

Areas of light damage

- (a) Crouching 'Minoan dragon', left side view, head turned back, open mouth, large rounded eye, rounded lips, large spikes issuing from the back side of the tail. Above its back, a Lunette, left facing.
- (b) *Head of a 'ram'*, the edges of the horns turning outwards, round eyes and nostrils.
- (c) *Two-armed whirl*, left-facing, central 'cup sinking', long arms.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

56 Geneva, Anonymous Art Dealer CMS X no. 225

'Crete'

Steatite, semi-translucid yellowish grey Flat ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile, initially projecting inner triangle (?); intermittent deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,25 pres.×0,80/1,25 pres.×0,85/1,30×0,85; SH. 0,30; BL. 1,35

Filed, drilled; medium deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately to very abraded, motifs partly worn away (?), rounded breaks

Damage to the profiles, light damage also to (a) and (b)

- (a) Double *Centred-circle*. The rest of the image worn away?
- (b) Double *Centred-circle*. Next to it, two *Parallels*. Part of the image worn away?
- (c) Row of three Blobs. The rest of the image worn away?

Central Crete Ornamental Prism

57 Geneva, Anonymous Art Dealer

CMS X no. 322

Wedge-shaped

Chlorite (?); black with green dots Flat round seal faces

Convex profile; the interfacial edge (a)–(c) somewhat broader that the remaining two; no grooves; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre

SF. 0,90×0,90/0,80×0,80/0,90×0,90;

SH. 0,30; BL. 0,90

Cut freehand; medium deep, smooth intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded (?)

Areas of light damage

- (a) Stemless paisley, curved to the left, fishbone venation.
- (b) Framed Comb swastika, right-facing, linear Border. Two arms of the swastika are slightly offset from its centre.
- (c) Standing *Bovine*, right side view. Mesara Chlorite Prism

58 Germany, Pr. Prop.

CMS XI no. 217

Steatite, anthracite coloured, at parts grey and yellow

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,55×1,30; SH. 0,30; BL. 1,55

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on

- (a) and (c), hollow 'cup sinkings'; on
- (b), somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded stringhole edges

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view. In front of it, a *Triangle*.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back. Under its chest, a *Wedge* (?).
- (c) Saltire pommée with two 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

59 Haifa, Nat. Mar. Mus.

Basch 1987, 102 no. D4

Steatite

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; broad interfacial edges Stringhole channel possibly parallel to the longer dimension of the seal faces

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Good condition

- (a) *Profile head of a ruminant*, right side view. In front of it, a *Ship*,²⁵⁰⁹ left side view, one bifurcated and one raised quadrifurcated extremity, three steering oars, mast, four forestays and four backstays.
- (b) Unknown.
- (c) Unknown.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

60 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S9

CMS II,1 no. 111

'Crete/Agios Onoufrios, Tholos' (bought) Chlorite, greenish black, in the intaglios greenish grey

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves, scratches

²⁵⁰⁹ See also Wedde 2000, 337 no. 834.

SF. 1,40×1,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; on (a) and (c), rounded contours; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh

Good condition

- (a) 'Squid' b.
- (b) *Star blossom*, central 'cup sinking'. Eight *Triangles* as angle-filling.
- (c) Two *Paisleys*, spiral stems to the left, horizontally hatched bodies, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their concave sides. Between them, a "Column".

Mesara Chlorite Prism

61 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S69

CMS II,2 no. 219

'Crete/Pediada, Mochos' (perhaps acquired by the Filekpaideutikos Syllogos before 1900)

Gable-shaped

Steatite, light olive green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces, one markedly broader that the other

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,60×1,40/1,50×1,20/1,50×1,15

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Two standing/walking 'Men with semi-circular body', right side view, open mouths, no arms, horizontally hatched bodies, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their front sides. Between them, a vertical 'Centipede branch'.
- (b) Pithos/jar, four handles.
- (c) Three *Fish*, left (?) side view, arranged the one above the other (?).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

62 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S77

CMS II,1 no. 453

'Crete/Kalo Chorio Pediados' (bought by

the Syllogos in Heraklion much earlier that the excavations there)

Steatite, dark brown, almost black

Flat irregular, almost trapezoidal seal faces Flat profile; no grooves, scratches (?); profiles of markedly different height SF. 2,50×2,20/2,60×2,20/2,60×1,70

Cut freehand; deep, irregular intaglios; moderate to good workmanship

Considerably abraded

Good condition

- (a) Standing *Frontal man*, arms extended to the sides, trifurcated hands, chevronshaped feet. On either side of his head, a *Blob*. On one side of his body, an *Unidentifiable motif LI*; on the other, a "Loop" (?). Between his feet, a *Wedge*.
- (b) Unidentifiable motif XLIX. Blob. Unidentifiable motif LII. 'Lame' chevron.
- (c) Unidentifiable motif L. Unidentifiable motif LIII. Blob (?).

Kalo Chorio and Psychro Prisms with the Cable Devices

63 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S80 CMS II,2 no. 224

'Crete/Pediada, Gonies' (perhaps acquired by the Filekpaideutikos Syllogos before 1900)

Steatite, dark brown, at parts lighter Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; thin and shallow grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,60×1,20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front. His hand touches a *'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'* situated in front of him and rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him.
- (b) *Spider*, four legs. Around it, a ladder band *Border*. ²⁵¹⁰
- (c) Standing Agrimi, right side view. On

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

either side of its neck, a Blob.

64 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S81 CMS II,2 no. 237

'Crete/Neighbourhood of Malia' (perhaps acquired by the Filekpaideutikos Syllogos before 1900)

Steatite, light olive green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; deep grooves on the profiles and traces on the interfacial edges SF. 1,40×1,20 pres./1,30/1,20 pres.;

BL. 1,50

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (c), dexterous work; good workmanship Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(c), damage also to (a) and (c)

- (a) Seated *Man in profile*, left side view, open mouth, hair, one arm raised in front. His hand touches the handle of a *Jug*, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, which is situated above his face and rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him. In front of the image, an *Amphora*, pinched neck, belly handles, rotated 180° with reference to the man (the base of this vessel is missing).²⁵¹¹ In front of the man's foot, an almost horizontal *Bar*.
- (b) Framed Mirror pattern of 'Poles' slung with 'String vessels', figure-of-eight-shaped Border with Spike rows as border supplements, four sets of Parallels connecting the mirror pattern with the border.
- (c) Crouching *Unidentifiable quadruped*, right side view, head turned back, muzzle directed downwards. Between its legs, a smaller crouching *Unidentifiable quadruped*, left side view, muzzle directed towards the back leg of the larger quadruped.

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65 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S82 CMS II,2 no. 238

²⁵¹⁰ For this image, see Jasink 2009, 32, 139.

²⁵¹¹ The motif combination *Man in profile* – Jug – *Amphora* is seen by Jasink as the possible inscription CHIC signs 001 - 053 - 054 (Jasink 2009, 82, 195).

'Crete/Neighbourhood of Malia' (perhaps acquired by the Filekpaideutikos Syllogos before 1900)

Steatite, light olive green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; intermittent deep grooves around the seal faces; one keyhole-shaped stringhole

SF. 1,30×1,10

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Two *Fish*, right side view, pointed mouths, three back fins, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head up, beak-shaped mouth.
- (c) Cross pommée, central 'cup sinking', with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements. The cross is laid out diagonally on the seal face such that it describes a saltire.

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66 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S89 CMS II,2 no. 241

'Crete/Neighbourhood of Malia' (perhaps acquired by the Filekpaideutikos Syllogos

before 1900) Somewhat gable-shaped

Steatite, olive green, in parts black

Flat seal faces, one compressed round, two compressed ellipsoidal

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,15×1,15/1,10×1,00/1,15×0,90

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

(a) Two seated *Men in profile*, each with one arm raised in front and curving downwards, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their front sides.

Between them, a 'Ball amphora'.

- (b) Mirror pattern of 'Poles' slung with 'String vessels' (the 'strings' of most vessels are missing).
- (c) Two *Jugs*, one with pinched neck, the other with pointed spout but without neck, both with mouth handles, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their front sides. Above them, three *Jugs*, right side view, no necks, pointed spouts, mouth handles, arranged the one behind the other and rotated 180° with reference to the vessels under them.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

67 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S90 CMS II,2 no. 242

'Crete/Neighbourhood of Malia' (perhaps acquired by the Filekpaideutikos Syllogos before 1900)

Steatite, brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,50×1,10

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as (a) and (b)

- (a) Man in profile, left side view, open mouth, arms raised either side of the head, seated on a 'Chair'. In front of him, an Unidentifiable motif XXV.
- (b) 'Wheat stalk'. Next to it, a Legless waterfowl, right side view, head turned back, spikes on the back, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the branch.
- (c) "Ship's wheel".

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68 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S95 CMS II,2 no. 243

'Crete/Neighbourhood of Malia' (perhaps acquired by the Filekpaideutikos Syllogos before 1900)

Steatite, light brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 0,90×1,20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; clear engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded Areas of light damage

- (a) Frontal 'bird', head in left side view, long beak, raised right wing, toothed upper side of left wing, underside of right wing, and underside of the tail.
- (b) Fish, left (?) side view, diagonally hatched body. Under it (?) between the back fin and the tail, a Chevron.
- (c) 'Centipede with muzzle', head in right side view, horizontally hatched back.
- Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S97 CMS II.2 no. 244

'Crete/Neighbourhood of Malia' (perhaps acquired by the Filekpaideutikos Syllogos before 1900)

Steatite, light olive green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,30×1,00

Cut freehand; deep, partly irregular intaglios; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a Profile head of a 'bull', left side view, a Head of an agrimi, left side view, a "Pin", and a Head of a dog/lion with hanging tongue, left side view, arranged the one behind the other (CHIC signs 012, 016, 062 (?), 018). Around the image, a *Border* (ca. two thirds of it preserved).²⁵¹²
- (b) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an 'Arrow' b, a "Trowel", and a "Bottle", arranged the one next to the other

(CHIC signs 049 (?), 2513 044, 056). 2514

(c) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a "Textile", a Shamrock b (?), and a Head of an 'ox' (CHIC signs 041, 031 (?),²⁵¹⁵ 011). On either side of the image, a vertical Line.2516

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Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S112 CMS II,2 no. 298

(Perhaps acquired by the Filekpaideutikos Syllogos before 1900)

Steatite, olive green, at parts black

Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded

Flat profile; deep grooves only on the interfacial edges; on the profiles, scratches SF. 1,00×0,90

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Areas of light damage

- (a) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view, head up, beak-shaped muzzle.
- (b) Standing Waterfowl, right side view, head turned back, spikes on the back.
- (c) Two Heads of an agrimi, right side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backsides.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

71 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S114 CMS II,2 no. 302

(Perhaps acquired by the Filekpaideutikos Syllogos before 1900)

Steatite, ochreish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

²⁵¹² For the inscription, see CHIC no. 271 α; also Jasink 2009, 157-158 who reads the "Pin" as the CHIC sign I.

²⁵¹³ The CHIC sees this sign as the CHIC sign 060 instead.

²⁵¹⁴ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 271 γ .

²⁵¹⁵ Or the CHIC sign 049?

²⁵¹⁶ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 271 β.

Somewhat to moderately abraded Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth. In front of him, a *Spear*, blade down. To the right, a long vertical *Wedge*.
- (b) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth, one arm extended in front. His hand touches a "*T-bar*" slung with 'String vessels' situated in front of him and rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him. To the right, a vertical, slightly curved *Wedge*. Behind the man's neck, a short *Wedge* (?).
- (c) Two standing *Waterfowls*, right side view, spikes on the backs, one with two legs the other with one leg. The waterfowls are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between the undersides of their necks. Between them, a *Y*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

72 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S116 CMS II,2 no. 303

(Perhaps acquired by the Filekpaideutikos Syllogos before 1900)

Steatite, ash grey

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile

SF. 1,30×0,70

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a), confident, accurate engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, motifs on (c) partly worn away

Areas of light damage

- (a) Lying *Man in profile*, right side view, pointed mouth, arms raised either side of the head, one leg bent at the knee, one extended and raised up. Between the legs of the figure, the *Profile head of a ruminant*, right side view.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, muzzle directed down, open mouth. Above the animal's back, a *Lily triangle*; under its belly, a small *Triangle*.
- (c) Two Hatched triangles arranged with

regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between one of their back sides. Between them, a "Column" whose body consists of two parallel strands.

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73 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S117 CMS II,2 no. 299

(Perhaps acquired by the Filekpaideutikos Syllogos before 1900)

Steatite, black

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,30×1,40

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (b), dexterous engraving; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Two standing *Waterfowls*, right side view, long beaks, toothed tail, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides.
- (b) Seated/lying *Dog/lion* (?),²⁵¹⁷ right side view, no front leg. Under it, a small *Chevron* rotated 180° with regard to the animal. The latter is put together from two disc S-spirals which share a disc and are positioned at 45° angles to each other. To this combination, is added a muzzle, ears, and one leg.
- (c) Four-armed whirl of three Headless ruminants (?)²⁵¹⁸ and one 'Beaked' bust, central 'cup sinking'. The headless ruminants look in the opposite direction to the beaked bust.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

74 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S119

CMS II,2 no. 304

(Perhaps acquired by the Filekpaideutikos Syllogos before 1900)

Steatite, black

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal

²⁵¹⁷ Or *Pig/Boar*?

²⁵¹⁸ Or 'Figure-of-eight shields'?

faces

Convex profile; no grooves (?) SF. $1,70 \times 0,80/0,80/0,75$ pres.

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away

Damage to one profile, on the interfacial edge (b)-(c), and on the seal faces

- (a) Lily with 'base' b.
- (b) Seated Bovine, right side view (the face is missing). In front of it, a "Saw branch".
- (c) Man in profile, right side view, pointed chin, one bent arm extended in front and up, seated on an Unidentifiable seat. In front of the figure, a vertical "Saw branch". Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S120 CMS II.2 no. 288

(Perhaps acquired by the Filekpaideutikos Syllogos before 1900)

Steatite, dark olive green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves (?) SF. 1,30×1,00

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; moderate workmanship

Moderately to considerably rounded breaks; motifs on (c), partly worn away (?) Damage to the edges of one profile and the seal faces

- (a) 'Arrow' b, no left arm. To the right, an Unidentifiable motif XXXI. Next to it, an Unidentifiable motif XLVI. Under the arrow, a short horizontal Line.
- (b) Unidentifiable motif XXX.2519 To the right, two Lines (?).
- (c) "Ladder" (?).2520 To the right, a "Dumbbell" (?) (the central bar is missing).

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²⁵¹⁹ Jasink sees this device as the CHIC sign 077 (Jasink 2009, 124–125, 194).

Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S222 CMS II,2 no. 263

> Crete/Kato Zakros, earth about the mouth of Pit I (?)

The context of the pit was MM III-LM IA Steatite, olive green, at parts ash grey Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,70×0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), tentative engraving; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Ellipse*, composed of two parallel strands.
- (b) Two-armed whirl of 'Saw branches' with stalk, left-facing.
- (c) Two 'Papyrus flowers', spiral stems to the right, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their convex sides.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

77 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S223

CMS II,2 no. 264

Crete/Kato Zakros, House C (?)

Steatite, black

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,00×0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Frontal 'bird', head in left side view, downwards curving beak.
- (b) Two *Heads of an agrimi*, right side view. arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their front sides. Between them, a small Wedge.
- (c) Z-whirl of "Saw branches", left-facing, with Js as shoulder supplements, Grain ellipse composed of three strands as centre. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

²⁵²⁰ Jasink sees this device as the CHIC sign 038 (Jasink 2009, 124-125, 194).

78 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S234

CMS II,2 no. 257

Crete/Palaikastro, Tou Galeti i Kefala, Ossuary

Context: MM I/MM II

Steatite, black

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; deep grooves on the profiles and intermittent on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,60×0,80

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to the edge of (c)

- (a) Two 'V-flowers', bent stems to the right, one of the inner sides of each blossom as well as the outer side of the stem of one flower toothed, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is situated between their convex sides. Between the stem and blossom of each flower, a Blob.
- (b) "Saw branch" slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a horizontal "Saw branch". Most vessels do not hang from 'strings'; from the underside of some of them issue antithetical spikes.
- (c) 'Centipede branch'. Around it, a Border, left-facing teeth on the outer side.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

79 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S297

CMS II,2 no. 289

(Bought in 1903)

Steatite, light olive green

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; grooves (?); on one profile, no stringhole (?)

SF. 1,40×0,70

Damage to the interfacial edges and to the seal faces

Moderately abraded, unfinished stringhole channel (?)

Filed (?) and cut freehand; deep, smooth intaglios; moderate to good workmanship

(a) Head of an agrimi, right side view.

In front of it, a *Spider*, four straight legs (small part is missing). A *Bar* links the two motifs

- (b) Two *Line Ks* arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their backsides. In front of each of them, a *Bar*.
- (c) Unidentifiable device XLVII. Minute remains of an unidentifiable device. 'Fir branch'.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

80 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S330

CMS II,2 no. 228

'Crete/Malia, Kefala' (perhaps bought in 1903)

Steatite, light olive green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (two are missing) Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1.30×1.20

Cut freehand; deep, well-defined intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Fragment, only one seal face preserved

(a) *Z-whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion*, left-facing. The animals have heads turned back and two spikes as front legs.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

81 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S333

CMS II,2 no. 214

'Crete/Pediada, Artsa' (1903)

Steatite, light olive green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; intermittent deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,60×1,30

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Good condition

(a) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth, one arm extended in front. His hand touches a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' situated in front of him and rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him.

- (b) Four-armed whirl, left-facing.
- (c) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view. In front of it, a standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the quadruped. ²⁵²¹

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

82 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S351 CMS II,2 no. 274

'Crete/Above the Augos church, hill Trapezi'²⁵²² (discovered by a farmer in 1903)

Steatite, olive green

Flat seal faces, one compressed ellipsoidal, two compressed round

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,40×1,40/1,50×1,50/1,50×1,40

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (c), somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Considerable damage to (c)

- (a) Triskeles pommée with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements, central 'cup sinking'.
- (b) Whirl of 'Beaked' busts, right-facing, central 'cup sinking'.
- (c) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view, head down.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

83 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S360 CMS II,2 no. 268

'Crete/Eparchy Mirampelo' (bought between 1901 and 1904)

Steatite, dark olive green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,10×0,90/1,00/1,00

Filed, drilled; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately to considerably abraded, one stringhole widened from the action of the string Areas of light damage

- (a) Grid.
- (b) Pair of double Centred-circles. The device is laid out diagonally on the seal face.
- (c) Triangle pattern of double Centred-circles.

Central Crete Ornamental Prism

84 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S378

CMS II,2 no. 232

'Crete/Malia' (confiscated between 1901 and 1904)

Steatite, olive green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,10×1,20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (b), a hollow 'cup sinking'; good workmanship Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Crouching Agrimi, left side view.
- (b) Two Heads of a 'dog/lion with hook', left side view, open mouth, one with ears the other without, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides.
- (c) Four-armed whirl of 'Beaked' busts, left facing. Around it, a Border (less than the half is preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

85 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S379

CMS II,2 no. 233

'Crete/Malia' (confiscated between 1901 and 1904)

Steatite, matt chestnut brown with dark brown veins

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves, scratches, in parts somewhat deeper such that they resemble grooves

SF. 1,20×1,40/1,20×1,30/1,10×1,20;

SH. 0,25; H. 1,20×1,15×1,05; BL. 1,20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

²⁵²¹ For this bird, see Jasink 2009, 141.

²⁵²² Hastings 1905, 277, 282–283 no. 17.

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing 'Man with semicircular body', right side view, open mouth, no arms. In front of him, a 'Centipede branch'.
- (b) Four *One-armed whirls*, left-facing, arranged in 90° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between the part which is situated opposite the root of the arm.
- (c) Triskeles of Centred-lunettes, angular lunettes.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

86 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S528 CMS II,1 no. 145

Crete/Koumasa, Tholos A

Context: EM III–MM II (?), the seals come from the disturbed upper burial layer Steatite, dark brown, at parts milky brown Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves, scratches SF. 1,80×1,00

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident engraving; on (a), an attempt at naturalistic rendering; on (b) and (c), rounded contours; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Good condition

- (a) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, left side view, open mouth, swollen knees.
- (b) Two pairs of motifs: each consists of a *Head of a 'goat'* and a *Lily triangle* to its left, rotated 180° with reference to the head. The two pairs are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between the sides of the heads
- (c) Running Disc S-spiral, right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as curve supplements.
 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S566
 CMS II,2 no. 261
 Crete/Palaikastro, Settlement, Block B, Courtyard 11 (in the plaster of a wall) ²⁵²³

²⁵²³ Eccles 1939-1940, 44.

Steatite, ash grey, at parts black Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves, scratches SF. 1,50×0,90

Cut freehand; deep, partly rounded intaglios; good workmanship Somewhat abraded

Part of (b) and (c) missing, crack through (a) and (b)

- (a) Two Fish/dolphins with dentated back, left side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides.
- (b) *Ship*,²⁵²⁴ left side view, two bifurcated extremities of which one is raised, oars, mast, two forestays and two backstays (part of the hull is missing). To the right, a "*Saw branch*".
- (c) S-whirl of 'Star flowers', left-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as shoulder supplements.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

88 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S567 CMS II,2 no. 262

Crete/Palaikastro, Settlement, Block B, Room 37 (at the bottom of a pithos)²⁵²⁵ Found in a LM house (?)

Steatite, dark olive green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Almost flat profile; intermittent grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,50×1,20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (b) and (c), somewhat tentative engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to (b)

- (a) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view. In front of it, a 'Murex shell'.
- (b) Head of an 'ox', long hanging ears which curve upwards (?) (part of the left ear is missing).
- (c) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth. In front of him, a *Mirror*

²⁵²⁴ See also Wedde 2000, 331 no. 701.

²⁵²⁵ Bosanquet 1902–1903, 288; Eccles 1939–1940, 44.

pattern of Protomes of a man. The arms of the protomes are raised either side of the head

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

89 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S571 CMS II,2 no. 259

Crete/Palaikastro, Ta Ellinika, Ossuary

Context: MM I/MM IIA (?)

Steatite, white

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; clear but not particularly deep grooves around the seal faces SF. 2,10×1,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; very clear and orderly engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good to very good workmanship Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Areas of light damage

- (a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a "Ladder", a Leg, right side view, and a Shamrock b (CHIC signs 038, 010, 031). The shamrock is rotated 45° clockwise with reference to the other two signs. 2526
- (b) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a 'Key sistrum'/'plough', "Breasts", and a "Bottle" (CHIC signs 057, 034, 056). The "Breasts" are rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the other two signs. 2527
- (c) Swastika, left-facing, inner sides of the outer arms toothed. On either side of it, a Hatched D. The Ds are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their straight sides.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

90 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S588 CMS II,2 no. 276 'Crete/Adromyloi or Palaikastro'²⁵²⁸

 2526 For the inscription, see CHIC no. 248 α .

Steatite, chestnut brown
Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces
Convex profile; deep grooves on the
profiles and intermittent on the interfacial

SF. 1,70×1,10

Areas of light damage

Somewhat abraded, rounded breaks

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

- (a) Two *Fish*, right (?) side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides (?).
- (b) *Ship*,²⁵²⁹ left side view, two bifurcated extremities of which one is raised, oars, mast, three forestays and three backstays, diagonally hatched hull. To the right, a *'Fern branch'*.
- (c) *Centipede*, diagonally hatched body. ²⁵³⁰ Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 91 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S610 CMS II,2 no. 2

'Crete/Axos' (bought in 1906)

Gable-shaped

Steatite, medium brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces, two with one straight side

Convex profile; no grooves, scratches SF. 1,60×1,20/1,15/1,45

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edges and also to the seal faces

- (a) Three standing/walking *Men in profile*, left side view, open mouths, arranged the one behind the other.
- (b) Two *Amphorae*, pinched necks, mouth handles, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their upper sides. On

²⁵²⁷ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 248 β .

²⁵²⁸ According to Eccles 1939–1940, 44 (no. 5, fig.

^{12),} the piece was bought and comes from Adromyloi. According to the museum's inventory book, the piece comes from the 1904 excavations of the English School in Palaikastro.

²⁵²⁹ See also Wedde 2000, 331 no. 702.

²⁵³⁰ While Wedde includes the motif in his catalogue, he favours its reading as a centipede (Wedde 2000, 241, 333 no. 712).

either side of the image, a slightly inwards curving "Ladder band".

(c) Cross of Amphorae, central 'cup sinking', the latter also constituting the base of the vessels. The vessels have pinched necks and elongated belly handles. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

92 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S625

CMS II,2 no. 290

(Bought in 1906)

Steatite, olive green

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile

SF. 1,80×0,90/1,30 pres.×0,95/1,80×0,85

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a), attentive engraving whereas on (c) it is somewhat hasty; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

A small part of (a) and larger parts of (b) and (c) are missing

- (a) Double *Centred-circle with 'Lily flowers'* as edge supplements. From the combination, a left-facing supplementation *Two-armed whirl* is created.
- (b) Mirror pattern of Leaves with stalk (one edge is missing). On either side of its stalk, a "Saw branch". The branches are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their backsides (one edge of both is missing). The leaves show fishbone venation.
- (c) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' (one edge of the device is missing). Above it, a Fish (only its back part and tail are preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

93 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S644 CMS II.2 no. 218

'Crete/Pediada, Potamies, Vouni' (1907) Steatite, dark olive green, at parts black Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; grooves, not particularly deep, only on the profiles

SF. 2,10×1,10

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-

manship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as (b) and (c)

- (a) Two-armed whirl of Paisleys, left-facing, with Stemless paisleys as inner curve supplements and Wedges as outer curve supplements, Circle as centre.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view. Behind it, a vertical *Wedge*.
- (c) Head of a 'goat'. On either side of its face, the Head of an agrimi. The latter are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their upper sides. On either side of the nose of the goat, a small Triangle.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

94 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S749

CMS II.2 no. 255*

'Crete/Mochlos'2531

Steatite, dark olive green, at parts dark brown

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,80×0,90; SH. 0,40; H. 0,80; BL. 1,85 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (c), somewhat smooth intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded, some parts of the intaglio shallowed

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Two 'Papyrus flowers', bent stems to the right, stems toothed on the outer sides, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their convex sides. Between them, a Mirror pattern of 'Wheat stalks'(?).
- (b) Two *Star blossoms*, central 'cup sinking'. Between them, a "*Dumbbell*" (its upper and lower edge are missing).

²⁵³¹ According to the museum's inventory book (the piece is not mentioned in the publication of the site).

(c) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back. Between its back leg and its tail, a short *Wedge*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

95 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S765 CMS II,2 no. 250

Crete/Mochlos, Cemetery, Grave X

Context: MM–LM I Steatite, olive green Flat ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,10×0,75/0,70/0,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage; on the motif on (a), break into the stringhole channel

- (a) 'Papyrus flower', spiral stem to the right, horizontally hatched blossom.²⁵³²
- (b) Whirl, left-facing.
- (c) Framed Saltire, linear rectangular Border. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 96 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S871

CMS II,2 no. 305

(Bought in 1909 from the widow of the collector Mitsotakis)

'Crete/Kavousi'

Steatite, olive green

Flat round seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and traces on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,40×1,40/1,40×1,40/0,70 pres.×1,30 pres. Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat tentative engraving; somewhat hasty work; moderate to good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

The largest part of (a) and (b) and small part of (c) preserved, damage to (a) and (b) (a) Three standing/walking *Men in profile*, right side view, open mouths, arranged the one behind the other (parts of the figures are missing). Above them, a horizontal *Line*.

(b) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view (parts of the figure are missing). In front of him, a *Legless waterfowl*, right side view, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him (the back part of the body is missing). (c) *Crab* (?).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

97 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S872

CMS II,2 no. 300

(Bought in 1909 from the widow of the collector Mitsotakis)

Steatite, light olive green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves, scratches

SF. 0,90×1,00/1,00/0,90 pres.

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; clear engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Parts of the seal faces on the interfacial edges are missing

- (a) Jug, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle. In front of it, a Head of a dog/lion with leg, left side view, open mouth, rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the jug.
- (b) 'Crawling boar', horizontally hatched back.
- (c) Unidentifiable motif XIII. Next to it, a Head of an agrimi, right side view.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

98 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S952

CMS II,2 no. 216

'Crete/Pediada, Gouves' (1912)

Gable-shaped

Steatite, light olive green, at parts darker Flat ellipsoidal seal faces, two with one straight side

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,70×1,60/1,65×1,20/1,65×1,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately to considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away (?)
Damage to the edge of (a)

²⁵³² For this device, see Jasink 2009, 138.

- (a) Three *Vessels without handles* (?), diagonally hatched bodies, arranged the one next to the other. On one edge of the image, a small *Triangle* (?) (one side is missing).
- (b) Two standing *Birds in profile* (?), heads turned back, open mouths, one with lolling tongue, almond-shaped eyes, no front leg, horizontally hatched bodies, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their front sides. Between them, a *'Fir branch'*. (c) Three *Dogs/lions* and the *Bust of a dog/lion* (?), left side view, heads up, vertically hatched necks, arranged with regard to 90° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between the upper sides of the heads.

Prism with EM III/MM I Influences

99 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S955 CMS II,2 no. 269

'Crete/Eparchy Mirampelo' (bought in 1912)

Steatite, olive green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves (?)

SF. 1,90×1,00/0,90 pres./0,90 pres.

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks Parts of the seal faces on the interfacial edges are missing

- (a) Swastika, left-facing, inner sides of the outer arms toothed (one of the outer arms is missing). On either side of it, a Hatched D. The Ds are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their straight sides.
- (b) *Pig/boar*, right side view, tusk, vertically hatched body (part of the motif is missing).²⁵³³
- (c) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an 'Arrow' b and a "Trowel" (CHIC signs 049, 044). Next to the trowel, a

Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XIII.²⁵³⁴ The arrow is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the trowel.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

100 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S965
CMS II,2 no. 291
(Bought between 1933 and 1938)
Steatite, mottled olive green
Flat ellipsoidal seal faces
Convex profile; grooves (?)
SF. 1,60×0,90 pres./1,45 pres.×0,90 pres./1,40
pres.×0,70 pres. (init. ca. 1,60×1,10)
Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship
Considerably abraded, rounded breaks
One profile and parts of the seal faces are missing

- (a) Double Centred-circle with One-armed whirls as edge supplements.
- (b) Pair of Centred-circles.
- (c) Two *Disc S-spirals*, right facing, arranged the one behind the other. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 101 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1010 CMS II,1 no. 85* Crete/Agia Triada, Tholos A

Context: EM II–MM IB/MM II

Chlorite, black with green dots, in the

intaglios greenish grey Flat seal faces, one ellipsoidal, two round Convex profile; fine and orderly grooves

around the seal faces SF. 1,30×1,30/1,40/1,30; SH. 0,30; H. 1,30 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident,

accurate engraving, on (a) and (b), an attempt at naturalistic rendering; attentive, dexterous work; very good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to the edge of (b)

- (a) Rosette, eight petals.
- (b) Triskeles of Shamrocks a.

²⁵³³ For this animal, see Jasink 2009, 145.

²⁵³⁴ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 237 α ; also Jasink 2009, 30 who sees the unidentifiable motif as a possible script sign.

(c) Walking *Agrimi*, left side view. Above its back, a horizontal *Wedge*; between its legs, a *Stemless paisley*.

Mesara Chlorite Prism

102 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1017 CMS II.1 no. 92

Crete/Agia Triada, Tholos A Context: EM II–MM IB/MM II

Steatite, light olive green

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal Convex profile; intermittent grooves on the profiles and traces on the interfacial edges SF. $1,10\times1,00/1,10\times1,10/1,10\times1,00$

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b) and (c), thin cut and partly rounded intaglios; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, one stringhole considerably widened from the action of the string

Good condition

- (a) Quatrefoil.
- (b) *C-spiral roof compound*. The leg of an *Inverted T* penetrates the spiral. Inside the spiral, on either side of the T's leg, a short *Line*.
- (c) S-spiral, right-facing. Two Stemless paisleys as curve-filling. On either side of the image, a Triangle.

Mesara Chlorite Prism

103 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1068

CMS II,1 no. 276*

Crete/Platanos, Tholos B

Context: EM III-MM II, disturbed burial layer

Chlorite (?); dark greenish grey and black Flat seal faces, one ellipsoidal, two round Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; grooves on the profiles and traces on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,10×1,10; SH. 0,30; H. 1,05; BL. 1,30 Cut freehand; shallow, partly smooth intaglios; on (b) and (c), attentive engraving and attempt at naturalistic rendering; good workmanship

Moderately abraded Areas of light damage

- (a) *Rosette*, eight leaves, central 'cup sinking'.
- (b) *Cross of Leaves*. The leaves are fan-shaped and have fishbone venation.
- (c) Swastika cross of Leaves, right-facing. The leaves are elongated and have fishbone venation.

Mesara Chlorite Prism

104 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1076

CMS II,1 no. 284*

Crete/Platanos, Tholos B

Context: EM III-MM II, disturbed burial layer

Chlorite, black with whitish grey dots, in the intaglios light grey

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal (one almost round)

Convex profile; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces, seal faces strongly set off from the body of the seal SF. 1,10×1,15/1,20/1,10;

SH. 0,25; H. 1,35; BL. 1,15

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost fresh from the workshop

Good condition

- (a) 'Fern branch'.
- (b) Standing Agrimi, right side view.
- (c) Two *Blobs*. Between them, a "*Column*". Mesara Chlorite Prism

105 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1099

CMS II,1 no. 307

Crete/Platanos, Tholos B

Context: EM III-MM II, disturbed burial layer

Chlorite, greenish black with olive green dots, in the intaglio lighter

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces, seal faces strongly set off from the body of the seal

SF. 1,20×1,20/1,30×1,10/1,30×1,10;

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Somewhat abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Coil spiral, left-facing.
- (b) Scorpion, tail to the right.
- (c) Standing Agrimi, left side view.

Mesara Chlorite Prism

106 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1101

CMS II,1 no. 309*

Crete/Platanos, Tholos B

Context: EM III-MM II, disturbed burial layer

Steatite, brownish olive green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, somewhat projecting inner triangle; deep grooves on the profiles and shallow ones resembling scratches on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,35×0,90/1,40×1,05/1,40×1,05;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,00×0,90; BL. 1,45

Cut freehand; deep smooth intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Good condition

- (a) Two standing 'Apes' b in profile, arms extended in front, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their fronts. Intermingled with the lower parts of their bodies, an *Unidentifiable device LVII*. The hands of the creatures abut.
- (b) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view, head down. On its back, an *Unidentifiable motif* XX
- (c) *Unidentifiable image LVIII*. Platanos Prism with the Cable Devices

107 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1137 CMS II.1 no. 344

Crete/Platanos, Tholos B or Tholos Γ^{2535} Context Tholos B: EM III-MM II, dis-

turbed burial layer

Context Tholos Γ : EM III–MM I

²⁵³⁵ Tholos B: according to Xanthoudides 1924, 120. Tholos Γ: according to the museum's inventory book.

Chlorite (?) or steatite (?); greyish black Flat round seal faces; two unengraved Convex profile; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,10×1,10; H. 1,10

Filed, drilled; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Workshop fresh, unfinished

Good condition

(a) *Star*. Four *Blobs* as filling of four angles. Platanos Ornamental Prism

108 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1191

CMS II,2 no. 220

'Crete/Pediada, Avdou' (bought in 1915)

Steatite, black

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 2,00×1,00

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Swastika, left-facing, inner sides of the outer arms toothed. On either side of it, a Hatched D. The Ds are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their straight sides.
- (b) Standing *Pig/boar*, right side view, head down, long ears, toothed back.
- (c) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an 'Arrow' b and a "Trowel" (CHIC signs 049, 044). Next to the trowel, an 'Ivy leaf' with stalk. 2536 The arrow is rotated 180° and the leaf 45° clockwise with reference to the trowel.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

109 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1256 CMS II.1 no. 347

'Crete/Platanos, Tholos B: from the excavation earth' (bought from farmers)

²⁵³⁶ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 208 α ; also Jasink 2009, 29 who sees the 'Ivy leaf' with stalk as a hieroglyphic symbol which is, however, not meant to be read.

(The tholos was in use from EM III–MM II) Steatite, dark olive green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; deep grooves on the profiles and intermittent on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,70×0,90/0,80/0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded Part of (b) and (c) missing

- (a) "Grater".
- (b) Ellipse of Stemless paisleys. The paisleys are horizontally hatched.
- (c) Two *Profile heads of a ruminant*, right side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is situated between their fronts. Between them, a *Whirl*, left-facing. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

110 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1257 CMS II,2 no. 272

'Crete/Gournia, Vathy Lagkadi' (bought in 1918)

Steatite, light coloured

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,25×1,10

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; dexterous work; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view. On its back, *Back part of an arrow*.
- (b) Two *Jugs*, right side view, pinched necks, mouth handles, arranged the one behind the other.
- (c) *Whirl*, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'. Around it, a ladder band *Border*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 111 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1267 CMS II,2 no. 301 (From the Mitsotakis collection, donated to

the museum after the 1st World War) Steatite, olive green, at parts black Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Flat profile; no grooves (?) SF. 1,20×1,50

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; moderate to good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edges and the seal faces

- (a) Standing *Pig/boar*, left side view, head down, diagonally hatched back (?) (parts of the animal are missing).
- (b) Standing (?) *Agrimi*, right side view (parts of the animal are missing).
- (c) Walking *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back, open mouth.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

112 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1268 CMS II.2 no. 292

(From the Mitsotakis collection, donated to the museum after the $1^{\rm st}$ World War)

Chlorite; greyish green

Flat round seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces, seal faces strongly set off from the body of the seal

SF. 1,00×1,00

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, motifs partly worn away Good condition

- (a) Star blossom, lozenge-shaped, open centre
- (b) Scorpion, tail to the right.
- (c) *Half swastika*, left-facing. Two *Blobs* as filling of two angles.

Mesara Chlorite Prism

113 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1298 CMS II,2 no. 306*

'Crete/Kamilari (?)'²⁵³⁷ (acquired between 1918 and 1924)

 $^{^{2537}\,}According$ to a tag seen by the author in the box in which the piece is kept .

Steatite, olive green, at parts black Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded corners

Flat profile; no grooves, scratches SF. 1,25×1,15; SH. 0,30; H. 1,10; BL. 1,25 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship Moderately abraded, sharp stringhole edges Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c) (a) Two mating Agrimia, left side view: The female stands while behind her, the male stands on his back legs and leans on her back with his front legs. The underside of his torso abuts the female's hindquarters. Above the male's back, a 'Figure-of-eight shield'. Around the image, a square Border. (b) Animal attack: Seated/lying Agrimi, right side view, head turned back. Three standing Headless dogs/lions, right side view, abut the prey's body with their necks as if biting it. One, rotated 90° anticlockwise with regard to the prey, attacks from the front biting its neck, another from under biting the chest, and the third steps on the prey's back legs and hindquarters while biting the underside of its head. Around the image, a square Border.

(c) Standing Man in profile, left side view, protruding knees, 'heels'. In front of him, a'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him. Behind him, a 'Spear with double blade'(?).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

114 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1300

CMS II,2 no. 266

'Crete/Neapoli, Finokalias' (perhaps acquired between 1918 and 1924)

Steatite, olive green, at parts black Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves, scratches SF. 1,10 pres.×1,20/1,10 pres.×1,10/1,10 pres.×1,25 (init. ca. 1,70)

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; somewhat clumsy work; moderate workmanship Moderately to considerably abraded,

rounded breaks

One profile and the half of each seal face preserved

(a) Two standing *Men in profile*, hair, one bent arm raised in front, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their fronts (the largest part of one figure is missing). The elbows of the figures abut.

(b) Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXVI. (c) Head of a dog/lion with leg (?), left side view (the muzzle is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

115 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1304 CMS II,2 no. 78

Crete/Malia, Settlement, Quartier Γ The Quartier was in use from the end of the EM–MM III (exact finding circumstances unknown)

Steatite, dark brownish olive green, at parts lighter, in the intaglios somewhat milky Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; clear, orderly and fine grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,70×0,90; H. 1,00

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; on (a), rounded contours and somewhat rounded intaglio achieve naturalistic rendering; attentive, dexterous work; good to very good workmanship

Almost workshop fresh, file marks and sharp edges

Damage to (b)

(a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a *Saltire*, the *Profile head of a 'bull'*, right side view, a *Cross pommée*, and a *Bow with Linear arrow* (CHIC signs X, 012, 070, 048). Above the cross pommée, a small horizontal "*Saw branch*". The bow with linear arrow is rotated 45° anticlockwise with reference to the other hieroglyphs. 2538 (b) *Two-armed whirl of Paisleys*, left facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as curve supplements, Grain ellipse as centre. The

 $^{^{2538}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 236 α .

bodies of the paisleys and the ellipse are horizontally hatched.

(c) Z-whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion, right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as angle supplements.²⁵³⁹ The animals have open mouths and one front leg extended horizontally in front.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

116 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1385 CMS II,2 no. 85

Crete/Malia, Pierres Meulières, area of the 'Maison des Morts', near the Cist Grave 1 (this contained a Mycenaean internment)²⁵⁴⁰ Steatite, dark olive green, at parts black Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,50×0,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Part of (a) and (c) on their interfacial edge missing, on the motif on (a), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Spider, eight legs.
- (b) Two *Heads of an agrimi*, right side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is situated between their fronts.
- (c) Z, left-facing, with 'Wheat stalks' as angle supplements.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

117 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1435 CMS II,2 no. 234

Crete/Malia (handed over by the guard in 1926)

Steatite, olive green, at parts darker Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves SF. 1.50×0.90

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh

Areas of light damage

²⁵³⁹ For the animals, see Jasink 2009, 144.

(a) Crouching Bovine, right side view.

(b) Seated 'Peafowl', left side view, wings extended to the sides, long spikes issuing from their undersides, trifurcated tail consisting of three long parallels.

(c) Four *Heads of an agrimi*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

118 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1458

CMS II,2 no. 225*

'Crete/Pediada, Krasi' (handed over in 1933)

Steatite, dark olive green, at parts black Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded corners

Flat profile; no grooves, scratches SF. 1,50×1,00; SH. 0,30; H. 0,95; BL. 1,50 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Many areas of light damage

- (a) "Horn bar" slung with 'String vessels'.
- (b) Flying *Bee*, right side view. In front of it, a "Saw branch".
- (c) Two standing *Men in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their front sides. The hand of each man touches the front leg of the other. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

119 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1471

CMS II,2 no. 307

(Acquired between 1933 and 1938)

Steatite, yellowish white

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,00

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; moderate to good workmanship Considerably abraded, motifs partly worn away

Considerable damage to (c)

(a) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, right side view.

²⁵⁴⁰ van Effenterre – van Effenterre 1963, 89–90.

- (b) Crab.
- (c) Crouching *Agrimi*, right side view. Above its front legs, a small *Triangle* (?). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

120 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1473

CMS II,2 no. 308

(Acquired between 1933 and 1938)

Steatite, olive green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces, seal faces set off SF. 0,80×0,70/0,40 pres./0,40 pres.

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, rounded breaks

- (a) and approximately the half of (b) and (c) preserved
- (a) Three standing *Frontal men*, the left and the right figure sharing an arm with the middle figure, arranged the one next to the other.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back (?) (only part of the ears [?], chest, front leg, back claw are preserved).
- (c) Two adjacent *Unidentifiable vessels* (only the lower parts of the bodies are preserved). On either side of the lower part of each vessel, a *Wedge*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

121 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1474

CMS II,2 no. 294

(Acquired between 1933 and 1938)

Steatite, olive green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces, seal faces clearly set off

SF. 1,10/1,20/1,20×0,85. BL. 1,30

Cut freehand (?), drilled; medium deep and deep intaglios; on (a), unusually unstable cuts; moderate to good workmanship Moderately abraded, rounded stringhole edges, motifs partly worn away (?)

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)-(c),

damage also to (a) and (c), thick scratch on (b)

- (a) *Parallels*. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.
- (b) Double *Centred-circle*. The rest of the image worn away (?).
- (c) Double *Centred-circle* (part of the motif is missing). The rest of the image worn away (?).

Central Crete Ornamental Prism

122 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1475

CMS II,2 no. 297

Steatite, olive green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves (?)

SF. 1,20 pres.×0,90/1,30 pres.×0,70 pres./ 1,40×0,80

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; workmanship cannot be estimated

Considerably abraded, most breaks rounded, motifs partly worn away

The profiles and parts of the seal faces are missing

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back (only the head, the front part of the body, and the front leg are preserved).
- (b) "Horn bar" slung with 'String vessels' (one 'horn' is missing). The upper side of the existing 'horn' is toothed.
- (c) Spider (?) (large part of the motif is missing). Fragmentary unidentifiable motif

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

123 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1506

CMS II,2 no. 235

'Crete/Malia' (confiscated in 1927)

Steatite, olive green

Flat compressed rounded seal faces

Convex profile; deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,00×1,00

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Four-armed whirl of Busts of a dog/lion, left-facing.
- (b) Seated *Man in profile*, left side view, open mouth, one bent arm extended in front, trifurcated hand, legs extended in front²⁵⁴¹ as if sitting on the ground. In front of him, a *'Ball amphora'* rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him.
- (c) Seated *Dog/lion* (?), left side view, head turned back (?), open mouth (?). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

124 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1507 CMS II,2 no. 236

'Crete/Malia' (confiscated in 1927)

Gable-shaped

Steatite, dark olive green, at parts black Flat seal faces, one ellipsoidal, two round Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,20×1,30/1,10×1,10/1,20×1,20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios, good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Whirl pommée, right-facing, central 'cup sinking'.
- (b) Two Jugs, right side view, pinched necks, mouth handles, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their front sides. On either side of the lower part of one vessel, a Blob. Between the neck of one vessel and the lower part of the other, a Triangle (?).
- (c) Standing *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back (the back leg is missing). Between its front and back legs, a small *Dolphin*, right side view.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

125 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1508 CMS II,2 no. 267 'Crete/Olous' (confiscated in 1927) Steatite, olive green

²⁵⁴¹ It would also be possible to see the shorter element as a seat of some sort rather than a leg.

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Almost flat profile; no grooves

SF. 1,30×1,40/1,30×1,30 pres./1,30×1,30 pres. Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Four *Four-armed whirls*, central 'cup sinking'. They are arranged head to head in a circular configuration around a *Blob*. With regard to each other, the whirls are arranged in 90° rotational symmetry.
- (b) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, right side view, pointed mouth, no arms, ingot-shaped body. Behind him, a *Fish* (?), right side view, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him. In front of him, an *Unidentifiable motif X*.
- (c) Standing 'Man with semicircular body', right side view, open mouth, no arms, horizontally hatched body. In front of him, a 'Centipede branch'.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

126 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1550 CMS II,2 no. 82

Crete/Malia, Settlement, Quartier E, House E The house was occupied from MM I–LM III (exact finding circumstances unknown) Steatite, olive green

Flat compressed round seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves (?) SF. 1,20×0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded, unfinished (?) Good condition

- (a) Frontal head of a ruminant. On either side of its face, the Head of an unidentifiable ruminant. The two latter are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their front sides (the horns of all heads are missing).
- (b) *Unidentifiable quadruped*, right side view, (the face [?] and the legs of the

animal are missing).

(c) Whirl, left-facing, each arm put together from two strands.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

127 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1557 CMS II,2 no. 222

'Crete/Pediada, Avdou, Goulas' (1939) Steatite, light olive green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,40×1,30

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Parts of the seal faces are missing

- (a) Two *Saltires*, central 'cup sinkings', arranged the one next to the other (from one only the half is preserved).
- (b) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back, toothed nape.
- (c) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back, open mouth (the lower part of the front leg is missing). Above its rump, a *Blob*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

128 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1558 CMS II.2 no. 221*

'Crete/Pediada, Avdou, Kefala' (bought in 1939)

Steatite, brown with dark brown veins, at parts reddish brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,50×0,90/0,70 pres./0,70 pres.; SH. 0,35×0,30; H. 0,80. BL. 1,50

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (a), somewhat hasty work; moderate to good workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks One profile, small part of (a), and approximately one third of (b) and (c) missing

- (a) *Spider*, four legs. Under it, a *Whirl*, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'.
- (b) Unidentifiable motif XXVIII. To the

right, a Leg, right side view.2542

(c) *Chevron*, small hook issuing from one end. To the right, a *Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXXIII*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1561

CMS II,1 no. 427

Crete/Trapeza, Ossuary (?) Cave Most pottery is EM II–MM I but some MM II and MM III sherds were also found Steatite, blackish olive green, at parts olive greenish beige and cream coloured, in the intaglios milky

Flat seal faces, one compressed ellipsoidal, two compressed round

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,40×1,40/1,40×1,40/1,40×1,50;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,40×1,30; BL. 1,40

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; clear and confident engraving; very attentive, dexterous work; good to very good workmanship Workshop fresh, fine file marks and sharp edges

Good condition

- (a) Four *Whirls*, left-facing, central 'cup sinking', quartering the field.
- (b) Standing *Agrimi*, left side view, head and front legs turned back. Above its rump, a *Trapezium*.
- (c) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back, open mouth, spikes issuing from the back side of the tail.

 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

130 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1592

CMS II,2 no. 245

'Crete/Lasithi, Kato Metochi, Agkathiades' (1940)

Steatite, dark olive green, at parts black Flat ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,40×1,20

²⁵⁴² Jasink sees in this combination the possible hieroglyphic inscription CHIC signs 010 - 053 (Jasink 2009, 81, 195).

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (b), attempt at naturalistic rendering; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, some rounded breaks Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Cross of Amphorae, central 'cup sinking', the latter also constitute the base of the vessels. The vessels have pinched necks and elongated belly handles.
- (b) Three standing/walking Men in profile, left side view, open mouths, arranged the one behind the other.
- (c) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view, head turned back, vertically hatched neck (the head and the front leg are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

131 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1627 CMS II.2 no. 309

Steatite, olive green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 0,90×0,70

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)-(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Standing Man in profile, right side view, open mouth, one arm extended in front and up. His hand touches a Spear, head down, situated in front of him.
- (b) Saltire pommée with two 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements. A spike issues from one of the 'cup sinkings' in which the arms
- (c) Two Waterfowls, right side view, heads turned back, toothed backs, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides. The chests of the two birds abut

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

132 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1688 CMS II,2 no. 277

'Crete/Lithines' (handed over in 1954)

Steatite, honey coloured

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves; large stringholes

SF. 1,40×0,70

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, motifs partly worn

Areas of light damage

- (a) Head of a 'goat'. On either side of its face, a Chevron. The latter are rotated 180° with reference to the animal's head.
- (b) Spider (the legs are missing).
- (c) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a "Trowel" and an 'Arrow' b (CHIC signs 044, 049). The trowel is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the arrow. 2543

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

133 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1714

CMS II,2 no. 55*

Crete/Knossos, Profitis Ilias Cemetery, Grave VII

Context: MM III

Steatite, olive green, at parts light brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; intermittent deep grooves around the seal faces; one twice pierced and therefore eight-shaped stringhole

SF. 1,30×1,10/1,30×1,10/1,20×0,95;

SH. 0,20/0,25 (double stringhole);

H. 1.00×0.90

Filed, drilled; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh; on one profile, file marks

Areas of light damage

(a) Triangle pattern of double Centredcircles. On the pattern and on the side, a Blob.

²⁵⁴³ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 227 α .

(b) Cross pattern of double Centred-circles.(c) Grid.

Central Crete Ornamental Prism

134 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1748 CMS II,2 no. 86*

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, found before the excavation Steatite, light olive green, at parts light brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,40×1,15; SH. 0,30×0,25; H. 1,10. BL. 1,50

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, fine file marks and sharp edges

Good condition

- (a) Harp. 2544
- (b) Walking *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back and up, open mouth.
- (c) *Amphora*, no neck. Above it, a *Jug*, pinched neck, mouth handle, left side view, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the amphora, its handle abutting the right handle of the amphora. To the right, an *Unidentifiable motif XXVI*. ²⁵⁴⁵

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

135 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1749 CMS II,2 no. 87

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, found before the excavation Steatite, black

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile, slightly projecting inner

²⁵⁴⁴ The device is seen by Jasink as the CHIC sign 058 (Jasink 2009, 132, 194).

triangle; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1.30×0.60

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished; pronounced, oblique file marks and sharp edges Good condition

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, open mouth. On either side of its torso, a *Triangle*.
- (b) Fish. Parallel to its body, a horizontal Bar.
- (c) Two-armed whirl of 'Papyrus flowers', left-facing, central 'cup sinking'. On either side of it, a "Saw branch". The branches are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their plain sides.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

136 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1750 CMS II,2 no. 88

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, found before the excavation Steatite, black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (one missing) Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 0,90×0,60/0,30 pres.

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh, sharp edges

- (a) and a small part of (b) preserved
- (a) Standing *Pig/boar*, right side view, head down, spikes on the back.
- (b) Two (?) Jugs, left side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, arranged the one behind the other (only their upper parts preserved). In front of the image, an inwards curved Bar (?) (only a part of it preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

²⁵⁴⁵ Karnava sees the devices on this seal face as hieroglyphic signs (Karnava 2000, 25). The motif combination is seen by Jasink as the possible inscription CHIC signs 053 – 054 – 034/'horns of consecration' (her quotation marks, Jasink 2009, 82, 132, 194).

137 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1752

CMS II,2 no. 89

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, found before the excavation Steatite, greenish yellow

Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded corners; one unengraved (?)

Flat profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,80×1,10

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks and sharp edges

Part of (b) and (c) on their interfacial edge

- (a) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view, open mouth.
- (b) Standing Man in profile, right side view (the face, part of the torso, and the front arm are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

138 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1760

CMS II,2 no. 90

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, yellowish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; one with minor engraving, one unengraved

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges (?); no grooves

SF. 1,00×0,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished

Damage to the edge of one profile, also to (a) and (b), in the centre of the motif on (a), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Whirl, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'.
- (b) Remains of an unidentifiable motif.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

139 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1761

CMS II,2 no. 91

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, yellowish

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces; two

unengraved

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges (?); no grooves

SF. 1.40×0.80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks

Part of (a) and (b) (unengraved) on their interfacial edge missing

(a) Seated Waterfowl, right side view (part of its back is missing).2546

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

140 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1762

CMS II,2 no. 92

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greenish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; one unen-

graved (?) (one is missing) Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,20 pres. \times 0,50 pres. (init. ca. 1,30 \times 1,00)

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good

workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished

Small part of (a) and (b) (unengraved) preserved

(a) Spider, four-legged (only the lower part of the body and two legs are preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

141 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1763

CMS II.2 no. 93

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, yellowish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 0,40 pres. \times 0,70 pres. (init. ca. 1,20 \times 0,65)

²⁵⁴⁶ For this bird, see Jasink 2009, 141.

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh

One profile and small parts of the seal faces preserved

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view (only its hindquarters are preserved).
- (b) Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XVIII.
- (c) Standing or walking *Waterfowl*, right side view, spikes on the back (only the back part of the body and one leg are preserved). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

142 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1764

CMS II,2 no. 94

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, brownish black

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces (one is missing)

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,90×0,50 pres./0,70 pres. (init. ca. 1,10) Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks

The half of (a) and (b) preserved

- (a) *Bovine*, left side view (only the head and the neck are preserved). In front of it, a *Hatched D* (the half of it preserved).
- (b) Two adjacent *Unidentifiable vessels* (only the lower parts of the bodies are preserved). On either side of the lower part of each jug, a *Wedge* (with two, only the lower parts preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

143 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1765

CMS II,2 no. 95

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, yellowish brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves

around the seal faces

SF. 1,70×0,90

Part of one profile and of (a) and (c) missing; somewhat abraded

Cut freehand; deep intaglios

Confident, accurate engraving; attentive work

Good workmanship

- (a) Swastika, left-facing, inner sides of the outer arms toothed.
- (b) Each of two *Chevrons*, toothed outline, and each of two *Papyrus triangles* are combined in shapes that bring to mind arrows. The shapes are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their 'front' sides. *Between them, a Mirror pattern of Papyrus triangles*.
- (c) Standing *Bovine*, right side view, head up. Diagonally above its back, a *Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XLII*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

144 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1768

CMS II,2 no. 98

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, chestnut brown, at parts lighter Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (one is missing)

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,20×1,10

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Workshop fresh

The largest part of (b) and the half of (a) preserved

- (a) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, head down, one arm extended in front (only the head, the upper part of the torso, and one arm are preserved). His hand touches a *Bow with Linear arrow* situated in front of him (only the half of it is preserved).
- (b) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, one arm extended in front and up. His hand touches the handle of a *Jug*, left side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, which is situated in front of him and rotated 90°

clockwise with reference to him (the upper part of the vessel is preserved). Under the jug, an amphora, pinched neck, mouth handle (only the upper right side of this vessel is preserved)

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

145 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1770

CMS II,2 no. 100

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, yellowish brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves

around the seal faces

SF. 2,00×1,00

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving, on (c), rounded contours; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Part of one profile and of (b) and (c) is missing; missing piece of (a), affixed in modern times

- (a) Ship, 2547 right side view, one arrowheadshaped and one bifurcated extremity, oars, mast, three forestays and three backstays. 2548 Behind the backstays, a Triangle.
- (b) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a "Trowel" and an 'Arrow' b (CHIC signs 044, 049), arranged the one next to the other. To the left of the trowel, a Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XLIII. Between the upper parts of the two hieroglyphs, a Blob. 2549
- (c) Agrimi standing in the back legs, right side view.²⁵⁵⁰ Behind it, a "Saw branch". Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

²⁵⁴⁷ See also Wedde 2000, 334 no. 806.

146 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1771

CMS II,2 no. 101

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves

around the seal faces

SF. 1,50×1,00/0,50 pres./0,50 pres.

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh

The largest part of (b) and (c) along the stringhole channel missing

- (a) Standing Waterfowl, right side view, head turned back, vertically hatched back. To the right, a Spider, four legs. The waterfowl is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the spider. 2551
- (b) Unidentifiable vessel (part of a handle and the lower part of the body is preserved). On either side of it, a Wedge (?) (half of each is preserved).
- (c) Head of an 'ox' (only one horn and small part of the right side of the head are preserved). To the right, minute remains of an unidentifiable motif.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

147 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1772

CMS II,2 no. 102

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, whitish with grey veins

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile: clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,80×1,00

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b), confident, accurate engraving, attention to details; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh

Part of (a) and (c) on their interfacial edge

²⁵⁴⁸ For the possible use of this device as a script sign, see Jasink 2009, 125.

 $^{^{2549}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 231 α .

²⁵⁵⁰ For this animal, see Jasink 2009, 143.

²⁵⁵¹ For this image, see Jasink 2009, 32, 139.

missing

(a) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front (the left side of the torso and the left leg are missing). His hand touches the plain side of a "Saw branch" which is situated in front of him.

- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back and up, open mouth, vertically hatched neck (?). Between its front and back leg, a horizontal elongated *Trapezium*.
- (c) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, vertically hatched back. To the right, a *Spider*, four legs (the upper part of the body and of two legs are missing). The waterfowl is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the spider.²⁵⁵²

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

148 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1773

CMS II,2 no. 103

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greyish green

Flat elongated (?) ellipsoidal seal faces; two unengraved (?)

two unengraved (?)

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,20 pres.×1,00 (init. ca. 2,00)

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Workshop fresh; unfinished, pronounced file marks and sharp edges

One profile, the half of (a) and small part of (b) (unengraved) and (c) (unengraved) preserved

(a) 'Arrow' b (CHIC sign 049 [?]). 2553 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

149 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1774 CMS II,2 no. 104

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB Steatite, greenish brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,40×0,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, pronounced file marks, in the intaglios sharp edges Light damage to (c)

- (a) Two-armed whirl of Headless water-fowls, left-facing.²⁵⁵⁴ The animals are seated and have vertically hatched bodies.
- (b) Z, left-facing, inner sides of the arms toothed. On either side of it, an S, right-facing.
- (c) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, pointed mouth.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

150 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1775

CMS II,2 no. 105

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB Steatite, greenish

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces (one is missing)

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; no grooves

SF. 2,00×1,00

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, pronounced file marks, stringhole channel unfinished Only (a) and (b) (effaced) preserved

(a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, open mouth.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

151 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1776

CMS II,2 no. 106

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

²⁵⁵² For this image, see Jasink 2009, 32, 139.

 $^{^{2553}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 232 $\alpha;$ also Jasink 2009, 129.

²⁵⁵⁴ For these birds, see Jasink 2009, 141.

Steatite, light brown
Flat round seal faces; one unengraved
Convex profile; no grooves
SF. 1,00×0,90 pres./0,95 pres./1,00
Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship
Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks
Part of (a) and (b) missing
(a) Whirl, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'.
(b) Standing (?) Waterfowl, right side view, head turned back, toothed back (?) (the neck is missing).
Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

152 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1777 CMS II,2 no. 107

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greenish yellow

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces (two are missing)

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges (?); no grooves

SF. 2,20×1,10

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; hasty work; bad to moderate workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, pronounced file marks

Fragment, only (a) preserved, put together from two pieces in modern times

(a) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Three of the vessels do not hang from 'strings'. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

153 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1780 CMS II,2 no. 110

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greenish yellow

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 0,60 pres.×1,00/1,00 pres.×1,00 (init. ca. 1,10)

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a), deep, compact 'cup sinking'; confident,

accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, sharp edges One profile and the half of the seal faces preserved

(a) *Jug*, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, the end of the spout turning upwards. On either side of its lower part, a *Wedge*. Above the jug, a horizontal *Bar* (?) (one end is missing).

(b) Fragmentary unidentifiable device VIII. The largest part of the surface is unengraved. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

154 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1781

CMS II,2 no. 111

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, light olive green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; grooves only (?) on one profile and on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,70×1,00

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (a), confident, accurate engraving; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks Parts of (b) and (c) missing

- (a) *Head of an 'ox'*. On either side of the face, a "Saw branch". The bases of the branches slope inwards such that the combination encloses the head in a V.
- (b) Two *Chevrons*, toothed outlines, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their bases. Between them, two *Papyrus triangles* arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their bases.
- (c) Three *Blobs* (from two only the half is preserved). The largest part of the surface is unengraved.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

155 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1783 CMS II,2 no. 113

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α Context: MM IIB Steatite, yellowish Flat ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves SF. 1.00×0.90

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), damage also to (a) and (b)

- (a) Crouching *Unidentifiable quadruped*, right side view. The motif is unfinished.
- (b) Seated *Bovine*, left side view. In front of it, a *Wedge*. Above its back, a *Chevron*, rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the animal
- (c) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head up, open mouth.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

156 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1784 CMS II,2 no. 114

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB Steatite, yellowish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; two unengraved Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,30×1,10

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks Part of (a) and (b) (unengraved) missing, in the centre of the motif on (a), a break into the stringhole channel

(a) *Head of a 'ram'*, long hanging ears. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

157 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1785

CMS II,2 no. 115

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, light olive green
Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; two unengraved (?)
Convex profile; no grooves (?)
SF. 1,40 pres.×1,10 (init. L. unknown)
Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; tentative and unstable engraving; poor workmanship
Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks
Parts of (a) and (b) (unengraved) and a very small part of (c) (unengraved) preserved
(a) Man in profile (?), left side view, performing the crab (?), open mouth.
Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

158 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1786

CMS II,2 no. 116

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, light brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,70×0,90 pres./1,00

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (b), confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks Part of (a) and (c) (unengraved) missing

- (a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a "*Trowel*" and an '*Arrow*' b (CHIC signs 044, 049), arranged the one next to the other (the upper parts of both motifs are missing).²⁵⁵⁵
- (b) Swastika, left-facing, inner sides of the outer arms toothed. On one side of it, a Hatched D; on the other, a "T-branch". Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

159 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1787

CMS II,2 no. 117

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, yellowish

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no

 $^{^{2555}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 233 $\alpha.$

grooves

SF. 1,70×1,10/0,60 pres./0,70 pres.

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; workmanship cannot be estimated

Workshop fresh, unfinished; file marks, angular curves, stringhole channel unfinished

The half of (b) and (c) missing

- (a) Six Blobs. 'Lily blossom' (?).
- (b) Two Blobs.
- (c) Blob. Next to it, a fraction of an unidentifiable motif.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

160 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1788

CMS II,2 no. 118*

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB; from Workshop α surface finds were often recovered which were partly accumulated during a longer period of time

Steatite, matt ochre mottled with brown Flatt ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,10×0,80 pres./0,90 pres./1,10 pres. (init. ca. 1,20); SH. 0,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a), confident, accurate engraving and attempt at naturalistic rendering; good workmanship Parts of (a) and (b) and small part of (c) preserved

Somewhat to moderately abraded

- (a) Seated Man in profile, right side view, open mouth (?), one arm extended in front and bent backwards, fingers (part of the head, arms, and one leg is missing). Between his thighs and his underarm, a Vessel without handles (?) rotated 90° with reference to him.
- (b) S-whirl of Busts of a dog/lion, rightfacing. The animals have open mouths and vertically hatched necks.
- (c) Framed Grid (?), linear Border (only a small part of the device is preserved). Prism with EM III/MM I Influences

161 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1789 CMS II,2 no. 119

> Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, dark brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,10 pres.×1,00/1,10 pres.×0,70 pres./ $1,00 \text{ pres.} \times 0,70 \text{ pres.}$ (init. ca. $1,50 \times 1,00$) Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh More than the half of (a) and a small part of (b) and (c) preserved

- (a) Standing Man in profile, right side view (the upper part of the figure is missing). In front of him, a "Saw branch" (one end is missing).
- (b) Crouching (?) Dog/lion, right side view (only the hindquarters of the animal are preserved).
- (c) Unidentifiable quadruped, right side view (only its back legs are preserved). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

162 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1790

CMS II.2 no. 120

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, dark brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved Convex profile; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 0,90 pres.×0,20 pres./1,10×0,90

Cut freehand: deep intaglios: confident. accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Almost workshop fresh

- (b) and (c) (unengraved) and a small part of
- (a) preserved
- (a) '*H-legs*' (?) (only parts of the legs are preserved).²⁵⁵⁶
- (b) Head of a 'ram', inwards curving horns,

²⁵⁵⁶ Or the two legs (front and back) of a frog (?).

long ears. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

163 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1791

CMS II,2 no. 121*

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, light olive green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces; one

unengraved (?)

Convex profile, inner triangle slightly projecting; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,70×0,90/0,60 pres.; BL. 1,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Workshop fresh, unfinished; file marks, angular curves

The half of (b) and (c) (unengraved) missing

(a) Two 'Arrows' a arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their front sides. Between them, an S-spiral, right facing. 2557

(b) *C-spiral* (?), angular. The motif is unfinished.

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164 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1792

CMS II,2 no. 122

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial

edges; no grooves

SF. 1,00×0,80/0,50 pres./0,50 pres.

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished

The half of (b) and (c) missing

(a) Seated *Bovine*, left side view.

²⁵⁵⁷ For this image and the possible use of these devices as ideograms, see Jasink 2009, 130, 135.

(b) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' (the vessels are missing). Above it, a Fish, right side view, pointed mouth, four pairs of fins.

(c) Minute remains of an unidentifiable motif.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

165 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1793

CMS II,2 no. 123

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greenish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no

grooves

SF. 1,00 pres.×1,10/0,70 pres.×1,10/0,90 pres.×1,00 pres. (init. ca. 1,20×1,10 [?])

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident

engraving; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, angular curves

One profile, part of (a) and small part of (b)

and (c) preserved

(a) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view (the lower part of the body and the back legs are missing). Above its face, a "*Saw branch*". Behind its neck, a *Chevron*, toothed on the inner side, rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the animal.

(b) Two *Waterfowls*, one in right side view, toothed back; the other either in left or in right side view (one's head is missing whereas only the toes of the other are preserved). Initially, the waterfowls would have been arranged with regard to either 180° rotational symmetry or reflection symmetry such that the axis of rotation or the line of symmetry respectively would have been located between their undersides. (c) *Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XI*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

166 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1795

CMS II,2 no. 124

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, yellow mottled with brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,00 pres.×0,90/1,00 pres.×0,90/0,90 pres.×0,90 (init. ca. 1,40)

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

One profile, more than the half of (a) and (b) and small part of (c) preserved

- (a) Two *Spiders*, each with four legs, arranged the one next to the other (?) (from one only one side is preserved).²⁵⁵⁸ Between them, a "*Column*", toothed body.
- (b) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' (one end is missing). Above it, two standing Waterfowls, heads turned back, toothed back, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their front sides (from one, only parts of the head and the neck are preserved).
- (c) 'Ball amphora'. Diagonally above its right handle, a Blob.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

167 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1797

CMS II,2 no. 125*

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop α

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, green, at parts black

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre

SF. 1,60×1,00; SH. 0,30; H. 0,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty, fast engraving; moderate to good workmanship

Workshop fresh, fine file marks

Good condition

- (a) Seated *Bovine*, left side view. In front of it, a 'Wheat stalk'.
- (b) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a "Saw branch".

²⁵⁵⁸ For this image, see Jasink 2009, 32, 139.

(c) Three *Heads of an agrimi*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

168 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1798

CMS II,2 no. 126

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop *γ*

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; no grooves SF. 1,40×0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; tentative, hasty cut; moderate to good workmanship Workshop fresh, file marks, unfinished stringhole channel

Chipping on (b)

- (a) Seated *Bovine*, left side view. In front of it, a "Saw branch".
- (b) 'Centipede'.
- (c) Running Disc S-spiral, right facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as curve supplements.

 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

169 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1803

CMS II,2 no. 131

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop γ

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, yellowish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,00 pres.×1,20/1,00 pres.×1,20/1,00 pres.×1,20 (init. ca. 1,30)

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; compact 'cup sinkings'; on (a) and (c), rounded contours; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks and sharp edges One profile and approximately the half of the seal faces preserved

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back (?) and up, open mouth (the rightmost part of the animal is missing).
- (b) Two standing Bovines, left side view,

heads turned back, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between the undersides of their muzzles (from one only the head, the rump, and part of the tail are preserved).

(c) Whirl, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'. Around it, a ladder band Border (part of it is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

170 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1804

CMS II,2 no. 132

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop γ

Context: MM IIB Steatite, green

Flatt ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved (?)

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 0,70 pres.×1,00 (init. ca. 1,30)

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks and sharp edges One profile and small part of the seal faces preserved

- (a) Fragmentary unidentifiable motif VII.
- (b) Crouching 'Sheep' (?), left side view (its back part is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

171 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1805 CMS II,2 no. 133*

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop γ

Context: MM IIB

Sepiolite or related clay mineral (?); whitish ash grey, at parts blackish; very light

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,30×1,00; SH. 0,20; H. 1,00; BL. 1,35 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; somewhat tentative engraving, on (b), unfortunate calculation of the space; moderate to good workmanship

Almost workshop fresh

Part of (a) and (c) missing

- (a) Framed Saltire, square Border with rounded corners, spikes issuing from the inner part of three (?) sides (one corner is missing).
- (b) Supplementation Four-armed whirl spiral, right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as curve supplements. The four-armed whirl spiral is actually an S-spiral, right facing, with J-spirals as body supplements. (c) Amphora (?), pinched neck, mouth handles (?) (only the upper part of the vessel is preserved). To the right, an Unidentifiable motif XIX.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

172 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1806

CMS II.2 no. 134

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop γ

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,20 pres.×1,10/1,20 pres.×1,10/1,30 pres.×1,10 (init. ca. 2,00)

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

One profile and approximately the half of the seal faces preserved

- (a) Swastika, right-facing, inner sides of the outer arms toothed (only the half of it is preserved). On one side of it, a Hatched D.
 (b) Pithos/jar, four handles (only its right side is preserved). To the right, a Jug, left side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, the
- (c) Fragmentary unidentifiable device II. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

edge of the beak turning upwards.

173 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1809 CMS II,2 no. 137

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop γ Context: MM IIB

Steatite, black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (one is missing) Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,30×0,90 pres./0,50 pres. (init. ca. 1,00) Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a), unclear, hasty engraving; moderate workmanship Workshop fresh, unfinished; unfinished stringhole channel

The largest part of (a) and a small part of (b) preserved

- (a) Standing (?) 'Man with semicircular body' (?), right side view, open mouth, no arms, two curved linear elements issuing from the back of his head ending in his back. In front of him, a cross-legged Bovine, left side view, head turned back, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the man. The legs of the animal abut the front side of the man.
- (b) Fragmentary unidentifiable device III. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

174 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1810 CMS II,2 no. 138

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop γ

Context: MM IIB Steatite, greyish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (one is missing) Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,20×0,90/0,70 pres.

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks

- (a) and part of (b) preserved
- (a) Two Heads of an agrimi, right side view, arranged the one behind the other. In front of them, a Wedge.
- (b) Head of an 'ox' (its lower part is missing). To the left, a Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XLIV.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

175 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1811

CMS II,2 no. 139

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop γ Context: MM IIB Steatite, yellowish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; no grooves SF. 1,20×0,80/0,30 pres./0,30 pres.

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks on (c)

- (a) and small part of (b) and (c) preserved
- (a) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view, head turned back, open mouth.
- (b) Waterfowl, right side view, head turned back, toothed back (its lower part is missing).
- (c) Small fraction of an unidentifiable motif

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

176 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1812

CMS II,2 no. 140

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop γ

Context: MM IIB Steatite, light brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,10×0,50 pres./0,40 pres./0,90

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks

- (c) (unengraved) and approximately the half of (a) and (b) preserved
- (a) Two Waterfowls, right side view, toothed back, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides (from one, only the tip of the tail and the leg are preserved).
- (b) Seated Man in profile, left side view (only the head and the shoulders are preserved). In front of him, an Amphora (?), pinched neck (?), belly handles (?) (only its

half is preserved). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

177 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1815

CMS II,2 no. 143*

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop γ

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, dark brownish green, at parts black Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; clear, orderly and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,50×0,90; SH. 0,30/0,35; H. 0,85; BL. 1,50

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving, rounded intaglio on (a) creates somewhat naturalistic rendering of the body of the animal; on the motif on (c), accidentally executed line; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh A little damage to the edge of (c)

- (a) Standing *Bovine*, left side view. Behind its neck and abutting its horns, an *Unidentifiable motif IX*. In front of the neck of the animal, a *Lily triangle* rotated 135° anticlockwise with reference to it.
- (b) Cross-legged *Unidentifiable quadruped*, left side view, head down. Under its head, a short *Wedge* and a *Tooth motif*.
- (c) S-spiral, right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as shoulder supplements.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

178 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1816

CMS II,2 no. 144

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop γ

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greyish brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces (one is

missing)

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 0.90 pres.×1,00/0,50 pres. (init. ca. 2.00×1.00)

Less than the half of (a) and small part of (b) preserved

Workshop fresh, file marks, unfinished stringhole channel (?)

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (a), confident, accurate engraving, rounded contours; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

- (a) *Head of a 'goat'* (only the right side is preserved). To the right, a *Two-armed whirl*, central 'cup sinking'.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view (only the chest, the root of the front leg, and the back claw are preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

179 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1817

CMS II,2 no. 145

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop *γ*

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, light

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,00 pres.×1,00 pres./1,20 pres.×0,80 pres./1,20 pres.×0,80 pres. (init. ca. 1,80×1,10)

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident cut; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh The largest part of one profile and less than the half of the seal faces preserved, put together in modern times

- (a) Standing *Bovine*, right side view (the head and the back part of the hindquarters are missing).
- (b) Spider, four legs (large part is missing).
- (c) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view (only the chest and the front leg are preserved). In front of it, a *Papyrus triangle* rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the animal.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

180 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1818 CMS II,2 no. 146

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop γ

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, yellowish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved (?) (one is missing)

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves (?)

SF. 1,30× 0,80 pres. (init. ca. 1,10)

Drilled; deep intaglios; workmanship cannot be estimated

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks The half of (a) and (b) (unengraved)

preserved

(a) Four *Blobs* (of two, only the half is preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

181 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1819

CMS II,2 no. 147*

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop δ

Context: MM IIB
Steatite, light brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no

grooves

SF. 1,80×1,00; SH. 0,30; H. 0,85; BL. 1,85 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; tentative, unstable engraving; poor workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, pronounced file marks

Good condition

- (a) Random hatching (?).
- (b) *Ship*, ²⁵⁵⁹ two pointed (?) extremities one of which is raised, oars, mast, on one side four and on the other three stays.
- (c) Random hatching.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

182 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1823

CMS II.2 no. 151

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop δ

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, yellowish

Rectangular seal faces

SF. 1,00×0,70 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship

Flat profile; broad interfacial edges (?); no

Workshop fresh, sharp edges

grooves

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(c), damage also to (a) and (c)

- (a) Two standing *Waterfowls*, right side view, one with spikes on the back, arranged the one above the other (the tails are missing).²⁵⁶⁰
- (b) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a "Saw branch".
- (c) Z-whirl of Headless dogs/lions, right-facing. The animals are crouching.
 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

183 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1826

CMS II.2 no. 154

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop δ

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, blackish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; grooves

SF. 1,00×0,80

Cut freehand; deep, for the most part irregular intaglios; on (a) and (c), tentative, hasty engraving; poor to moderate workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks and angular curves

Good condition

(a) Amphora, without neck. On either side of its lower part, a Wedge. The wedges are arranged in such a way that one has its straight end adjacent to the amphora's base while the other has its pointed end so orientated. The wedges slope diagonally away from each other enclosing the amphora's lower part in a V. With respect to each other, they are arranged in 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their long sides. (b) Whirl, left-facing.

²⁵⁶⁰ For these birds, see Jasink 2009, 141.

²⁵⁵⁹ See also Wedde 2000, 336 no. 826.

(c) 'Beetle'. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

184 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1827

CMS II,2 no. 155

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop δ

Context: MM IIB Steatite, dark grey

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial

edges; no grooves SF. 1,00×0,80

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good

workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks and angular curves

Good condition

- (a) Saltire pommée with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements.2561
- (b) Two Heads of an agrimi, right side view, arranged the one behind the other.²⁵⁶² Between them, a short Wedge.
- (c) Double axe. 2563

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

185 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1828

CMS II.2 no. 156

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop δ Context: MM IIB

Steatite, black

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 0,80×0,70/0,80×0,70/0,70×0,70

Cut freehand: deep intaglios: tentative. hasty engraving; poor to moderate workmanship

Workshop fresh, sharp edges and angular curves

Crack through (a)

(a) Framed Whirl, left-facing, central 'cup

sinking', linear Border.

- (b) Whirl, left-facing.
- (c) 'Beetle'.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

186 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1830

CMS II,2 no. 158

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop δ

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greenish with pink veins

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (almost round)

Convex profile; no grooves, scratches (?) SF. 0,80 pres./0,70 pres./0,80 pres.×0,95

(init. ca. 1,00)

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios;

good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh One profile and more than the half of the seal faces preserved

- (a) Jug, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle. In front of it, a Fragmentary unidentifiable motif IX.
- (b) Two Jugs, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, arranged the one behind the other (from the left one only the front part is preserved). In front of the image and between the lower parts of the vessels, a Wedge.
- (c) Seated Man in profile, right side view, head down, one arm extended in front, bent legs (his feet are missing). His hand touches a Bow with Linear arrow situated in front of him (only the half is preserved). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

187 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1831

CMS II.2 no. 159*

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop δ

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, olive green, at parts dark brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,50×1,05/0,90 pres./0,50 pres.;

SH. 0,25; H. 1,10; BL. 1,50

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident

²⁵⁶¹ For this device, see Jasink 2009, 133.

²⁵⁶² For this device, see Jasink 2009, 133.

²⁵⁶³ For this device, see Jasink 2009, 133.

cut; attentive work; good workmanship Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh (a), the largest part of (b), and small part of (c) preserved

- (a) Two standing/walking *Men in profile*, left side view, arranged the one behind the other. The left one has a bent arm extended in front and up and an open trifurcated hand. In front of the image, an *Amphora*, pinched neck, belly handles. Above it, a *Jug*, left side view, no neck, pointed beak, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the amphora and the men.²⁵⁶⁴
- (b) Three standing/walking *Men in profile*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other.²⁵⁶⁵ In front of them, a curving "*Saw branch*". All men have one arm extended in front and up such that, in the case of the left and middle one it touches the head of the man in front and in the case of the right one it touches the plain side of the branch. (c) Ladder band *Border* (only a small part

(c) Ladder band *Border* (only a small part of it is preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

188 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1832

CMS II,2 no. 160

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop δ

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, yellowish green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial

edges; no grooves SF. 1,10×0,90

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished

Damage to the interfacial edge (b) and (c)

(unengraved), damage also to (b) and (c)

(unengraved), chipping on (a)

- (a) Two standing *Waterfowls*, right side view, spikes on the backs, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides.²⁵⁶⁶
- (b) Two standing/walking *Men in profile*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other. The left one has an arm raised in front towards the head of the other man. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

189 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1834

CMS II,2 no. 162

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop ϵ

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greyish brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,10 pres./0,80 pres./0,70 pres.×0,90 pres. (init. ca. 1,70×1,00)

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; good work-manship

Almost workshop fresh

One profile, the half of (a) and small part of (b) and (c) preserved

- (a) *Bovine*, right side view (only the head and the neck are preserved). In front of its face, a *Hatched D*.
- (b) Head of an 'ox' (only a small part of its right side is preserved). To the right, a "Saw branch".
- (c) S-spiral (?), left-facing (small part of one scroll is preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

190 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1835

CMS II,2 no. 163*

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop ϵ

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, light olive green, at parts light

²⁵⁶⁴ Karnava sees the vessels on this seal face as hieroglyphic signs (Karnava 2000, 25). The motif combination *Jug – Amphora – Men in profile* is seen by Jasink as the possible inscription CHIC signs 053 – 054 – 001 (Jasink 2009, 82, 194).

²⁵⁶⁵ Jasink sees in these motifs the CHIC sign 001 (Jasink 2009, 194).

²⁵⁶⁶ For these birds, see Jasink 2009, 141.

brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; deep grooves only on one profile, on the other scratches (not on the interfacial edges)

SF. 1,60×1,20; SH. 0,30; H. 1,00; BL. 1,75 Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; on (a), rounded contours, graceful motif; on (c), attempt at naturalistic engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Damage to the edge of (b) and (c)

- (a) Crouching 'Goat', right side view, head down. Above its waist, a Papyrus triangle.
- (b) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front. His hand touches the head of a standing *Bovine*, right side view, which is situated in front of him and is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him. In front of the animal, a *Triangle*.
- (c) *Ship*, ²⁵⁶⁷ right side view, an arrowhead-shaped and a bifurcated extremity, oars, short mast, wing-shaped sail, vertically hatched sail and hull.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

191 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1836

CMS II,2 no. 164

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop ε

Context: MM IIB

Sepiolite or related clay mineral (?); greyish white

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1.10×1.00

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Areas of light damage to (b) and (c)

(a) Cross pommée, central 'cup sinking', with 'Papyrus flowers' as angle supplements.

²⁵⁶⁷ See also Wedde 2000, 336 no. 824.

(b) Whirl, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'.

(c) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front. His hand touches a *Bow with Linear arrow* situated in front of him.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

192 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1837

CMS II,2 no. 165

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop ϵ

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, whitish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 0,50 pres.×0,95 pres. (init. ca. 1,25×1,00) Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh

One profile and small part of the seal faces preserved

- (a) S-spiral (?), left-facing (small part of one scroll is preserved).
- (b) *Unidentifiable vessel*. To the right, a *Wedge*.
- (c) Head of an agrimi, right side view (only the horns and a small part of the head are preserved). Behind it, a Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XLV.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

193 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1839

CMS II,2 no. 167

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop ϵ

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, yellowish green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved (?)

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,90×0,80 pres. (init. ca. 1,00)

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks and angular curves

The largest part of (a) and small part of (b) and (c) (unengraved) preserved

- (a) Agrimi standing on its back legs, left side view, head turned back (the front leg is missing).
- (b) Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XVI with two 'Lily flowers' as supplements (?). 2568

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

194 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1841

CMS II,2 no. 169

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop ε

Context: MM IIB Steatite, yellowish

Rectangular seal faces; two unengraved Flat profile; broad interfacial edges; no

grooves SF. 1,10×0,80

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks

Damage to the edges

(a) Two *Unidentifiable quadrupeds*, left side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backs. The motifs are unfinished.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

195 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1842

CMS II,2 no. 170

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop ε

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,20×0,90/1,20×0,80 pres./0,60 pres.×0,80 pres.

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios;

²⁵⁶⁸ Or two 'Arrows' a arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their front sides (only their back parts with the fletching would be preserved)? Between them, a Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XVI.

confident engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks

Part of (b) and (c) missing

- (a) Two *Heads of an agrimi*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other. In front of them, a *Wedge*.
- (b) Cross pommée, central 'cup sinking', with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements.
- (c) Swastika, left-facing, toothed inner sides of the outer arms (only parts of two arms are preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

196 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1843

CMS II,2 no. 171

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop ϵ

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, brown with black veins

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,60×1,00/1,60×1,00/1,50 pres.×0,90 pres.; BL. 1,70

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (a), rounded contours; good workmanship Workshop fresh, file marks

Parts of the seal faces missing

- (a) Seated *Bovine*, left side view (the upper parts of the head and of the hindquarters are missing). In front of it, a 'V-blossom' rotated 135° anticlockwise with reference to the animal.
- (b) Two Jugs, right side view, one with belly handle (?) and the other with mouth handle, arranged the one behind the other (the largest part of the handle of the left vessel is missing). On either side of each vessel, a Wedge (with one, only one end is preserved).
- (c) *Spider*, four legs (only the lower (?) part of the body and two legs are preserved). To the right, standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head up, vertically hatched back, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the spider. To the right of the bird, a vertical

Bar. 2569 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

197 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1844

CMS II,2 no. 172

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop ε

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, whitish yellowish

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. $1,40\times0,70/1,20$ pres. $\times0,70/1,40\times0,70$; BL. 1,50

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Parts of (b) and (c) missing

- (a) Two-armed whirl of 'Papyrus flowers', left-facing, central 'cup sinking'. On either side of it, a "Saw branch". The latter are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their plain sides.
- (b) 'Wheat stalk' (?) (only the stalk remains). To the right, 'Papyrus flower', spiral stem to the right.
- (c) Two Fish, right (?) profile, pointed mouth (?), arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides (the front and back part of one animal are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

198 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1846

CMS II.2 no. 174

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop ε

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greenish with brownish red veins Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

²⁵⁶⁹ For this image, see Jasink 2009, 32, 139.

SF. 1,60×0,90

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks

Light damage to (c)

- (a) Standing Man in profile, right side view, one arm extended in front. His hand touches the lower part of a Fish, pointed mouth (?), situated in front of him and rotated 90° with reference to him such that its head is directed downwards.
- (b) Two Amphorae, pinched neck, mouth handles, arranged the one next to the other. On either side of the lower parts of each vessel, a Wedge.
- (c) Standing Bovine, right side view, head slightly up. Above it, a standing Waterfowl, right side view, head up, vertically hatched back 2570

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

199 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1847

CMS II,2 no. 175

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop n

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greenish grev

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,00×0,90

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

Good condition

- (a) Two Heads of an agrimi, right side view, arranged the one behind the other.
- (b) Z, left-facing, toothed inner sides of the arms, with 'Papyrus flowers' as angle supplements.
- (c) Cross pommée, central 'cup sinking', with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

²⁵⁷⁰ For this bird, see Jasink 2009, 141.

200 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1848

CMS II,2 no. 176

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop η

Context: MM IIB Steatite, white

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces (one is missing)

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,50 pres.×0,70 pres./1,80×0,70 pres. (init. ca. 1,80×1,20)

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; good workmanship Almost workshop fresh

Approximately the half of (a) and (b) preserved

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, open mouth (?) (only half of the animal is preserved).
- (b) Two *Spiders*, each with four legs, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry (?) such that the axis of rotation is located between their sides (only half of the animals are preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

201 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1849

CMS II,2 no. 177

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop η

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, whitish yellowish

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,10 pres.×0,95 pres./0,90 pres.×0,70 pres./1,10 pres.×0,80 pres. (init. ca. 2,00×1,00)

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks

Approximately the half of (a) and (c) and small part of (b) preserved

(a) S-spiral, left-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as shoulder supplements (?) (only

parts of the device are preserved).

- (b) *Ship*, ²⁵⁷¹ right side view, an arrowhead-shaped extremity, three forestays (only the front part is preserved).
- (c) Standing *Bovine*, right side view (the head and one back leg are missing). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

202 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1850

CMS II,2 no. 178

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop η

Context: MM IIB Steatite, whitish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (?) (one is missing) Convex profile (?) (missing); clear and deep grooves on the interfacial edges, also on the profiles (?)

SF. 1,20 pres.×0,70 pres./1,30 pres.×0,55 pres. (init. ca. 1,60×1,25)

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Almost workshop fresh

Less than the half of (a) and (b) preserved (a) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, one bent arm extended in front, bent legs (only part of the motif is preserved). His hand touches the handle of an *Amphora* (?), pinched neck, mouth handles (only its left side is preserved).

(b) *Head of an agrimi*, right side view (only the horns and a small part of the head are preserved). In front of it, an *Unidentifiable vessel* rotated 180° with reference to the head of the animal (only its lower part is preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

203 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1851

CMS II,2 no. 179

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop η Context: MM IIB

Steatite, blackish brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces (one is missing)

²⁵⁷¹ See also Wedde 2000, 336 no. 825.

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. $1,80\times1,15/1,70$ pres. $\times0,50$ pres.

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks

The largest part of (a) and less than the half of (b) preserved

- (a) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, head down, open mouth, one bent arm extended in front, bent legs. His hand touches the left handle of an *Amphora*, pinched neck, mouth handles, situated in front of him (only the half upper part is preserved). On either side of the amphora, a *Wedge* (these are only partly preserved).
- (b) *Dog/lion*, right side view, open mouth (?), vertically hatched neck (only the lower part of the animal is preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

204 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1852

CMS II,2 no. 180

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop η

Context: MM IIB
Steatite, light brown

Flat round seal faces; one unengraved Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial

edges; no grooves SF. 0,80×0,80

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (b), unfortunate execution; poor to moderate workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished

Good condition

- (a) "Saw branch" (?). Three Unidentifiable motifs VIII.
- (b) Four-armed whirl of 'Beaked' busts (?), left-facing, central 'cup sinking'.
 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

205 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1853

CMS II,2 no. 181

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop η Context: MM IIB Steatite, greyish black Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1.00×0.90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving, rounded contours; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship Workshop fresh, file marks

Good condition

- (a) Saltire with Js as angle supplements. The Js are left-facing. From the combination, a supplementation Whirl Saltire is created.
- (b) *Swastika*, left-facing, rounded joints, edges of the outer arms turning outwards. Near three joints, three *Wedges*.
- (c) S, left-facing, edges of the outer arms turning outwards, with two Js as body supplements.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

206 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1854

CMS II,2 no. 182

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop η

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greyish black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile: c

Somewhat convex profile; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and intermittent on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,20×1,10

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks, sharp stringhole edges

Considerable damage to (c), lighter to the edge of (a)

- (a) Two standing *Men in profile*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other.
- (b) Two Amphorae, no neck, each with a Bar as edge supplement, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their sides.
- (c) *Crab* (part of it is missing). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

207 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1855

CMS II,2 no. 183

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop η

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greenish with black veins

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad slightly rounded interfacial edges; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,50×0,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Workshop fresh, file marks

Damage to (c), light chipping on (a) and (b)

- (a) Seated Waterfowl, left side view, crest
- (?).2572 In front of it, a 'Wheat stalk'.
- (b) Z-whirl of 'Wheat stalks', left-facing.
- (c) S-spiral, right-facing, thick stem toothed on both sides

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

208 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1856

CMS II,2 no. 184

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Workshop n

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, blackish green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,10×0,70

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b) and

(c), somewhat tentative engraving; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks

Good condition

- (a) Seated *Waterfowl*, left side view.²⁵⁷³ In front of it, a 'Wheat stalk'.²⁵⁷⁴
- (b) S-spiral, right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as curve supplements.
- (c) 'Beetle'.

 2572 For this bird, see Jasink 2009, 141.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

209 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1858

CMS II,2 no. 186

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Workshop η

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greyish brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces (?)

(two are missing)

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves around the

seal faces SF. 1,20 pres.×0,80 pres. (init. ca. 2,00

 $(?)\times1,00)$

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-

manship

Workshop fresh, file marks

Part of (a) preserved

(a) S-spiral (?), left-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as shoulder supplements (?) (half the spiral and one flower are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

210 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1859

CMS II,2 no. 187

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop (found after the excavation)

Steatite, yellowish with black veins

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,00×0,60

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b), somewhat tentative engraving; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks and angular curves

Good condition

(a) Two 'Arrows' a arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their front sides. Between them, a *Wedge*. The heads of the arrows abut the sides of the wedge. ²⁵⁷⁵

(b) S-spiral, right-facing, with 'Papyrus

²⁵⁷³ For this bird, see Jasink 2009, 141.

²⁵⁷⁴ For the images on the three sides of this seal, see Jasink 2009, 32, 139.

²⁵⁷⁵ For this image and the possible use of these devices as ideograms, see Jasink 2009, 130, 135.

flowers' as curve supplements.²⁵⁷⁶ Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

211 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1861

CMS II,2 no. 188

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop (found after the excavation)

Steatite, greyish black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; two unengraved (?) Convex profile; no grooves; on one, no stringhole (?)

SF. 1,40×1,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; poor work-manship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, unfinished stringhole channel

(a), the half of (b) (unengraved), and small part of (c) (unengraved) preserved

(a) Random hatching.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

212 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1862

CMS II,2 no. 189

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop (found after the excavation)

Steatite, light brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 0,50 pres.×0,80 pres./0,70 pres.×0,80 pres./0,70 pres.×0,55 pres. (init. ca. 1,30 (?)×0,90)

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship Moderately abraded

One profile and small part of the seal faces preserved

- (a) *Spider*, four legs (only one side of the animal is preserved).
- (b) Fragmentary unidentifiable device I.
- (c) Fragmentary unidentifiable device XVII.
 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

213 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1884 CMS II,2 no. 231

'Crete/Malia, Achladias' (handed over in

²⁵⁷⁶ For the possible use of this device as an ideogram, see Jasink 2009, 135.

1957)

Steatite, olive green

Flat seal faces, one compressed round, two compressed ellipsoidal

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,30×1,40/1,20×1,30/1,30×1,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; clear engraving; attentive work; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

(a) 'Crawling boar'.

- (b) Head of a 'dog/lion with hook' and Head of a dog/lion with leg, left side view, open mouth, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides.
- (c) Two sets of three parallel *Ripples* (?) each. Between the sets, an *S* (?), left-facing, with Js as body supplements (?). One edge of the S turns outwards and develops into a J-shape. Apart from the two body supplements of the stem, two parallel Js also supplement the J-shaped extension of one edge.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

214 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S1944

CMS II,2 no. 265

'Crete/Milatos, Sta Nisa' (handed over in 1959)

Steatite, olive green

worn away

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; no grooves

SF. 1,50×0,95/0,95/0,90 pres.; BL. 1,60 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b), uncomplicated image; good workmanship Moderately abraded, motifs on (a) partly

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth, one arm extended in front, knees bent up as if sitting on the ground. In front of him, a short vertical *Line* (?).
- (b) Head of a 'ram', horns curving inwards.
- (c) Two Paisleys, spiral stem to the left,

arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their concave sides. 2577 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

215 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2048

CMS II,2 no. 295

(Confiscated in 1960)

Steatite, dark olive green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile

SF. 1,30×1,00

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (c), somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Whirl of 'Beaked' busts, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'.
- (b) Cross pommée, central 'cup sinking', with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements. The cross pommée is laid out diagonally on the seal face such that it describes a saltire.
- (c) Saltire. Four Spiked blobs as anglefilling.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

216 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2069²⁵⁷⁸

Pl. 128

Crete/Apesokari, Tholos B

Chlorite, black with green dots

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal (almost round)

Somewhat convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; no grooves

SF. 1,10×1,15/1,10/1,05;

SH. 0,25; H. 1,10×1,00; BL. 1,20

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep, rounded intaglios; uncomplicated work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded Areas of light damage

- (a) Cross of 'Lily flowers'. The device is laid out diagonally with regard to the axis of the seal.
- (b) *Unidentifiable motif XV*.
- (c) Three Centred-lunettes arranged with regard to 120° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backs. Between the edges of two of them, a Blob.

Mesara Chlorite Prism

217 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2072²⁵⁷⁹

Pl. 128

Crete/Apesokari, Tholos B Chlorite, black with green dots

Flat round seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces, seal faces strongly set off from the body of the prism; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre SF. 1,10×1,10/1,10×1,10/1,20×1,20;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,30; BL. 1,25

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving, good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

Damage to the edge of (a)

- (a) 'Fern branch'.
- (b) Scorpion, tail to the right.
- (c) Standing Agrimi, right side view. Mesara Chlorite Prism
- 218 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2208 Daux 1965, 1000-1001 fig. 32580

Pl. 128

Crete/Malia, Quartier Ε, House Εβ²⁵⁸¹ (1964)

Context: MM II

²⁵⁷⁷ The two spikes which issue from the back of one scroll are rather accidental.

²⁵⁷⁸ Unpublished, courtesy of Kostis Davaras. I wish to thank Kostis Davaras for the permission to include the piece in my study.

²⁵⁷⁹ See footnote 2578.

²⁵⁸⁰ Unpublished, excavated by Tony Hackens. I wish to thank Dominique Mulliez of the French Archaeological School at Athens, Jean-Claude Poursat, and Olivier Pelon for the permission to include the piece in my study.

²⁵⁸¹ I wish to thank Jean-Claude Poursat for providing me with the information of the exact finding place of the piece.

Steatite, greenish brown Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and on the largest part of the interfacial edges

SF. 1,30×1,05; SH. 0,30; H. 0,95

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving, on (b) and (c), rounded contours, on (c), somewhat rounded intaglio; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated Man in profile, left side view, one arm extended in front. His hand touches a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' which is situated in front of him and is rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him.
- (b) *Head of a 'ram'*, inwards curving horns, long ears.
- (c) S-whirl of Protomes of a bovine, right-facing. The heads of the animals are directed upwards and their front legs backwards.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

Pelon 1984, 881, 884, 885 fig. 7
Crete/Malia, Palace, Room ε: MM II (1964)
Steatite, ochreish brown to dark brown
Flat ellipsoidal seal faces
Somewhat convex profile; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces
SF. 1,80×1,35; SH. 0,35; H. 1,30
Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a), hollow 'cup sinkings'; attentive work; good workmanship
Workshop fresh

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth. His front hand touches a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' which is situated in front of him and is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him. Under the feet of the man, a *Wedge*.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back, open mouth. In front of it, a *Spider*, four legs, rotated 180° with

reference to the quadruped. Above the latter's head, a *Papyrus triangle*.

(c) Standing 'Sheep', right side view. In front of it, an Amphora, pinched neck, belly handles. Above the amphora, a standing Waterfowl, right side view, toothed back. The feet of the bird abut the muzzle of the quadruped.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

220 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2292

CMS II,2 no. 190

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, found in 1965

Context: MM IIB (?)

Steatite, greenish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; no grooves

SF. 0,80 pres.×1,00/0,70 pres.×0,90 pres./0,60 pres.×0,80 pres. (init. ca. 1,40×1,00)

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship Workshop fresh, fine file marks on (c)

One profile and small part of the seal faces preserved

- (a) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, head down, one arm extended in front and up (the lower part of the legs of the figure is missing). His hand touches the handle of an *Amphora* (?), pinched neck (?), mouth handles (?), which is situated in front of him (only one handle is preserved).
- (b) *Head of a 'ram'*, inwards curving horns, long hanging ears (only the left horn and part of the left ear are preserved).
- (c) Two *Blobs* (from one only the half is preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

221 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2317

van Effenterre – van Effenterre 1969, 59 Prisme de stéatite

Crete/Malia, Agora, Magazine 6, Surface find²⁵⁸²

Steatite, brownish olive green

²⁵⁸² van Effenterre – van Effenterre 1969, 59.

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces; two unengraved

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,85×1,00; H. 0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; intaglio partly somewhat rounded; good workmanship Moderately abraded, small parts of the motif on (a) worn away (?)

Damage to one stringhole

(a) S-spiral, right-facing, with Trefoils as edge supplements and Unidentifiable flowers as shoulder supplements (?) (from the flowers, only the stalk of one and the base of the stalk of the other are preserved).²⁵⁸³

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

222 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2391

Detournay – Poursat – Vandenabeele 1980, 159–160 no. 230

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, House B, Sector IV 4d, destruction layer

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, ochre to ochreish brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; no grooves

SF. 1,65×1,05; SH. 0,30; H. 0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh, file marks

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Amphora*, pinched neck, belly handles. On either side of its body, a *Bar*.
- (b) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, head down, one slightly bent arm extended in front, bent legs. His hand touches the face of the *Head of an agrimi*, right side view, which is situated in front of him and rotated 180° with reference to him.
- (c) Seated *Bovine*, right side view. In front of it, a "Saw branch".

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

Context: MM IIB
Steatite, light olive brown to dark brown

223 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2423

160-161 no. 231

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

Detournay – Poursat – Vandenabeele 1980,

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, House A, Sector

III 11 – northeastern part, destruction layer

SF. 1,30×0,85/0,90/0,90

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (c), somewhat rounded intaglio; on (b), somewhat hasty engraving; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded Areas of light damage

- (a) Head of an agrimi, right side view. A Profile head of a ruminant (?), right side view, seems to be attached to the larger animal's beard. The two heads are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backsides.
- (b) Head of a 'ram', inwards curving horns.
- (c) 'Papyrus flower' with spray, bent stem to the right.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

224 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2424

Detournay – Poursat – Vandenabeele 1980, 161 no. 232

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, House A, Sector III 12 eastern part, destruction layer

Context: MM IIB

Steatite (?) (stone resembling steatite, yet somewhat harder); light greyish beige, at parts dark greyish brown to brownish black; burnt (?)

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,70×1,10

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Almost workshop fresh, sharp edges

Areas of light damage, put together in modern times

(a) Standing *Bovine*, right side view. Above

²⁵⁸³ If these are not accidental scratches.

its back, a horizontal "Saw branch". In front of its chest, a short horizontal Line.

- (b) Two standing *Waterfowls*, right side view, heads turned back, spikes on the back, arranged with regard to 90° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between the undersides of their necks.
- (c) *Scorpion* (?), tail to the right. Next to it, an *'Arrow' b* rotated 45° anticlockwise with reference to the scorpion.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

225 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2427

Detournay – Poursat – Vandenabeele 1980, 161 no. 233

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Square F 2, stray find

Steatite, greyish and olive greenish beige, at parts ochreish beige

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (one is missing) Convex profile

SF. $1,60 \times 1,20/1,10$ pres. $\times 0,60$ pres.

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a), thin cut; on (b), deep compact drillings; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

The largest part of (a) and small part of (b) preserved, scratch marks on (a)

- (a) Whirl of 'Fir branches', left-facing.
- (b) Whirl of 'Beaked' busts, left-facing, central 'cup sinking' (only four heads and part of the central 'cup sinking' are preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

226 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2457

Detournay – Poursat – Vandenabeele 1980, 161, 166 no. 234

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, House A, Sector I 19 southeast corner, destruction layer

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, brownish black

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,60×0,90; SH. 0,25; H. 0,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving, attention to details; on (b), attempt at naturalistic rendering; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship Somewhat abraded, tool marks on the profiles, almost sharp stringhole edges Damage to the interfacial edges, light damage also to the seal faces

- (a) *Scorpion*, tail to the right, horizontally hatched body.
- (b) S-whirl of Leaves with stalk, left-facing, Grain ellipse as centre. The ellipse is horizontally hatched and the leaves show fishbone venation.
- (c) S-spiral, left-facing, with Leaves with stalk as shoulder supplements. Through the combination is created a supplementation Two-armed whirl. This has Parallels as body supplements.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

227 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2461

Detournay – Poursat – Vandenabeele 1980, 166 no. 235

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Haus A, Sector III 3, excavation dump

Steatite, whitish beige, at parts greyish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,60×1,40; SH. 0,30; H. 1,20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded, one stringhole widened from the action of the string

Areas of light damage

- (a) Two standing *Men in profile*, open mouth, two arms extended in front, the one up and the other down, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their fronts. Their hands touch the handles of three 'Ball amphorae', pinched neck (?), belly handles (?), which are situated between them and are arranged the one on the other. Under the arms of the left man, an *Unidentifiable motif XXXII*.
- (b) Four standing Waterfowls, right side

view, spikes on the back, arranged in 90° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides. (c) Two *Amphorae*, pinched neck, belly handles, arranged the one next to the other. Between their lower parts, a *Fish*, rotated 90° with reference to them such that its head faces up. Around the image, a ladder band *Border*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

228 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2462

CMS II,2 no. 191

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, found in 1971

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greenish, at parts white and grey

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,30 pres.×1,00/1,50×1,00/1,20 pres.×0,90 pres. Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks

One third of the seal faces is missing

- (a) Head of an 'ox' (the right part is missing). To its left, a "Saw branch".
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, open mouth (part of the motif is missing).
- (c) Seated *Bovine*, left side view (the upper part of the body and the head are missing). In front of it, a "Saw branch" (only its lower part is preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

229 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2463

CMS II.2 no. 192

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, found in 1971

Context: MM IIB Steatite, greyish white Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. $1,40\times1,00$ pres./1,30 pres.×0,50 pres.

(init. ca. 1,40×1,10); BL. 1,50

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Considerably abraded, weathered (?)

The largest part of (a) and small part of (b) and (c) preserved

- (a) Two *Jugs*, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, arranged the one behind the other (the base of one is missing). On either side of the image, ²⁵⁸⁴ a *Wedge*.
- (b) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, right side view (only the back part of the figure is preserved).
- (c) Two Blobs.2585

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

230 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2464

CMS II,2 no. 193

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, found in 1971

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greenish, at parts white and grey Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces (one is missing)

Convex (?) profile (missing)

SF. 1,00 pres.×0,50 pres. (init. ca. 1,60×1,00) Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks

Small part of (a) and (b) preserved

- (a) *Unindentifiable vessel* (only the lower part of the body is preserved). On either side of it, a *Wedge* (only the lower parts are preserved).
- (b) Seated *Bovine* (?), left side view, (only the back part of the head (?), ears (?), and the back part of the body are preserved). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

231 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2466

CMS II.2 no. 194

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, found in 1971

Context: MM IIB

²⁵⁸⁴ And initially also between the vessels?

²⁵⁸⁵ According to the CMS. The present author has not seen the third side of this piece.

Steatite, greyish white

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces (one is missing)

Convex (?) profile (missing); clear and deep grooves on the interfacial edges, also on the profiles (?)

SF. 1,00 pres.×0,65 pres./0,95 pres.×0,45 pres. (init. ca. 2,00×1,00)

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Almost workshop fresh

Fragment, a small part of (a) and (b) preserved

- (a) Standing *Bovine*, right side view (the front parts of the head and the body are missing).
- (b) *Ship*, ²⁵⁸⁶ mast, forestays, backstays (the largest part of the motif is missing). To the right, a *Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XLVII*

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

232 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2467

CMS II,2 no. 195

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, found in 1971

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, yellowish green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 0,90 pres.×0,95 pres./0,90 pres./1,00 (init. ca. 1,90×1,00)

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, fine file marks

One profile and less than the half of the seal faces preserved

- (a) Standing (?) Man in profile (?) (only the head and the upper part of the arms and the chest are preserved).
- (b) Agrimi (?) standing in the back legs, right side view (only the back legs and the tail are preserved). In front of it, a

Fragmentary unidentifiable motif X.

(c) *Ship*,²⁵⁸⁷ right (?) side view, arrowhead-shaped extremity, mast, two forestays (?), vertically hatched hull (large part of the motif is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

233 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2468

CMS II,2 no. 196

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, found in 1971

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greenish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved (?) Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,10×0,80/1,00 pres.×0,70 pres.

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; rather tentative, hasty engraving; moderate to good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks and angular curves

Small part of (a) and approximately the half of (b) and (c) (unengraved) missing

- (a) Two *Heads of an agrimi*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other.
- (b) Two *Whirls*, left-facing, arranged the one next to the other (from one, only a small part of the arms is preserved). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

234 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2469

CMS II,2 no. 197

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, found in 1971

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, brownish green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces (?); on one, minor engraving

Convex profile (?) (missing)

SF. 0,90 pres.×0,90/0,90 pres.×0,90/0,70 pres.×0,90 (init. ca. 1,70)

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, fine file marks Small part of the seal faces preserved

(a) Standing Man in profile (?), left (?) side

²⁵⁸⁶ See also Wedde 2000, 336 no. 827.

²⁵⁸⁷ See also Wedde 2000, 335 no. 820.

view, bifurcated outwards directed hands (the head, the upper part of the body, and the feet are missing).

- (b) Z, left-facing, with "Saw branches" as edge supplements. From the combination is created a supplementation Meander Z. To this are added Spike rows as shoulder supplements. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.
- (c) *Line/Bar* (the ends are missing). The largest part of the seal face is unengraved. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

235 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2471

CMS II,2 no. 198

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, found in 1971

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; on one, minor engraving

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,50×1,20/1,10 pres./1,10 pres.

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks

Approximately one third of the seal faces missing

- (a) Two *Spiders*, four legs, arranged the one next to the other (from one parts are missing). Between them, a "*Column*" (one end is missing).
- (b) Three standing/walking *Men in profile*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other (the feet of two of them and one of the third are missing).
- (c) Minute remains of an unidentifiable device.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

236 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2522

Poursat 1996, 104

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, stray find

Steatite, brownish black, at parts beige and dark brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,25×0,80; SH. 0,25; H. 0,70

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks

On both motifs on (c), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Seated *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back and up, open mouth.
- (b) Standing Man in profile, right side view.
- (c) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head up. Above its back, a *'Lame' chevron*, thin spikes projecting from the edges, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the bird.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

237 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2523

Poursat 1996, 104

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, stray find

Steatite, dark brownish black, at parts ochreish grey

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; not particularly deep grooves on the profiles and on the largest part of the interfacial edges

SF. 1,05×0,95; SH. 0,25; H. 0,90

Cut freehand; deep, somewhat rounded intaglios; on (a), somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship

Almost workshop fresh, file marks, angular curves

One corner of (b) and (c) missing, crack through (a)

- (a) *Rosette*, twelve thin petals, large central 'cup sinking'. The petals have a latent left-facing direction.
- (b) *Quatrefoil with Lines as angle supplements*. The device is laid out diagonally on the seal face such that it describes a saltire.
- (c) Two *Heads of an agrimi*, right side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their fronts (the back horn

of one of the heads is missing). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

238 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2564²⁵⁸⁸ *Pl. 128*

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, House A, Sector I 14 (1974)

Steatite, caramel brown, at parts darker Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; two unengraved Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,40×0,90 pres./0,90 pres./1,30;

SH. 0,25; H. 1,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; workmanship cannot be estimated

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, sharp edges

The half of (a) and (b) (unengraved) missing

(a) Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XIX. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

239 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2646 Poursat 1996, 104

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, near the Seal Cutter's Workshop, Square Z 11, stray find Steatite, greenish ochre

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces; two unengraved (?)

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; no grooves SF. 1,70×0,90; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, sharp edges

Small part of (a) and approximately one third of (b) (unengraved) and (c) (unengraved) missing

(a) Ship,2589 right side view, one arrowhead-

²⁵⁸⁸ Unpublished, courtesy of Jean-Claude Poursat. I wish to thank Jean-Claude Poursat for the permission to include the piece in my study and for the provision of the information regarding the exact finding place of the seal.

shaped and one bifurcated extremity, oars, mast, three forestays and three backstays. On either side of the stays, a *Chevron*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

240 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2647 Poursat 1996, 104

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, near the Seal Cutter's Workshop, Berm Z/A 12, stray find

Steatite, ochreish olive green

grooves

Flat round seal faces; two unengraved Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no

SF. 1,05×1,00 pres. (init. ca. 1,05); SH. 0,30 Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, sharp edges

Approximately one third of (a) and (b) (unengraved) missing

(a) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' (one end is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

241 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2648 Poursat 1996, 104

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, near the Seal Cutter's Workshop, Square Z 12, stray find Steatite, transclucid ochreish honey coloured Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces; two unengraved (?)

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,00 pres.×0,85 (init. ca. 1,50); SH. 0,30 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, sharp edges

One profile, approximately the half of (a) and small part of (b) (unengraved) and (c) (unengraved) preserved

(a) Z, left-facing, inner sides of the arms toothed (one arm is missing). To the right, a *Hatched D*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

²⁵⁸⁹ See also Wedde 2000, 338 no. 844.

242 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2649 Poursat 1996, 104

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, near the Seal Cutter's Workshop, Square Z 12, stray find Steatite, greenish ochre

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; two unengraved (on one of them, a drilling that possibly caused the piece to break)

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,45×0,85; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; workmanship cannot be estimated

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, sharp edges

Approximately the half of (b) (unengraved) and (c) (unengraved) missing

(a) *Unidentifiable quadruped* (?), right (?) side view (only the torso is depicted). The motif is unfinished.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

243 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2650 Poursat 1996, 104

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, near the Seal Cutter's Workshop, Square Z 11, stray find Steatite, greenish ochre

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved (?)

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 0,70 pres./0,60 pres.×0,80 (init. ca. 1,30); SH. 0,20; H. 0,75

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, sharp edges

One profile and less than the half of the seal faces preserved

- (a) Seated (?) Waterfowl, left side view (only the head, the neck, and edge of the foot are preserved). In front of it, a 'Wheat stalk'.
- (b) Z, left-facing, inner sides of the arms toothed (its largest part is missing). To the left, a *Two-armed whirl*, central 'cup sinking'.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

244 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2651 Poursat 1996, 104

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, near the Seal Cutter's Workshop, Square Z 11, stray find Steatite, ochreish brown to ochre

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; deep grooves on the largest part of the profiles and the interfacial edges SF. 0,90 pres.×0,80 (init. ca. 1,40); SH. 0,25; H. 0,75

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh One profile and less than the half of the seal faces preserved

- (a) *Head of an 'ox'* (?) (only small part of it preserved). Above it, a *Hatched D*.
- (b) Two *Hatched Ds*, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their straight sides (from one only the straight side and small part of the hatching are preserved).
- (c) 'Papyrus flower', stem to the right (the lower part of the stem is missing).
 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

245 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2652 Poursat 1996, 104

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, near the Seal Cutter's Workshop, Square Z 11, stray find Steatite, ochreish olive green

Flat round seal faces; two unengraved Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 0,90×0,90; SH. 0,25; H. 0,85

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, sharp edges

Damage to (a) and (b) (unengraved) and to the interfacial edge (a)–(b) (unengraved)

(a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, no muzzle. The motif is unfinished.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

246 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2654 Poursat 1996, 104

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, near the Seal

Cutter's Workshop, Berm Z/A 12/13, stray find

Steatite, brownish beige, at parts milky white

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,35 pres.×1,00/1,30 pres.×0,60 pres./1,30 pres.×0,90 pres. (init. ca. 2,10 (?)×1,00); SH. 0,25; H. 0,70 pres.

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; good work-manship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh The half of one profile and of (a), and less than the half of (b) and (c) preserved

- (a) 'Pole'slung with 'String vessels' (approximately the half is preserved). Above it, a horizontal 'Fir branch', thick stem, sparse and very short teeth (one end is missing).
- (b) Fish (?) (only the central part of the body and one fin are preserved). Next to it, a Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXIX.
- (c) *Pig/boar* (?) (only the legs are preserved). To the left, a *Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XV*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

247 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2655

Poursat 1996, 104

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, near the Seal Cutter's Workshop, Square A 12

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, ochreish olive green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces (?); one unengraved (?)

Convex profile (?) (missing); broad interfacial edges; no grooves (on the interfacial edges)

SF. 0,90 pres./1,10 pres.×1,10 (init. ca. 1,70) Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, sharp edges

The half of the seal faces preserved (a) Seated *Bovine*, left side view (the muzzle and the back part of the hindquarters are missing).

(b) *Meander Z*, left-facing, the inner sides of the arms toothed (only part of it is preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

248 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2656

Poursat 1996, 105

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, Sector IX 5

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, greenish ochre

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved (?) Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,35 pres.×1,05/1,30 pres.×0,40 pres. (init. ca. 1,40×1,05); SH. 0,25; H. 0,45 pres. Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, sharp edges, double stringhole channel (?) Small part of one profile, the largest part of (a) and a small part of (b) and (c) (unengraved) preserved

- (a) Seated *Bovine*, left side view, head up (the front part of the muzzle is missing). In front of it, a "Saw branch". The front hoof of the animal is mistakenly rendered with the front side issuing from the back side of the leg.
- (b) *Spider*, four-legs (only a small part of the body and two legs are preserved). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

249 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2663

Poursat 1996, 105

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Potter's Workshop, Sector VIII 3, stray find

Steatite, whitish beige, at parts light grey and greyish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,60×1,05; SH. 0,25; H. 0,95; BL. 1,65 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving, on (b), rounded contours; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh,

stringholes widened from the action of the string (?)

On (a) and (c), cracks; one corner affixed in modern times

- (a) Seated *Pig/boar*, right side view, head down, spikes on the back.
- (b) Head of an 'ox'. On either side of its face, a 'V-blossom'. With respect to each other, the blossoms are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, such that the line of symmetry is located between one side of their bases.
- (c) Swastika, left-facing, toothed inner sides of the outer arms.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

250 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2664 Poursat 1996, 105

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, near the House B, Square W 8, stray find

Steatite, greenish dark ochre

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved (?) Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,70×0,90/0,60 pres.; SH. 0,25;

H. 0,65 pres.

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty engraving; good work-manship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, sharp edges, angular curves, unfinished stringhole channel

Parts of the profiles, the largest part of (a), approximately the half of (b), and a small part of (c) (unengraved) preserved; fissure through (a) and (b), put together in modern times

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, head turned back, open mouth (?), the back hand turning to the left. His hand touches the shaft of a *Spear* that is situated behind him, head up.
- (b) *Dog/lion* (?), left side view, no muzzle (the lower part of the motif is missing). The motif is unfinished.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

251 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2750

Poursat 1996, 105

Context: MM IIB

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's

Workshop, Sector IX 6

Steatite, beige

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,40/1,20 pres.×0,60 pres. (init. ca. 1,40×1,00); SH. 0,25; H. 0,50 pres.

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Small part of the profiles, more than the half of (a) and less than the half of (b) preserved

- (a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a *Saltire*, a "*Trowel*", and an '*Arrow*' b arranged the one next to the other (CHIC signs X, 044, 049) (the upper parts of the motifs are missing). On either side of the shaft of the arrow, a *Blob*.²⁵⁹⁰
- (b) *Hatched D* (approximately the half is preserved). Next to it, a *Spider*, four legs (only a small part of the body and two legs are preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

252 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2844²⁵⁹¹ *Pl. 128*

Crete/Moni Odigitria, Tholos B, Rectangular Building, Room c²⁵⁹²

Context: EM III-MM IA, upper layer

Paste (?); whitish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces, seal faces clearly set off; one

 $^{^{2590}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 235 $\alpha.$

²⁵⁹¹ Unpublished, courtesy of Antonis Vasilakis. I wish to thank Antonis Vasilakis for the permission to include the piece in my study and for the provision of the relevant part of the publication of the Moni Odigitria tombs.

²⁵⁹² Sbonias 2010, 203 no. S17.

stringhole somewhat offset from the centre, sitting on one groove

SF. 1,70×1,30/1,90×1,30 pres./2,00×1,30 pres. (init. ca. 1,50); SH. 0,40/0,55; H. 1,30; BL. 2.05

Filed, drilled; deep, smooth intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

Parts of (b) and (c) missing, broad frissures in different directions on all seal faces and on the profiles, put together from many pieces in modern times, missing parts filled with wax

- (a) *Double Line comb*, left-facing. On either side of it, a *Centred-circle*.
- (b) Two *Line combs*, left-facing, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their plain sides (the largest part of one of them is missing). Between them, a *Row of Blobs* (only parts of it are preserved). On the other side of one, a *Blob*; and of the other, a *Centred-circle*.
- (c) *Cross*. Two *Blobs* and two *Centred-circles* as angle-filling (only parts of the devices are preserved).

Central Crete Ornamental Prism

253 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S3019 Poursat 1996, 105

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, near the Potter's and the Metalsmith's Workshop, Berm C/D 10

Context: MM IIB

Steatite, olive green to greenish ochre Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,85×0,80; SH. 0,30; H. 1,00

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks Parts of (b) and (c) (unengraved) missing (a) Seated *Bovine*, left side view. In front of it, a *Papyrus triangle* rotated 135° anticlockwise with reference to the animal.

(b) Meander Z, left-facing, toothed inner

sides of the arms (one arm is missing) Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

254 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S3020 Poursat 1996, 105

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Potter's Workshop, Sector VIII A, excavation dump Steatite, olive green

Flat elongated angular ellipsoidal seal faces; two unengraved

Somewhat convex profile, projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,35×0,60; SH. 0,25; H. 0,80; BL. 1,40; BW. 0,80

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, sharp edges

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b) (unengraved) and also to (a) and (b) (unengraved)

(a) Standing *Man in profile*, right (?) side view. The motif is unfinished.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

255 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S3021 Poursat 1996, 105²⁵⁹³

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, excavation dump

Steatite, black

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad slightly rounded interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 0,80 pres.×0,80 pres./0,85 pres.×0,95/0,45 pres.×0,30 pres. (init. ca. 1,60×0,95); SH. 0,25; H. 0,75 pres.

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Part of one profile, the half of (b), a small part of (a), and a minor part of (c) preserved (a) *Fragmentary unidentifiable motif V*.

(b) Two "Bulb branches", one with one toothed side, the other with two toothed

²⁵⁹³ In Poursat 1996, the piece has been published with wrong inventory number (3022).

sides, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their sides. (c) *Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXXIV*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

256 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S3022

Poursat 1996, 105*2594

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Potter's Workshop, Sector VIII 5, on the eastern wall

Context: MM IIB

Gable-shaped

Steatite, light ochreish green with dark olive green veins

Flat seal faces, one ellipsoidal (almost round), two round

Somewhat convex profile; two interfacial edges (a)–(b) and (a)–(c) broader than the third (b)–(c); no grooves

SF. 1,35×1,35/1,15×1,10/1,15×1,15;

SH. 0,20; H. 0,90×1,10

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Whirl (?), left-facing.
- (b) Z-whirl, left-facing, the ends of the central bar projecting further than the joints.
- (c) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

257 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S3023

Poursat 1996, 105*

Crete/Malia, Quartier Mu, Seal Cutter's Workshop, excavation dump

Steatite, light ochreish brown

Rectangular seal faces; one unengraved Flat profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,05×0,70; SH. 0,30; H. 0,70; BL. 1,05; BW. 0,75

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, sharp edges

Considerable damage to (c) (unengraved) and consequent break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Three *Heads of an agrimi*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, open mouth, protruding tongue.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

258 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S3499

Dimopoulou 2000, 34 no. 18

Crete/Poros Katsampas, Settlement, Sanoudakis plot, 'Building with frescoes'

Context: MM IIIB-LM IA (early LM IA)²⁵⁹⁵

Paste (?); unclear yellowish beige; in the intaglios, possible remains of a greenish brownish glaze

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces, seal faces clearly set off; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre SF. 1,60×1,10/1,60×1,10/1,50×1,05;

SH. 0,25; H. 1,15; BL. 1,70

Filed, drilled; deep, smooth intaglios; very good workmanship

Workshop fresh, sharp stringhole edges Areas of light damage, lacquered in modern times

- (a) *Cross*, central 'cup sinking'. Two sets of *Parallels* as filling of two angles, a *Centred-circle* and a *Bar* as filling of each of the remaining two angles. The motifs abut each other.
- (b) *Double Line comb*, left-facing. On either side of it, a *Blob*.
- (c) *Line comb*, left facing. Above it, a *Row of Centred-circles and a Blob*.

Central Crete Ornamental Prism

259 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S3505Dimopoulou 2000, 34 no. 20Crete/Poros Katsampas, Settlement, Sa-

²⁵⁹⁴ In Poursat 1996, the piece has been published with wrong inventory number (3021).

²⁵⁹⁵ Dimopoulou 2000, 34.

noudakis plot Context: MM II

Steatite, dark olive green to olive greenish

black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces, seal faces clearly set off

SF. 1,60×1,20; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,75

Filed, drilled; deep, smooth intaglios; very good workmanship

Workshop fresh

Areas of light damage

- (a) Pair of double Centred-circles. Around it, Radial hatching, left-facing.
- (b) Grid.
- (c) Pair of double Centred-circles. Above and under it, a Bar.

Central Crete Ornamental Prism

260 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., 3364²⁵⁹⁶

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Crete/Smari, Trouli, Complex A, Room 2 (1985)

Context: MM II

Steatite, ochreish beige, at parts dark olive brown

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces (one almost round)

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,15×1,20/1,10×1,45/1,10×1,30;

SH. 0,25

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks, sharp stringhole edges

Considerable damage to one corner of (a) and (b)

(a) Head of a 'ram', inwards curving horns, toothed on their outer side (the upper side of the right horn is missing). Under it, a horizontal Wedge.

²⁵⁹⁶ Unpublished, courtesy of Despoina Vallianou. I wish to thank Despoina Vallianou for the permission to include the piece in my study.

- (b) Abstract Z-whirl pattern (one edge is missing).
- (c) 'Boar with π -legs', horizontally hatched body, spikes on the back.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

261 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3000 CMS III no. 173

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, black, in the intaglios milky Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,50×1,25/1,30/1,25; SH. 0,30; H. 1,15×1,05

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; rather tentative engraving; somewhat hasty work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded, few tool marks, inside the stringhole, a 'wall' with minute hole

Areas of light damage

- (a) Two groups of motifs: The first consists of two adjacent *Amphorae*, pinched neck, mouth handles; and one *Jug*, right side view, without neck, pointed beak. The second of three small '*Ball amphorae*', without neck, arranged the one next to the other and rotated 180° with reference to the other group. Around the first group, a *Border band*, parly configured as a ladder band.
- (b) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view. Behind him, two adjacent *Spiders*, a four-legged and a three-legged one, and a *'Spider'b*, rotated 90° with reference to the man.
- (c) 'Man with semicircular body', right side view, open mouth, no arms, seated on a Stool. In front of him, a "\(\Gamma\)-bar" slung with 'String vessels' rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

262 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3001 CMS III no. 200

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, black, in one area brown Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,35×0,95; SH. 0,30; H. 0,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a), somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, faint tool marks

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Scorpion*, tail ending in an arrowhead-shape, directed to the left.
- (b) Lily with 'base' a.
- (c) Standing *Waterfowl*, left side view, vertically hatched body. In front of it, a 'Centipede branch'.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

263 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3005 CMS III no. 171

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, greyish olive green, at parts black Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,80×1,15; SH. 0,30; H. 1,00

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (c), somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, a few tool marks on the profiles, almost sharp stringhole edges Considerable damage to (b) and (c)

- (a) Three *Jugs*, right side view, without necks, pointed beaks. The two are arranged the one behind the other and the third is rotated 180° with reference to them.
- (b) Two standing *Men in profile*, right side view, open mouths, each with one arm extended in front, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their fronts (the upper part of the head of one figure is missing). The hand of each man touches the front leg of the other.
- (c) Two *Spiders*, each with four legs, arranged the one next to the other. Between them, a *Line*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

264 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3019 CMS III no. 205

CMS III no. 20:

'Crete/Knossos'

Steatite, ochre, at parts greyish brown, in the intaglios light beige

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,40×0,90; SH. 0,30; H. 0,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Two groups of motifs. Each consists of the *Head of an 'ox'* and two *Bars* either side of its face. With respect to each other, the two groups are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between the upper sides of the heads.
- (b) Head of an agrimi, right side view.
- (c) Z, left-facing, with 'Wheat stalks' as angle supplements.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

265 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3021

CMS III no. 174

Gable-shaped

Steatite, greyish ochre, at parts beige and reddish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (two almost round)

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,30×1,35/1,25/1,20;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,20×1,10

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Somewhat to moderately abraded, almost sharp seal face edges, small parts of the motifs worn away

Areas of light damage

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, open mouth. Above and under it, two *Heads of an 'ox'* (?) arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their undersides. Around the image, a *Border*.
- (b) Seated *Frontal man*, head in left side view, open mouth, loop-shaped ear, one

arm extended to the right. His hand touches a *Z-whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion*, left-facing, which is situated next to him and rotated 90° with regard to him. The animals have open mouths and one upwards directed front leg. The whirl is not absolutely symmetrical as one of the animals has its muzzle directed in front whereas the other in front and up.

(c) Two 'Legless boars', left side view, diagonally hatched bodies, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

266 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3043 CMS III no. 175

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, intensive ochre with dark veins Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; intermittent deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,85×1,05/1,00/1,05; SH. 0,25; H. 1,00×0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), damage also to (a) and (b)

- (a) *Ship*, ²⁵⁹⁷ left side view, a bifurcated and a raised trifurcated extremity, oars, steering oar, mast, three backstays (the forestays are missing). To the right, a "*Saw branch*".
- (b) Head of a 'goat'. On either side of the face, the Head of an unidentifiable ruminant (?). With respect to each other, the latter are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their sides.
- (c) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view. Above its back, a *Triangle* (?) (only small part of it is preserved)

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

267 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3048 CMS III no. 207

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, brownish olive green, in one area blackish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; intermittent deep grooves only on the profiles; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre, sitting on a groove

SF. 1,45×0,95 pres./0,95 pres./ 1,00; SH. 0,30; H. 0,95

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; rather hasty engraving; moderate to good workmanship Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back (the edge of the muzzle and the lower part of the back leg are missing).
- (b) Head of a 'ram', horizontal horns with edges turning downwards. On either side of its face, a Wedge. The pointed edges of the latter slope inwards such that the combination encloses the head in a V.
- (c) Two 'Fan branches' arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their sides.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

268 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3072 CMS III no. 208

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, ochre to dark brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and intermittent on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,10×1,00/0,80 pres./0,85 pres.;

SH. 0,25; H. 0,90

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Approximately one third of (b) and (c) on their interfacial edge missing

²⁵⁹⁷ See also Wedde 2000, 332 no. 706.

- (a) Whirl, left facing, central 'cup sinking'.
- (b) Cross pommée, central 'cup sinking', with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements (part of the device is missing). The device is laid out diagonally on the seal face such that it describes a saltire.
- (c) Cross-legged Bovine, right side view, head and front legs turned back. Above it, a "Saw branch".

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

269 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3073 CMS III no. 177

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, dark ochreish brown to brownish

Flat round seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,10×1,10; SH. 0,25; H. 1,00

Cut freehand; deep, smooth intaglios; plastic rendering of the bodies, attention to details; attentive and dexterous work; good to very good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh, almost sharp seal face edges

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated/lying Agrimi, left side view.
- (b) Standing Dog/lion, right side view. In front of it, a smaller seated Dog/lion, right side view, head turned back.
- (c) Animal echelon: Standing Bull, right side view, male organ. Above its back, the Bust of a bovine, left side view, the neck abutting the back of the bull.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

270 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3076 CMS III no. 209

'Crete/Lasithi'

Wedge-shaped

Steatite, brownish ochre with grey veins, in the intaglios milky

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces (one almost round)

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,10×1,30/1,25/1,15; SH. 0,25;

H. 1,15×1,05

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; clear engraving; attentive work; good workmanship Somewhat abraded, tool marks

Areas of light damage

- (a) S-whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion, rightfacing. The animals have heads turned back, open mouths, and one front leg which is directed to the back.
- (b) Swastika of "Saw branches", right-facing. (c) Vessel without handles. On either side of its body, an inwards curving "Saw branch".

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

271 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3079 CMS III no. 211

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, dark ochreish brown, in parts black, in the intaglios milky

Flat seal faces, one ellipsoidal, two round Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,55×1,55/1,65/1,55; SH. 0,30; H. 1,60; BL. 1,75; BW. 1,90

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (c), deep, compact, triangular drillings; clear engraving; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Crouching Dog/lion, left side view, head turned back and up, open mouth, two spikes as front legs.
- (b) Animal echelon: Crouching (?) Dog/ lion, right side view, head turned back, open mouth, no front leg. Above its neck, the Bust of a dog/lion, left side view, open mouth. Between the two heads, a *Blob*. The combination of the two motifs creates a left-facing, rotating image.
- (c) Star pommée, central 'cup sinking'. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

272 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3119 CMS III no. 212

'Crete/Siteia'

Wedge-shaped

Steatite, brownish ochre, at parts reddish

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces; one clearly narrower

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves; one stringhole very offset from the centre

SF. 1,60×1,30/1,30/0,95 pres. (init. ca. 1,10); SH. 0,35; H. 1,20×1,00

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b), somewhat hasty work; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edges and also to the seal faces, in the centre of the motifs on (a) and (b), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) *Unidentifiable motif II* (one edge is missing).
- (b) 'Centipede'.
- (c) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

273 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3120 CMS III no. 178

'Crete/Siteia'

Steatite, light ochreish to greyish brown, in the intaglios milky

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,40×1,20/1,20/1,15 pres.;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,05

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep, smooth, rounded intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Part of (b) and (c) on their interfacial edge missing

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, two bent arms extended in front, the one up and the other down. His lower hand touches the handle of a 'Loop vessel', and his upper hand the handle of a Jug (?), left side view, pointed mouth, that is rotated 180° with reference to him. Around the image, a Border (only parts of it are preserved).
- (b) Two groups of motifs: The first consists of two *Amphorae*, pinched neck, belly handles, arranged the one next to the

other (parts of the vessels are missing). The second group consists of three 'Ball amphorae', without neck, arranged the one next to the other and rotated 180° with reference to the other group. Between the two groups, a long Bar.

(c) Two 'Ball amphorae', without neck, arranged the one above the other. To the right, a large 'Ball amphora', without neck, ellipsoidal body, rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the other vessels (the left side of the large vessel is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

274 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3149 CMS III no. 182

Steatite, dark ochre to almost black

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; clear, somewhat disorderly and deep grooves only on the profiles (also initially)

SF. 1,60×0,95/0,90 pres./0,85; SH. 0,30; H. 0,85×0,75

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; workmanship cannot be estimated

Moderately abraded, unfinished (?), motifs on (b) partly worn away

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c) and also to (b) and (c), large chipping on (c)

- (a) Two adjacent *Spiders* (?), four legs (?) (only the bodies and parts of the legs are preserved).
- (b) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view (part of the figure is missing).
- (c) Two adjacent *Fish* (?) (from one, only the tail is preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

275 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3150

CMS III no. 206

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, dark ochre

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,55×0,90 pres./1,00/0,95 pres.;

SH. 0,35; H. 0,85

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (b) and (c), somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to one profile, on the interfacial edges, and on the seal faces

- (a) Head of an 'ox', vertically hatched face. On either side of the face, a Two-armed whirl, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'. One whirl is rotated 90° with reference to the other.
- (b) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a "Saw branch".
- (c) *Ellipse*, vertically hatched (parts of it are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

276 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3154 CMS III no. 226

'Crete/Lasithi, Psychro'

Steatite, reddish brown

Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded corners (one irregular)

Flat profile; no grooves

SF. 1,40×0,95; SH. 0,20; H. 0,85

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; rather poor workmanship

Moderately abraded

Considerable damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) A set of two Parallels. Blob. Unidentifiable motif LIV. Line.
- (b) Unidentifiable motif LV. Unidentifiable motif LVI.
- (c) "Ram's head". To the right, a set of two Parallels.

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277 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3165 CMS III no. 222

Steatite, ochreish brown, at parts yellowish and reddish brown with some inclusions Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,80×1,05/1,00 pres./1,00 pres.; SH. 0,30; H. 1,00

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b), somewhat tentative engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Parts of the seal faces on their interfacial edges missing, oblique scratch marks and many areas of light damage

- (a) Head of a 'ram' (?), horizontal, downwards curving horns (the upper part of the motif is missing). On either side of its face, a 'Papyrus flower', rotated 180° with reference to the head. With respect to each other, the flowers are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their convex sides.
- (b) Two S-spirals, right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as shoulder supplements (parts of the devices are missing). The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face. (c) Z, left-facing, with 'Wheat stalks' as angle supplements (parts of the device are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

278 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3183 CMS III no. 213

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, light ochre to dark ochreish brown, in the intaglios milky

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; deep grooves on the profiles and intermittent on the interfacial edges

SF. 2,15×1,10; SH. 0,30; H. 1,00

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a horizontal "Saw branch".
- (b) Swastika of "Saw branches", left-facing. On either side of it, a Hatched D. The Ds are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their straight sides.
- (c) Seated Man in profile, right side view, head down, one arm extended in front,

bifurcated hand, bent legs. His hand touches the ears of a cross-legged *Bovine*, right side view, which is situated in front of him and is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him. Between the two, a *Wedge*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

279 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3232 CMS III no. 233

Steatite, dark ochre, at parts grey

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 2,00×1,05/0,85 pres./0,90 pres.; SH. 0,40; H. 0,90

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away, especially on (a) Almost one third of (b) and (c) on their interfacial edge missing, damage to one stringhole and also to (c), chipping on (a)

- (a) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view, head turned back, bent legs (the lower part of the front legs is missing).²⁵⁹⁸
- (b) S-spiral, right-facing, with 'V-flowers' as curve supplements (parts of the device are missing). 2599
- (c) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an 'Arrow' b and a "Trowel" (CHIC signs 049, 044). To the right, a Lunette (?). The arrow is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the trowel. 2600

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

280 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3233 CMS III no. 223

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, dark ochre, at parts reddish brownish

²⁵⁹⁸ For this animal, see Jasink 2009, 143.

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,50×1,00/1,05/1,00; SH. 0,35; H. 0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edges and also to the seal faces

- (a) Lily with 'base' a.
- (b) S-spiral, left-facing. Two 'Papyrus flowers' as curve-filling.
- (c) Z-whirl of "Saw branches", left-facing. Two Papyrus triangles as angle-filling (the upper part of one of them is missing). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

281 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3234 CMS III no. 215

Steatite, brownish ochre, at parts brownish black

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,55×0,80; SH. 0,30; H. 0,75

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded, some oblique, thick, parallel scratch marks, motifs partly worn away

Areas of light damage

- (a) Z, left-facing, rounded joints, with 'Ivy leaves' with stalk as angle supplements. From the combination is created a supplementation Two-armed whirl.
- (b) 'Gorgo mask', two J-spirals issuing from the head and framing the face. Outline motif
- (c) *Head of an agrimi*, right side view, horns toothed on the front sides. Under it, a *Wedge*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

282 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3235 CMS III no. 216

'Crete/Apesokari'

Medium hard stone, pebble (?); yellowish ochre

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle;

²⁵⁹⁹ Jasink sees a possible ideogram in this device (Jasink 2009, 136).

²⁶⁰⁰ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 209 α; also Jasink 2009, 5 who sees the *Lunette* as the remains of a possible *S-spiral* which constituted part of the inscription.

clear and deep grooves on one profile and intermittent on the other and on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,20×0,85; SH. 0,35; H. 0,80; BL. 1,25 Cut freehand, drilled; medium deep, soft, not well-defined intaglios; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Unidentifiable quadruped, left side view.
- (b) *Unidentifiable quadruped*, right side view, long ears/horns.
- (c) Rosette pattern of Blobs.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

283 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3236 CMS III no. 179

Steatite, dark ochre, at parts dark brown Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves, scratches SF. 1,25×1,00; SH. 0,25; H. 0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b), attempt at naturalistic rendering; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded, almost sharp stringhole edges, small parts of the motifs on (c) worn away

Areas of light damage

- (a) Animal attack: Standing *Agrimi*, right side view, head down. Above it, a smaller running *Dog/lion*, right side view, open mouth.
- (b) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, open mouth, two arms extended in front. His hands touch the toothed part of a "*Brush*", right-facing teeth, that is situated in front of him.
- (c) Three *Jugs*, left side view, two without neck, one with neck, all with mouth handles, arranged the one behind the other. Above them, a horizontal *Line*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

284 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3244 CMS III no. 184

'Crete/Knossos'

Steatite, dark brown, at parts somewhat

lighter

Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded corners

Flat profile

SF. 1,55×0,80/0,65 pres./0,55 pres.; SH. 0,25 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

The largest part of (a) and approximately the half of (b) and (c) preserved, crack through (a)

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, tail directed downwards and then upwards.
- (b) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view (only the back side of the figure is preserved).
- (c) Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXXII. "Saw branch" (?).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

285 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3262

CMS III no. 185

'Crete/Malia'

Somewhat gable-shaped

Steatite, beigeish to greyish ochre, at parts milky, in the intaglios milky

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces (one almost round)

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,25×1,45/1,35/1,30;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,25×1,15

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a) and (c), clear, confident engraving; on (b), hasty, tentative engraving; on the whole attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Two sets of '*II-legs*', one with claws, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their upper sides.
- (b) Head of an 'ox'. On either side of the face, a "Saw branch". The bases of the branches slope inwards such that the combination encloses the head in a V.
- (c) Spider, four angular legs.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

286 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3266

CMS III no. 151

'Crete/Lasithi'

Wedge-shaped

Steatite, ochre to light grey, at parts milky patina

Flat seal faces, one compressed round, two compressed ellipsoidal

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 0,90×1,10/0,90/0.70 pres. (init. ca. 1,10); SH. 0,25; H. 0,95×0,75

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, stringhole along (c) open Parts of (b) and (c) missing, part of (a) and almost the half of (c) chipped off

- (a) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view, head down as if grazing (the largest part of its back legs is missing). Around it, a border with pairs of *Triangles as border supplements* (part of the device is missing). The feet and muzzle of the animal abut the inner side of the border.
- (b) Animal echelon (?): Standing *Headless ruminant*, right side view. Above its back, the *Bust of a bovine*, left side view, its neck abutting the back of the quadruped. Around the image, a *Border* (part of it is missing). The feet of the quadruped abut the inner side of the border.
- (c) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, an arm hanging back, terminating in a 'cup sinking', swollen knees (the upper part of the figure is missing). In front of him, a *Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXXV*. Around the image, a *Border* (its largest part is missing). The feet of the figure abut the inner side of the border.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

287 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3267 CMS III no. 186

Steatite, ochreish brown, at parts somewhat darker

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves

around the seal faces; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre SF. 1,50×1,00; SH. 0,30; H. 0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manshin

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh, tool marks

Considerable damage to the edges of one profile and also to (a) and (b), less to (c)

- (a) S-whirl of Paisleys, right-facing, with Paisleys as shoulder supplements. From the combination is created a supplementation Two-armed whirl.
- (b) S-spiral, left-facing, diagonally hatched stem, with Shamrocks b as curve supplements (parts of the device are missing).
- (c) *Bee* (?), right side view, long, horn-shaped antennae, seated on an *Open lily blossom* (?).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

288 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3275 CMS III no. 187

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, dark reddish brown, at parts somewhat lighter

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; intermittent deep grooves around the seal faces SF. 1,50×0,90/0,90/0,80; SH. 0,30; H. 0,80×0,70

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edges and consequently to the seal faces, chipping on (b) (a) *Z-whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion*, left-facing. The animals have heads turned back, open mouths, spikes on the necks, and one front leg which is directed backwards.

(b) Disc S-spiral, left-facing, centred-circles as discs, with 'Papyrus flowers' as shoulder supplements (part of the device is missing). (c) Two Heads of an agrimi, right side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backsides.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

289 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3280

CMS III no. 152

'Crete/Malia'

Wedge-shaped

Steatite, ochre to dark ochre, at parts almost black

Flat seal faces, one compressed round, two compressed ellipsoidal (one almost round) Somewhat convex profile; no grooves; stringhole on one profile somewhat offset from the centre

SF. 1,35×1,35/1,20/1,40; SH. 0,35;

H. $1,25\times1,05$

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, the break on the interfacial edge rounded

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to the seal faces

- (a) Two standing *Headless waterfowls*, right side view, toothed tails, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their fronts. On one side of the image, a *'Fir branch'*; on the other, a *"Saw branch"*. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.
- (b) Two *Heads of a 'dog/lion with hook'*, left side view, open mouths, arranged the one above the other (the backside of one is missing).
- (c) Two-armed whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion (?), 2601 right facing. The animals have heads turned back. The front leg of one is bent forward and that of the other extends straight down, its edge turning slightly backwards.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

290 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3281

CMS III no. 217

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, greyish olive green, in one area reddish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; intermittent deep grooves around the seal faces; one stringhole very offset from the centre, sitting on a groove

SF. 1,35×1,10/1,40×1,15/1,40×1,10;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,00; BL. 1,55

Filed, drilled; medium-deep intaglios; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks and stringhole edges, motifs partly worn away In the centre of one of the motifs on (a), break into the stringhole channel, the break is as wide as the drill used to open it

- (a) *Double Line comb* (parts of it are missing). On either side of it, a double *Centred-circle*.
- (b) Pair of double Centred-circles. Next to it, a set of Parallels.
- (c) Cross pattern of double Centred-circles. Central Crete Ornamental Prism

291 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3289 CMS III no. 231

Steatite, yellowish ochre mottled with dark greyish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; intermittent deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,50×1,10/0,80 pres./0,95 pres.;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,00

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b), somewhat tentative engraving; good work-manship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks Approximately one third of (b) and (c) missing

- (a) Swastika of "Saw branches", left-facing, two of the inner arms also toothed.
- (b) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an 'Arrow'b and a "Trowel" (CHIC signs 049, 044) (the upper part of the arrow and the lower part of the trowel are missing). On one side of the "Trowel", a Triangle. The arrow is rotated 180° with reference to the trowel.²⁶⁰²
- (c) 'Squid' b (only its left side is pre-

²⁶⁰¹ The CMS sees a crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view.

 $^{^{2602}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 210 $\alpha.$

served).²⁶⁰³ Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

292 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3295

CMS III no. 153

'Crete/Malia'

Wedge-shaped

Steatite, light ochre to greyish ochre

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; deep grooves around the most part of the seal faces

SF. 1,15×1,10/1,05/0,95; SH. 0,20;

H. 0.95×0.85

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (b), clear engraving; good workmanship Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Agrimi*, left side view, head turned back, open mouth.
- (b) "Bell". On either side of it, a short Wedge.
- (c) Man in profile bent at the waist 45°, left side view, one arm extended down. His hand touches the mouth of a 'Ball amphora', without neck, which is situated in front of him. Under that vessel, another 'Ball amphora', without neck.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

293 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3312

CMS III no. 154

'Crete/Lasithi'

Wedge-shaped

Steatite, greyish to blackish olive green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre SF. 1,45×1,30/1,10/1,35;

SH. 0,40; H. 1,20×1,00

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b), rounded contours; good workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded, motifs partly worn away

²⁶⁰³ Jasink sees in this device a possible *'Spider' a* with a potential ideographic value. (Jasink 2009, 32, 139).

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), damage also to (a) and (b), chippings on (a) (a) *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth, two bent arms extended in front and up, trifurcated hands, seated on a *Stool*. Behind him, a standing *Man in profile* (?), right side view, bent knees (only the torso (?) and the legs (?) are preserved).

- (b) Crouching (?) *Dog/lion*, left side view, head down, open mouth (?), vertically hatched neck.
- (c) Jug (?). Vessel without handles (?). Two Unidentifiable vessels (parts of the motifs are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

294 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3315 CMS III no. 191

Steatite, brownish ochre, at parts brownish green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,30×1,20/0,50 pres./0,55 pres.;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,10

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, in the intaglios workshop fresh

- (a) and small part of (b) and (c) preserved
- (a) Two groups of motifs. Each depicts a suckling scene and consists of a standing 'Sheep', right side view, on the inner side of whose hindquarters is attached by the neck a small *Headless kid* or the *Torso of a kid*, left side view. With respect to each other, the two groups are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between the backs of the larger animals.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view (only the upper part of the head and of the hindquarters is preserved). Above the head of the animal, a *Triangle*.
- (c) *Jug*, left side view, pinched neck, mouth handle. Above it, a *Blob* (?) (its half is preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

295 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3320

CMS III no. 188

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; faint traces of grooves (?)

SF. 1,35×0,85; SH. 0,20; H. 0,75

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; somewhat rounded intaglio; good workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded, rounded stringhole edges, motifs partly worn away, damage to the edge of one stringhole and light damage to (b)

- (a) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, nose (?), chin/beard (?), knees bent up as if seated on the ground, arms hugging the legs.
- (b) Head of an agrimi, right side view.
- (c) *Hook spiral*, right-facing. Small *Triangle* as curve-filling.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

296 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3326

CMS III no. 155

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, light ochreish brown to dark brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; no grooves; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre

SF. 1,45×1,20/1,25/1,30; SH. 0,25;

H. 1,20×1,05

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (b), confident, accurate engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Small part of (a) and (b) and almost one third of (c) missing

- (a) S-whirl of Busts of a dog/lion, right-facing.
- (b) 'Spider with muzzle', head in left side view.
- (c) Two Legless waterfowls, both (?) in right side view, heads turned back, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry (?) such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides (with one, only

the lower part of the body is preserved). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

297 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3327

CMS III no. 157

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, pale translucid ochreish brown Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (two almost round)

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,00×1,05/1,05/1,10; SH. 0,30;

H. $0,95 \times 0,90$

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; on (b) and (c), rounded contours; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded; inside the stringhole channel, a 'wall' with a minute hole

Small part of the seal faces missing, chippings on (a)

- (a) *Crab*, horizontally hatched body. To the right, a *Jug*, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, rotated 180° with reference to the crab (the upper part of its handle is missing).
- (b) Seated *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back.
- (c) Two *Dolphins*, right side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides. Around the image, a *Border*, toothed on the outer side. The head of each fish abuts the tail of the other.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

298 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3335 CMS III no. 158

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, ochreish beige to ochreish brown, in the intaglios milky

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; intermittent not particularly deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,55×1,30/1,35/1,35; SH. 0,25; H. 1,25×1,15

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, motifs partly worn away

Damage to the interfacial edges and also to the seal faces

- (a) Three standing *Men in profile*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other. The left and the middle one have an arm extended in front and up such that it touches the head of the man in front.
- (b) Two *Amphorae*, pinched neck, belly handles, arranged the one next to the other. Between their lower parts, a *Triangle*. To the left of one vessel, a small *Wedge*. Above the image, a horizontal *Line*.
- (c) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front. His hand touches a '*Pole' slung with 'String vessels'*, situated in front of him and rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

299 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3337

CMS III no. 190

'Crete/Lasithi'

Somewhat wedge-shaped

Steatite, black

Flat seal faces, one ellipsoidal, one trapezoidal, one irregular

Somewhat convex profile; one broad interfacial edge (a)–(b); no grooves, scratches; one stringhole very offset from the centre SF. 1,15×1,10/1,10/0,90; SH. 0,25;

H. 1,00×0,90

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (a), attentive engraving, on (b) and (c), linear scratches; workmanship cannot be estimated

Somewhat abraded, workshop fresh Damage to (a) and (b), on the motif on (b), a break into the stringhole channel

(a) Animal attack: crouching *Bovine*, left side view, head down (small part of its back legs is missing). Above it, a crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, rotated 45° anticlockwise with reference to the other animal. The image seems to be unfinished.

- (b) Random hatching.
- (c) Scorpion (?), tail to the left. To the right, a vertical Line.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

300 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3341

CMS III no. 160

'Crete/Malia'

Gable-shaped

Steatite, brownish beige to ochreish brown, on the profiles and in the intaglios milky Flat seal faces, one ellipsoidal, two round Somewhat convex profile; no grooves, scratches; seal faces on the profiles slightly plastically set off and somewhat longer than the seal body

SF. 1,20×1,30/1,20/1,20;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,10×1,05

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; on (b), rounded contours and somewhat rounded intaglio; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated *Man in profile*, left side view, open mouth, one arm extended in front, bent legs. His hand touches the upper right handle of a *Pithos/jar*, four handles, which is situated in front of him.
- (b) Animal attack: Crouching *Agrimi*, left side view, head down, muzzle back. Above it, a running *Dog/lion*, right side view.
- (c) Two 'Spiders' a, each with four legs, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their fronts. On either side of the image, a Scorpion, straight tail. With respect to each other, the scorpions are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their sides.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

301 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3343 CMS III no. 161

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, light to dark ochre Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,20×1,05/1,10/1,10;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,00×0,95

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (c), somewhat rounded intaglio; good work-manship

Moderately abraded, motifs partly worn away

Damage to the interfacial edges, light damage also to the seal faces

- (a) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view (small parts of it are missing). On either side of its neck and between its front and back legs, a *Blob*. Above its muzzle, a short *Wedge*.
- (b) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front, bent legs. His arm touches a *Bow with Linear arrow* that is situated in front of him.
- (c) Two crouching *Dogs/lions*, right side view, heads up, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backs (small parts of the motifs are missing). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

302 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3348 CMS III no. 162

Steatite, dark greyish brown, at parts beige Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (two irregular) Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,25×1,05; SH. 0,30; H. 0,95

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c) (?), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, right (?) side view, U-shaped arms. In front of him, an inwards curving *Wedge*.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back, open mouth.
- (c) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, spikes on the back. In front of it, a *Wedge*. The waterfowl is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

303 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3352

CMS III no. 218

'Crete/Malia'

Wedge-shaped

Steatite, light ochreish brown to dark greyish

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces; one clearly narrower

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,35×1,05/1,05/0,95;

SH. 0,35; H. 1,00×0,80

Considerable damage to (c)

Moderately abraded, rounded stringhole edges

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; partly thin cut; on (b) and (c), linear, summary engraving; moderate to good workmanship

- (a) Swastika, right-facing.
- (b) Head of an 'ox'.
- (c) 'Man with semicircular body', right side view, open mouth, no arms. In front of him, a 'Centipede branch'.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

304 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3366

CMS III no. 194

'Crete/Lasithi'

Gable-shaped

Steatite, brownish ochre to dark greyish brown, in the intaglios milky

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal Somewhat convex profile; two broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,40/1,30/1,55;

SH. 0,35; H. 1,35×1,15

Cut freehand, filed, drilled; deep, at parts irregular intaglios; partly tentative engraving, only the drillings and the filed lines confidently and clearly engraved; moderate workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh, tool marks

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

(a) Animal echelon: Standing *Dog/lion*, left side view, male organ, thick diagonal bar crossing its hindquarters, rendering back leg (?) and tail (?) respectively. From the

drilling that renders its upper body issues upwards and at right angles the *Protome* of a dog/lion, left side view, head turned back, open mouth. Between the backs of the animals, a *Blob*.

- (b) "Ladder band" slung with 'String vessels'. On the upper bar of the ladder band, a 'cup sinking'.
- (c) Random hatching. On it, two standing Bovines (?), left side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backs. The animals are unfinished.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

305 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3371 CMS III, 170

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, ochre to greyish olive green Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,55×1,05/1,05/1,10;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,00×0,90

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), somewhat clumsy work; good workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded, rounded breaks, one stringhole widened from the action of the string (?), motifs partly worn away

Damage to the edge of (b); in the centre of the motif on (a), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) *Frontal 'bird'*, head in right side view, 'shoulders' toothed, slanting tail.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back, open mouth. The animal has disproportionately large head.
- (c) Three standing/walking *Men in profile*, right side view, open mouths, arranged the one behind the other.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

306 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3420 CMS III no. 172 Steatite, ochreish to dark greyish brown Flat ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,30×1,15; SH. 0,30; H. 1,05

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Almost workshop fresh

Considerable damage to (b)

- (a) Two standing *Men in profile*, right side view, one common arm, arranged the one behind the other.
- (b) Two *Spiders*, four-legged, arranged the one next to the other.
- (c) Three *Jugs*, left side view, no neck, pointed beaks, arranged the one behind the other. Above them, a horizontal *Bar*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

307 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3424 CMS III no. 221

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite; brownish beige to light greyish brown, on the profiles and in the intaglios milky

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear, broad, and deep grooves on the profiles and on the largest part of the interfacial edges

SF. 1,45×1,00; SH. 0,35; H. 0,95; BL. 1,55 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Lunette (?).²⁶⁰⁴ Around it, a Border, toothed on the outer side.
- (b) *Z-whirl of 'Beaked busts with ponytail'*, left-facing. The heads have open mouths.
- (c) *Head*, left side view, double centred-circle as head, hair, mouth.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

308 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3428 CMS III no. 176 Steatite, dark ochre Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

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²⁶⁰⁴ Or a *Dolphin*?

Convex profile; parts of not particularly deep grooves around the seal faces SF. 1,30×0,75 pres./0,80 pres./1,00;

SH. 0,30; H. 0,95×0,70 pres.

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away

Parts of one profile and of (a) and (b) missing

- (a) Crouching Unidentifiable quadruped, left side view (the head is missing).
- (b) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' (one vessel is missing).
- (c) Two Daggers arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their sides. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

309 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3430 CMS III no 210

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, dark greyish brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre

SF. 1,35×0,80/0,80/0,75; SH. 0,30; H. 0,70 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty engraving; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Chipping on (b); in the motif on (c), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Z-whirl of "Saw branches", right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as angle supplements.
- (b) Seated Man in profile, right side view, one bent arm extended in front and up, knees bent up as if sitting on the ground (the upper part of the leg is missing).
- (c) *Head of an agrimi*, right side view, right horn toothed on the front side. Behind it, a Wedge.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

310 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3431 CMS III no. 225 'Crete/Lasithi' Somewhat gable-shaped

Steatite, black, at parts greyish olive green Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves,

SF. 1,25×1,05/1,10/1,00; SH. 0,35; H. $1,00 \times 0,90$

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (b), deep, compact 'cup sinkings'; on (a) and (c), somewhat hasty engraving; moderate to good workmanship

Considerably abraded, (b) unfinished (?), rounded breaks, one stringhole widened from the action of the string (?), motifs partly worn away

Damage to the edges of one stringhole, also

- (a) Standing Man in profile (?), right side view, one arm extended in front and down (?). His hand touches a Vessel without handles (?), no neck, which is situated in front of him.2605
- (b) *Unidentifiable quadruped* (?), right (?) side view. The motif is unfinished.
- (c) S, left-facing, with Lines as shoulder supplements (one line is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

311 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3440 CMS III no. 183

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, brownish ochre to greyish brown Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,60×0,95; SH. 0,40; H. 0,85

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; tentative engraving; hasty work; moderate workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded. rounded stringhole edges, motifs partly worn away

Areas of light damage

- (a) Head of a 'ram', the ends of the horns turning outwards to form spirals.
- (b) Z-whirl spiral, right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as shoulder supplements.

²⁶⁰⁵ The CMS sees in the image the *Head of an agrimi*, right side view, and a Triangle.

(c) Two-armed whirl of Paisleys, left-facing, Wheel as centre.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

312 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3441 CMS III no. 156

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, almost black, in the break ochre Flat round seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,45 pres.×1,55 pres./1,75×1,75/1,70 pres.×1,60 pres.; SH. 0,40 (0,50 widened); H. 1,55

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good work-manship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, one stringhole widened from the action of the string (?), motifs partly worn away

Parts of one profile and of (a) and (c) missing

- (a) *Hindquarters of a hoofed animal*, left side view (the front edge of the motif is missing). Behind it, a *Fish*, right side view, pointed face, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the other animal.
- (b) Head of a 'ram', the ends of the horns turning outwards to form spirals. Above it and extending from the top of the head upwards, a Hatched triangle (?), linear element projecting from its left side. To the right, a short Bar.
- (c) Standing *Headless waterfowl*, right side view, leg parallel to the body but not abutting it, spikes on the back, vertically hatched body. Under the animal, a *Wedge*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

313 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3453

CMS III no. 189

'Crete/Malia'

Wedge-shaped

Steatite, dark ochre, at parts grey to almost black

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,35×1,20/1,05/1,20; SH. 0,30;

H. $1,10\times0,95$

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a), hasty engraving; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded, rounded stringhole edges

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head up, open mouth.
- (b) Head of a 'ram', inwards curving horns. Under it, an inwards curving 'Spear with double blade'.
- (c) Two "Saw branches" (?), arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their plain sides (part of one is missing). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

314 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3462 CMS III no. 159

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, brownish ochre, at parts somewhat

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; clear but not particularly deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,60×1,20; SH. 0,25; H. 1,10

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, almost sharp string-hole edges

Considerable damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) *Head of a 'ram'*, the ends of the horns turning inwards to form spirals.
- (b) Standing *Pig/boar*, right side view, head down, spikes on the back (part of the front legs is missing).
- (c) Frontal 'bird', head in left side view, wings extended to the sides (the edge of one wing is missing). On either side of its tail, an upwards facing Lunette (part of one is missing).

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²⁶⁰⁶ Compare the CHIC sign 068.

315 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3494 CMS III no. 180

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, ochre, at parts mottled with dark brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; intermittent broad and deep grooves around the seal faces; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre SF. 1,35×1,00/0,95/0,95; SH. 0,25; H. 0,90 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks Damage to the interfacial edges and light damage to the seal faces

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, open mouth.
- (b) Two standing *Men in profile*, right side view, one common arm and foot, arranged the one behind the other.
- (c) Standing *Bovine*, right side view. Above it, the *Head of an agrimi*, right side view, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the quadruped. In front of the legs of the latter, a *Wedge*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

316 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3508 CMS III no. 192

Steatite, dark olive green, at parts blackish brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; intermittent deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 2,00×1,00; SH. 0,35; H. 0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a), somewhat tentative engraving; good work-manship

Moderately abraded, rounded stringhole edges

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Fish*, right (?) profile. On either side of it, an inwards curving *Line*. The lines abut the fins of the fish.
- (b) Saltire with two 'Wheat stalks' as edge supplements. From the combination a supplementation Half swastika is created.
- (c) 'Spider' b, S-shaped body, left-facing.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

317 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3529

CMS III no. 193

Steatite, greyish ochre

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; intermittent deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,55×1,00; SH. 0,30; H. 0,90

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (c), attentive engraving; good workmanship Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Two-armed whirl of 'Papyrus flowers', left-facing, the flowers being fused by their buds.
- (b) *Head of an 'ox'*. On either side of the face, a *Two-armed whirl*, left-facing, one with central 'cup sinking'. One whirl is rotated 90° with reference to the other.
- (c) *Lozenge*, two opposite corners elongated. On either side of it, a *Lunette*, spikes on the inner sides of the arms. With respect to each other, the lunettes are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their concave sides. The elongated corners of the lozenge extend to and abut the centre of each lunette.²⁶⁰⁷

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

318 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3530

CMS III no. 195

Steatite, dark ochre

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,45×0,90; SH. 0,30; H. 0,80

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

(a) Standing *Bovine*, right side view, head up. Above it, a *'Papyrus flower'*, spiral stem to the left, rotated 180° with reference to the animal.

 $^{^{2607}}$ For the pattern, see 'Miscellaneous compounds', p. 325.

- (b) S-spiral, right-facing, with 'Lily blossoms' as body supplements.
- (c) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a horizontal Bar.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

319 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3531 CMS III no. 196

Steatite, dark greyish green, at parts yellowish and brownish

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; traces of grooves (?)

SF. 1,95×0,90; SH. 0,40; H. 0,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately to considerably abraded, rounded stringhole edges

Areas of light damage to the interfacial edges, light damage also to the seal faces

- (a) Two *Paisleys*, spiral stem to the left, horizontally hatched bodies, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their convex sides.
- (b) Two standing *Waterfowls*, right side view, vertically hatched bodies, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backs.
- (c) Two-armed whirl of Headless water-fowls, left-facing. The animals are seated and have vertically hatched bodies.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

320 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3536

CMS III no. 219

Steatite, black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces, seal faces clearly set off

SF. 1,10×0,95/1,05×0,85/1,10×0,90;

SH. 0,30; H. 0,95×0,90; BL. 1,15

Filed, drilled; medium-deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, motifs partly worn away (?)

In the motif on (c), a small break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Row of double Centred-circles. Under it and partly on it, a *Grid*. Above it, a set of two *Parallels*.
- (b) Row of double Centred-circles. Under it, a set of two Parallels.
- (c) Cross pattern of double Centred-circles. Central Crete Ornamental Prism

321 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3559 CMS III no. 197

Steatite, intensive ochre with greyish brown veins, in the intaglios milky

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces (one almost round)

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; around the seal faces, thin and shallow grooves strongly resembling scratch marks SF. 1,15×1,05/1,05/1,10; SH. 0,30; H. 0,95 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Walking *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back.
- (b) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back.
- (c) Saltire pommée with two 'Lily flowers' and a 'Papyrus flower' as angle supplements. A spike issues from one of the 'cup sinkings' in which the arms terminate.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

322 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3560

CMS III no. 164

Steatite, yellowish ochre to reddish brown Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear but not particularly deep grooves on the profiles and traces on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,25×0,95; SH. 0,30; H. 0,85

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated Bovine, left side view. In front of it, a vertical Wedge.
- (b) Standing Waterfowl, right side view, head turned back, toothed back. An inverted Y issues from its neck (?).2608
- (c) Two Heads of an agrimi, right side view, arranged the one behind the other. In front of them, a "Saw branch".

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

323 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3575 CMS III no. 163

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, beige to ochre, at parts dark reddish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; intermittent not particularly deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,25×1,00; SH. 0,35; H. 0,90

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), clear engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)-(c), light damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Seated Man in profile, right side view, head down, one arm extended in front, bent legs. His hand touches a Bow with Linear arrow which is situated in front of him.
- (b) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view, head turned back and up, open mouth.
- (c) Amphora, without neck. Above it, a Jug, left side view, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to it. To the right of the image, a "Saw branch". The handle of the jug abuts the right handle of the amphora.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

324 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3576 CMS III no. 165

'Crete/Mesara'

Steatite, brownish to dark ochre Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,45×1,25/1,20/1,25; SH. 0,35; H. 1,10×1,05

Cut freehand, drilled; deep, partly irregular

engraving, rounded contours; good workmanship

intaglios; on (b), confident, accurate

Moderately abraded

Many areas of light damage

- (a) Head of a 'ram', slightly inwards curving horns, hanging ears.
- (b) Two Fish arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides
- (?). Between them, a Ripple.
- (c) Two Jugs, right side view, no neck, pointed beak, one with long base, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their fronts. Between the jugs, a thick Wedge. Behind one of the jugs, a thinner Wedge.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

325 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3577

CMS III no. 198

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, light and dark ochre with black veins

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves, scratches; one stringhole offset from the centre

SF. 1,60×1,05/1,05/1,10; SH. 0,30;

H. $1,00 \times 0.95$

Cut freehand, drilled; deep, irregular intaglios; tentative, unstable cut; poor workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edges, also to the seal faces, chippings on (a) and (b)

- (a) Crouching Unidentifiable quadruped, left side view (its torso is missing).
- (b) Spider (?), two legs (?). Next to it, a standing Man in profile (?), right side view, one bent arm extended in front and up (the back leg is missing).
- (c) Two Centred-lunettes arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their backs. Between them, a "Column".

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

²⁶⁰⁸ Perhaps a break or accidental engraving?

326 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3578 CMS III no. 199

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, ochreish beige, at parts greyish ochre and reddish brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; faint and shallow grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,65×1,00; SH. 0,25; H. 0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Seated/lying *Dog/lion*, left side view, open mouth, spikes on the backside of the neck.
- (b) Head of an 'ox'. On either side of its face, the Profile head of a ruminant. The muzzles of the latter slope inwards such that the combination encloses the frontal head in a V. With respect to each other, the profile heads are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their fronts.
- (c) Z, left-facing, with 'Fern branches' as edge supplements. From the combination is created a supplementation Meander Z. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

327 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3579 CMS III no. 232

Steatite, pale translucid greenish ochre Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile, slightly projecting inner

triangle; intermittent not particularly deep grooves on the profiles and traces on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,90×1,00; SH. 0,35; H. 0,90; BL. 1,95 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, motifs partly worn away

Part of one profile and of the seal faces missing

(a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a *Saltire*, a "*Trowel*", and an '*Arrow*' b (CHIC signs X, 044, 049) (small parts

of the motifs are missing). The arrow is rotated 180° with reference to the trowel. ²⁶⁰⁹

- (b) *Ship*, left side view, one trifurcated extremity in the shape of a lily blossom, mast, three forestays and three backstays (part of the device is missing).
- (c) Standing *Pig/boar* (?), right side view, head down.²⁶¹⁰

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

328 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3582 CMS III no. 220

Medium hard stone, pebble (?); matt light ochre

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces, seal faces clearly set off

SF. 1,40×0,90 pres./1,00/0,95 pres.;

SH. 0,20; H. 0,95; BL. 1,45

Filled, drilled; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as (a) and (c)

- (a) Cross of Blobs with Centred-circles as angle supplements.
- (b) Row of Blobs. On either side of it, a Pair of Centred-circles.
- (c) Ten *Centred-circles* covering the field. Central Crete Ornamental Prism

329 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3583 CMS III no. 204

'Crete/Lasithi'

Steatite, greyish ochre

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,35×0,75/0,80/0,75; SH. 0,25; H. 0,75;

BL. 1,45; BW. 0,85 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intagl

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, tool marks, sharp edges, angular curves

²⁶⁰⁹ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 211 α .

²⁶¹⁰ For this animal, see Jasink 2009, 145.

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(c), damage also to (a) and (c); between the two motifs on (b), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view (the edge of the back arm and the back foot are missing).
- (b) Two *Fish*, a longer and a shorter one, pointed mouths, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their undersides.
- (c) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels', 'free standing' vessels. The motif is unfinished. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

330 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3585 CMS III no. 166

Steatite, greyish ochre, at parts dark greyish brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; faint traces of grooves (?) SF. 1,65×0,95; SH. 0,25; H. 0,85

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately to considerably abraded, motifs partly worn away

Small part of (a) and approximately one third of (b) and (c) missing

- (a) Man in profile, performing the crab, right side view, open mouth, pony tail.
- (b) *Dog/lion*, head turned back (the chest and the front leg are missing). Behind it, a vertical *Line*.
- (c) Z-whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion, left-facing. The animals have heads turned back and two front legs, one of which is directed in front and up (the legs of one animal are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

331 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3586

CMS III no. 167

Gable-shaped

Steatite, brownish black, at parts brownish ochre

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,35×1,50/1,15/1,15; SH. 0,35;

H. 1,30×1,05

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), confident, accurate engraving; good workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded, many breaks rounded

Small parts of the seal faces missing, chippings on (a) and (b)

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back, open mouth, vertically hatched neck (the back leg and the back part of the hindquarters are missing).
- (b) *Head of an 'ox'*, almond-shaped eyes (the right horn is missing).
- (c) Two *Amphorae*, pinched necks, mouth handles, arranged the one next to the other (one's right handle is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

332 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3587

CMS III no. 168

Steatite, black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre SF. 1,40×0,85/0,95/0,95;

SH. 0,30; H. 0,85×0,75

Cut freehand; deep, partly anomalous intaglios; on (a), somewhat rounded contours; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, slightly rounded stringhole edges

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated Bovine, right side view.
- (b) Two standing *Waterfowls*, left side view, one with head turned back and long downwards curved beak, both with spikes on the backs, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their fronts.
- (c) Jug, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle. Pithos/jar, four handles. Amphora, pinched neck, mouth handles. The spout of the jug abuts the upper left handle of the pithos/jar. The latter is larger than the other two vessels.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

333 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3589 CMS III no. 203

Steatite, black, at parts dark grey Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; deep grooves on the profiles and intermittent on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,80×1,35/1,90×1,40/1,75×1,30;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,25×1,15; BL. 1,85

Cut freehand, filed, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), damage also to (a) and (b)

- (a) *Dog/lion* seated on the back legs, left side view, eye, open mouth, long tail with the end turning outwards, vertically hatched neck, horizontally hatched back.
- (b) Gear combination of Centred-circles put together from a large double Centred-circle and two small Centred-circles. The device is sitting on a Line.
- (c) Disc grid.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

334 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3590 CMS III no. 201

Steatite, dark ochreish at parts reddish brown

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,70×1,30/0,95 pres./0,60 pres.;

SH. 0,35; H. 1,15

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; somewhat hasty engraving; moderate to good workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks
The largest part of one profile and of (a),
two thirds of (b), and a small part of (c)
preserved

- (a) Two Jugs, right side view, no neck, pointed beak, belly handles, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their fronts (parts of the handles are missing). Between them, a Wedge.
- (b) *Whirl*, left-facing (approximately the half of it is preserved).

(c) Fraction of an unidentifiable motif.
Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

335 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3591

CMS III no. 202

Gable-shaped

Steatite, ochre to dark ochre brown

Flat seal faces with rounded corners (one almost square)

Flat profile; no grooves

SF. 0,90×0,75/0,85/1,00;

SH. 0,30; H. 0,90×0,65

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

In the centre of the motif on (b), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back.
- (b) *Head of an agrimi*, right side view. Under it, a *Wedge*.
- (c) Swastika, left-facing.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

336 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3593

CMS III no. 224

Chlorite, greenish black with greyish green dots

Flat seal faces, one ellipsoidal, two round Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces, seal faces clearly set off; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre SF. 1,20×1,20/1,10/1,20; SH. 0,30;

H. 1,20×1,10; BL. 1,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Somewhat abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) 'Centipede branch'. On either side, an inwards curving Line.
- (b) Leg (?), right side view. In front of it, a Fish (?), right side view, rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the leg. On either side of the image, a Line. Above it, a horizontal Wedge.
- (c) *Coil spiral*, left-facing. Mesara Chlorite Prism

337 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3594

CMS III no. 214

Gable-shaped

Chlorite, greenish black with greyish green dots

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (two almost round)

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; deep grooves only on the profiles, the seal faces on the profiles plastically set off and not simply as a result of the grooves

SF. 1,05×1,00/1,00/1,15; SH. 0,25;

H. 1,05×0,85; BL. 1,15

Cut freehand, medium-deep, partly somewhat smooth intaglios; good workmanship Moderately abraded, motifs partly worn away

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated *Man in profile*, left side view, arms extended in front, one up, legs extended in front as if sitting on the ground. His lower hand touches an *Unidentifiable motif XXI* and his upper an *Unidentifiable motif XXII*.
- (b) S, right-facing, composed of three parallel strands, angular curves.
- (c) *Lunette*, body configured as foliage, *with Heads of an animal as edge supplements*. Mesara Chlorite Prism

338 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Giam3648 CMS III no. 169

Somewhat gable-shaped

Steatite, pale translucid dark ochreish brown Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (one almost round)

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,60×1,55/1,40/1,40; SH. 0,30;

H. 1.30×1.15

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, slightly rounded stringhole edges

Areas of light damage

(a) Two-armed whirl of a Protome of a horned ruminant and a Protome of a dog/lion, right-facing. The ruminant does not have a muzzle whereas its horn is toothed

on the outer side. The dog/lion has head turned back and open mouth. The animals have two bent front legs directed backwards (the left leg of the dog/lion is missing).

- (b) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back, long beak, spikes on the tail.
- (c) Cross-legged *Pig/boar*, right side view, head down, semicircular body, trifurcated hoofs.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

339 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met169

CMS IV no. 70

'Crete/Siteia'

Steatite, white

Flat compressed round seal faces

Somewhat convex profile

SF. (tentative positioning of the stringhole) 1,20×1,20/1,25×1,25/1,20×1,20; SH. 0,30 Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; clear engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Spider*, four angular legs. The motif is laid out diagonally on the seal face.
- (b) Swastika of "Saw branches", right-facing.
- (c) *Whirl*, left-facing, large central 'cup sinking'. Around it, a *Border*, toothed on the outer side, left-facing teeth.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

340 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met170

CMS IV no. 71

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, green, at parts black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the most part of the seal faces

SF. 1,50/1,40/1,50×1,20; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

(a) Three *Heads of an agrimi*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other.

Between them, a *Spear*, small head, and a *Line*

(b) Three *Fish*, the middle one with the head in the opposite direction than the other two, arranged the one above the other. (c) Three standing/walking *Men in profile*, right side view, open mouths, arranged the one behind the other. The left and the middle one have an arm extended in front and up such that it touches the head of the man in front.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

341 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met172 CMS IV no. 123

'Crete/Ligortynos'

Chlorite; black with lighter dots (?)

Flat seal faces, one ellipsoidal, two round seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; deep grooves only on the profiles SF. 1,60×1,50/1,60×1,60/1,50×1,50;

SH. 0,55 (?); BL. 1,70

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; partly linear cut. On (a), attention to details, attempt at naturalistic rendering; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), damage also to (a) and (b)

- (a) Cross of Leaves with stalk. The leaves are fan-shaped and show fishbone venation.
- (b) *Swastika*, right-facing, each member being composed of three parallel strands.
- (c) Pair of Lozenges. Each logenze is put together from two parallel strands.

Mesara Chlorite Prism

342 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met177 CMS IV no. 126

'Crete/Lastros'

Steatite, green and black

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Slightly concave profile (due to wear), initially possibly somewhat convex

SF. 1,20×0,70/0,75/0,75; SH. 0,35

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good (?) workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks,

motifs partly worn away

Damage to the profile edges, light damage also to the seal faces

- (a) *Tortoise* (part of the motif is missing).
- (b) Four *Disc S-spirals*, left facing, arranged the one behind the other. On two diagonally opposite voids on the sides of the image, two *Parts of a disc S-spiral*.
- (c) Three standing (?) *Waterfowls*, right side view, heads turned back, arranged the one above the other (from the lower, only the neck is preserved whereas from the upper, only the body and small part of the head are preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

343 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met180

CMS IV no. 73

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; no grooves SF. 1,20×1,00; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,30

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks In the centre of the motif on (b), a large break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Two "Bulb branches", toothed on one side, one curving inwards, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their plain sides. On one side of the image, a *Triangle*.
- (b) *Dog/lion* (?), left side view, head turned back. The motif is unfinished.

 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

344 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met184

CMS IV no. 11

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, greyish brown

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) 1,50×1,15/1,10/1,15; SH. 0,35 (?)

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios, good

workmanship Moderately abraded Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, pointed mouth, no arms. In front of him, a *'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'* rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him.
- (b) Scorpion, tail to the left.
- (c) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back. In front of it, a *Dolphin*, left side view, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the bird.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

345 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met185

CMS IV no. 127

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, green, at parts black

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile

SF. 1,00×0,75/0,75/0,70; SH. 0,25;

BL. 1,05

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b), somewhat tentative engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) 'Lily flower', spiral stem to the left.
- (b) 'Papyrus flower', spiral stem to the left.
- (c) Mirror pattern of Lilies with 'base' a.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

346 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met189

CMS IV no. 125

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, brown

Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded corners

Flat profile; deep grooves (?) only on the profiles

SF. 1,30×0,70; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,30

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; good work-manship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to the edge of one profile and also to (a) and (c)

(a) Head of an agrimi, right side view (its

lower part is missing). ²⁶¹¹ In front of its face and behind its horns, a *Wedge*. With respect to each other, the wedges are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their upper sides.

- (b) *Dagger*.²⁶¹² On either side, a *Wedge*. With respect to each other, the wedges are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their long sides.
- (c) "Saw branch" slung with 'String vessels' (one end of the device is missing). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

347 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met191

CMS IV no. 12D

'Crete/Siteia'

Steatite, brown, at parts black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile

SF. 1,70×1,30/1,20/1,30; SH. 0,30;

BL. 1,75

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Seated *Man in profile*, left side view, one arm extended in front and up, bent legs. His hand touches the horn of a standing *Agrimi*, right side view, which is situated in front of him and rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him. On the back of the animal, the *Back part of an arrow*.
- (b) Two crouching *Dogs/lions*, right side view, heads slightly up, open mouths, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backs (the tail of one is missing).

²⁶¹¹ The head is seen by Jasink as the possible CHIC sign 016 (Jasink 2009, 121, 194).

²⁶¹² The dagger is seen by Jasink as the possible CHIC sign 051 (Jasink 2009, 121, 194).

²⁶¹³ Jasink hypothesises that the 'vessels' could constitute a script sign (Jasink 2009, 121, 142).

(c) Two running *Bovines*, left side view, heads turned back, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides. Between the legs of one of them, the *Torso of a kid* (?), left side view, attached by its neck at the belly of the larger animal. Around the image, a *Border* (parts of it are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

348 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met466

CMS IV no. 124

'Crete/Askoi'

Steatite, green, at parts brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 2,00×1,00/1,90×0,90/1,90×0,90;

SH. 0,35; BL. 2,05

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; good workmanship Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Head of a 'goat'. On either side of its nose, a horizontal Wedge: one thin, the other thick. With respect to each other, the wedges are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their undersides.
- (b) Z-whirl spiral, right-facing, with Leaves with stalk as shoulder supplements (part of one leaf is missing). The leaves are heart-shaped.
- (c) Two 'Ivy leaves' with stalk, with bulb, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between the sides of the bulbs.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

349 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met476

CMS IV no. 8D

'Crete/Choumeri'

Steatite, green

Flat compressed round seal faces

Somewhat convex profile

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown)

1,30×1,30; SH. 0,35; BL. 1,35

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good work-manship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth.
- (b) Crouching Agrimi, right side view.
- (c) *Amphora*, pinched neck, belly handles. To the right, a "*T-branch*".

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

350 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met1082

CMS IV no. 17D

'Crete/Malia'

Somewhat gable-shaped

Steatite, brown

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal

Somewhat convex profile

SF. 1,05×1,20/1,05×1,05/1,10×1,10;

SH. 0,35; BL. 1,05

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (b), deep, compact 'cup sinkings'; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, in the intaglios sharp edges, motifs partly worn away (?)

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth, one arm extended in front and up, knees bent up as if sitting on the ground. His hand touches the plain side of a curved "Saw branch" (?), which is situated in front of him.
- (b) Two 'Spiders' b, arranged the one next to the other (the largest part of the legs of both is missing).
- (c) Cross pommée, central 'cup sinking', with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements.

 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

351 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met1086

CMS IV no. 13D

'Crete/Kasteli'

Somewhat gable-shaped

Steatite, brown

Flat seal faces, one compressed ellipsoidal,

two compressed round Almost flat profile SF. 1,25×1,25/1,25×1,25/1,20×1,30;

SH. 0,35; BL. 1,25 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated (?) Man in profile, right side view, open mouth (?), one bent arm extended in front and up, slightly bent legs extended in front as if sitting on the ground.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back, four spikes instead of front legs, vertically hatched neck.
- (c) Two *Jugs*, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, arranged the one behind the other.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

352 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met1118 CMS IV no. 14D

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, brown with white inclusions Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,40×1,00; SH. 0,30; BL. 1,45

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; somewhat rounded intaglio on (a) and (b); attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

Considerable damage to (b)

- (a) Z-whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion, left-facing. Two Papyrus triangles as angle-filling. The animals have heads turned back and two forwards directed spikes as front legs.
- (b) Head of an 'ox', straight horns. On either side of its face, the Profile head of a ruminant. With respect to each other, the latter are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their fronts. The muzzle of one and the horns of the other profile head slope inwards such that the combination encloses the frontal head

in a V.

(c) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth, bifurcated hands turning outwards.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

353 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met1173

CMS IV no. 135

'Crete/Pinakiano'

Pseudojasper; brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile

SF. 1,65×0,85/0,85/0,80;

SH. 0,30; BL. 1,70

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep, clear intaglios; confident engraving, well-defined devices, attentive, dexterous work; good to very good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Good condition, one piece affixed (?) in modern times

- (a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a *Double axe* and a "*Ladder*" (CHIC signs 042, 038). To the left, a '*V-flower*', spiral stem to the right. The axe is rotated 90° anticlockwise whereas the flower 90° clockwise both with reference to the ladder.²⁶¹⁴
- (b) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a *Shamrock b*, *Crossed arms*, and "*Breasts*" (CHIC signs 031, 006, 034). The first two are arranged the one above the other and the third is rotated 180° with reference to them.²⁶¹⁵
- (c) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an *Eye*, a "*Trowel*", and an '*Arrow*' b (CHIC signs 005, 044, 049). The eye and the arrow are rotated 45° anticlockwise with reference to the trowel. ²⁶¹⁶

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²⁶¹⁴ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 276 α ; also Jasink 2009, 16 who sees also the '*V-flower*' as part of the inscription.

²⁶¹⁵ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 276 β.

 $^{^{2616}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 276 γ .

354 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met1238 (?)²⁶¹⁷ CMS IV no. 16D

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, grey and brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,10×1,00; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,15

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Two standing/walking *Men in profile*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other.
- (b) Three *Heads of an agrimi*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other.
- (c) *Head of a 'ram'*, long hanging ears. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

355 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met1255 CMS IV no. 10

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'Crete/Malia' Steatite, brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; deep grooves on the profiles and traces on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,40×1,15; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edges and also to the seal faces

- (a) Standing Man in profile, left side view, one arm extended in front. His hand is extended towards a Jug, left side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, which is situated in front of him and is rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him. Under the jug, an Amphora, without neck.
- (b) Crouching Agrimi, right side view.
- (c) Two 'Ball amphorae', without neck, arranged the one next to the other (the handle of one is missing). Above them, a

²⁶¹⁷ In CMS IV with a wrong inventory number (1252).

'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' rotated 180° with reference to them (one end of the pole is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

356 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met1323

CMS IV no. 72

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, yellow, at parts brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,20×0,90/0,70 pres.; SH. 0,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, sharp stringhole edges

Approximately one third of (b) and (c) missing

- (a) Two *Jugs*, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, arranged the one behind the other. On either side of each vessel, a *Wedge*.
- (b) Crouching *Bovine*, left side view, head turned back (the upper part of the head and the tail are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

357 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met1358

CMS IV no. 22D

'Crete/Kamilari'

Chlorite; black with lighter dots (?)

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,30×1,20/1,30×1,20/1,40×1,25; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,45

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; clear confident engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good to very good workmanship Somewhat abraded, almost sharp stringhole

Damage to the edges of (a)

- (a) 'Squid' b, toothed inner side of the tentacles.
- (b) Paisley, spiral stem to the left, body with fishbone venation. To the left, two Triangles, one with diagonally hatched

inner surface.

(c) *C-spiral roof compound*. Inside the *C-spiral*, a *Fan motif*; in front of its mouth, two *Triangles*. The inner side of the spiral is toothed.

Mesara Chlorite Prism

358 Jerusalem, Bible Lands Mus., M8 Bernheimer 2007, 16 no. B-8

Steatite, black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,50×1,20/1,20/1,15

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, nose, chin, ponytail, one bent arm extended in front and up, bifurcated hand, knees bent up as if sitting on the ground.
- (b) *Head of an agrimi*, right side view. In front of it, a "Saw branch".
- (c) Cross-legged *Bovine*, right side view, head turned back.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

359 Kea, Arch. Mus., Exc. No. K 6.210 CMS V no. 483

Kea/Agia Eirini, Grave 31

The tomb is dated to the middle to late MBA, at a phase possibly corresponding to MM IIB–MM IIIA

Steatite, dark green, with some light inclusions (?)

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; remains of deep grooves only on the profiles (?)

SF. 1,30×1,00; BL. 1,40

Drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away

Areas of light damage

- (a) Cross pattern of double Centred-circles.
- (b) Gear combination of Centred-circles put together from a large triple Centred-

circle and three small Centred-circles.

(c) Gear combination of Centred-circles put together from a large triple Centred-circle and two small Centred-circles.
Central Crete Ornamental Prism

360 Liverpool, World Mus., C1111

CMS VIII no. 111²⁶¹⁸

Steatite, cream coloured and brown Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal (one almost round)

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle

SF. 1,25×1,25/1,20/1,15; SH. 0,20;

BL. 1,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Amphora*, pinched neck, belly handles. To the left, a *Jug*, left side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, rotated 180° with reference to the amphora.²⁶¹⁹
- (b) *Dolphin*, right side view, trifurcated tail, vertically hatched body. Under it, an *Unidentifiable motif XIV*. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.
- (c) Running 'Ape' a in profile, left side view, open mouth, two arms extended, one in front, the other behind, one trifurcated hand.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

361 Liverpool, World Mus., 55.66.210²⁶²⁰ CMS VII no. 253 (Given by R.C. Bosanquet) Gable-shaped

 $^{^{\}rm 2618}$ Former R.W. Hutchinson collection, Esq. (CMS VIII).

 $^{^{2619}}$ The combination Jug-Amphora is seen by Karnava and Jasink as the combination CHIC signs 053-054 (Karnava 2000, 25; Jasink 2009, 82, 194).

²⁶²⁰ The piece is published in CMS VII as having inventory number B. 210. I would like to thank Ashley Cooke for the provision of the current inventory number.

Steatite, whitish

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal; the latter truncated

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,20 pres. (init. 1,40) /1,30×1,10/1,30×1,00 pres. (init. 1,10); SH. 0,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(c) and also to (a) and (c)

- (a) Four-armed whirl of Busts of a dog/lion, left-facing. The animals have open mouths.
- (b) Standing *Bovine*, left side view, head down. Above it, a *'Lily flower'* (?), bent stem to the left, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the animal.
- (c) Standing *Pig/boar*, left side view, head down, toothed back. Under it, a *Ground-line*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- **362** Liverpool, World Mus., 55.66.211²⁶²¹ CMS VII no. 254

(Given by R.C. Bosanquet)

Steatite (?); black

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves (?) SF. 1,70×0,90/0,90/0,95; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; initially deep intaglios; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, shallowed intaglio, motifs partly worn away

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Ship*, ²⁶² left side view, one arrowhead-shaped and one bifurcated extremity, oars, mast, three forestays and three backstays. On either side of the stays, a *J-spiral*.
- (b) Two *C-spirals* arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their mouths.

Between them, a *Mirror pattern of 'Lily flowers'* (only half of it is preserved). From each side of the stem of the pattern issues a *'Wheat stalk'* which terminates at the centre of each spiral. ²⁶²³ The inner part of the spirals is delimited by a bar.

(c) Supplementation Four-armed whirl spiral, right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as curve supplements. The four-armed whirl spiral is actually an S-spiral, right facing, with J-spirals as body supplements. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

363 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1876.5-13.5 CMS VII no. 16*

Steatite, dark olive green, almost black, and olive green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and up to one point on the interfacial edges SF. 2,00×1,20/1,20/1,30; SH. 0,25;

H. 1,15×1,00; BL. 2,10

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; very even, smooth drillings; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

In the centre of the motif on (c), a break into the stringhole channel which is as wide as the drill used

- (a) Two seated *Men in profile*, right side view, open mouths, one arm extended in front, in one case also up, knees bent up as if sitting on the ground, arranged the one behind the other.
- (b) Two crouching *Unidentifiable quadrupeds*, left side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides.
- (c) *Star pommée*, double centred-circle as centre. Either side, an inwards curving *Line*.

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²⁶²¹ The piece is published in CMS VII as having inventory number B. 211. I would like to thank Ashley Cooke for the provision of the current inventory number.

²⁶²² See also Wedde 2000, 334 no. 809.

 $^{^{2623}}$ For the pattern, see 'Miscellaneous compounds', p. 325.

364 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R)1934.1-20.5 CMS VII no. 30*2624

> (Bought in Athens from the art dealer Orfanidis)

> Steatite, brownish yellow, at parts greenish Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

> Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; traces of grooves only on the interfacial edges; the piece appears somewhat swollen

> SF. 1,50×1,10; SH. 0,25; H. 1,10; BL. 1,70 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

In the centre of the motif on (b), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Branch with leaves. 2625
- (b) Crab, horizontally hatched back.
- (c) Shrimp/prawn, almond-shaped eyes, horizontally and vertically hatched body. On either side of it, an inwards curving "Saw branch".

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365 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1934.1-20.6 CMS VII no. 15*

> Steatite, olive green, at parts dark olive green to black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,60×1,10; SH. 0,25; H. 1,00; BL. 1,60 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; dexterous work; good to very good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

Approximately one fourth of (a) and (c) on their interfacial edge missing

(a) Man in profile, bent at the waist 45°, left side view, head down, open mouth, two arms extended in front, a wedge-shaped element issuing from the back side of his pelvis (his right leg is missing). His hands touch the plain side of an inwards curved "Saw branch" which is situated in front of him (one end is missing).

- (b) Spider, four legs. In each of the voids created at the joints of front and back legs, a Triangle.
- (c) Standing Waterfowl, right side view, head turned back, long beak, spikes on the

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366 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1934.11-20.2 CMS VII no. 8*

Wedge-shaped

Steatite, yellow whitish, at parts dark olive

Flat seal faces, one ellipsoidal, two compressed ellipsoidal

Almost flat profile; no grooves

SF. 1,30×1,60/1,60/1,50; SH. 0,35;

H. 1,55×1,25; BL. 1,30

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; good workmanship Moderately abraded

Fissure through a part of (a) and (b)

- (a) Jug, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle. In front of it, two Amphorae, pinched necks, mouth handles, arranged the one next to the other and rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the jug (a handle of one amphora is missing).
- (b) Head of a 'ram', horizontal horns with edges curving downwards. Under it, a Spider, four-legs, and an 'Unidentifiable insect'. The latter is rotated 180° with reference to the two other motifs.
- (c) Standing Waterfowl, right side view, head turned back. Around it, a ladder band Border.

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367 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R)1934.11-20.3 CMS VII no. 17*

Steatite, black

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile, inner triangle slightly

projecting; traces of grooves on one profile SF. 1,95×0,95/0,90/0,90; SH. 0,30; H. 0,80; BL. 2,00

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good

²⁶²⁴ Minoan?

²⁶²⁵ For this device, see also Jasink 2009, 124.

workmanship Moderately abraded Areas of light damage

- (a) Two 'Arrows' a arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their fronts. On either side of the image, a "Saw branch". With respect to each other, the branches are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their toothed sides.
- (b) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front. His hand touches a '*Pole' slung with 'String vessels'* which is situated in front of him and rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him.
- (c) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back, open mouth. In front of it, a *Blob*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

368 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1934.11-20.4 CMS VII no. 29*2626

(Bought in Athens from the art dealer Orfanidis)

Steatite, olive green, at parts yellowish white, to a small extent mottled with dark olive green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; shallow grooves only on the interfacial edges; the piece appears somewhat swollen

SF. 1,40×1,00/1,00/1,10; SH. 0,30; H. 1,00; BL. 1,60

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Mirror pattern of Lilies with 'base' a. Under each volute, a Circle. On either side of the fused bases, a short horizontal Line.
- (b) 'Egyptian arrow'. On either side of the shaft, a *J-spiral* and a *Grain ellipse*.
- (c) *Quatrefoil*, central 'cup sinking'. Four 'Lily flowers' as angle-filling.

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Steatite, black, at parts dark grey Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear, somewhat disorderly and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,35×1,05; SH. 0,25; H. 1,10; BL. 1,40 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), confident engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head up.
- (b) Standing 'Peafowl', left side view, head turned back, long beak, long hanging crest with outwards turning edge (the tail of the animal is missing).
- (c) *Unidentifiable motif III*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

370 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1936.7-21.2 CMS VII no. 10*

'Malia'

Steatite, brownish yellow with some olive green veins

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and intermittent on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,05×0,90; SH. 0,25; H. 0,85; BL. 1,10 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; dexterous work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), damage also to (a) and (b)

(a) Frontal 'bird', head in left side view, wings extended to the sides and up, toothed tail (the front part of the head and the edge of one wing are missing). On either side of its waist, a Chevron with curving arms to the left. With respect to each other, the chevrons are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides. (b) Head of a 'ram', inwards curving horns.

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³⁶⁹ London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1936.7-21.1* *Pl. 128*

²⁶²⁶ Minoan?

(c) Saltire with Js as angle supplements. The Js are left-facing and issue not from the angles created between the arms of the saltire but from the sides of the arms. From the combination, a supplementation Whirl Saltire is created.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

371 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1936.7-21.3 CMS VII no. 11*

Steatite, light olive green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves on one profile and intermittent on the other (not on the interfacial edges)

SF. 0,95×0,70; SH. 0,20; H. 0,65; BL. 1,00 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; good workmanship Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Two *Spiders*, three and four legs respectively, arranged the one next to the other.
- (b) Three *Fish*, one markedly thinner without fins. One animal has the head in the opposite direction from the other two.
- (c) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth. In front of him, a *Wedge*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

372 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1947.9-26.1 CMS VII no. 9*

Steatite, brownish light grey, at parts darker Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,60×1,20/1,20/1,10;

SH. 0,25; H. 1,10×1,00; BL. 1,65

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Crouching 'Sheep', left side view.
- (b) Two standing/walking *Men in profile*, right side view, joined at one shoulder, arranged the one behind the other.
- (c) Two standing *Dogs/lions* arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of

symmetry being located between their undersides. The animals step on a *Ground-line* which is situated between them.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

373 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1947.9-26.2 CMS VII no. 6*

Steatite, matt light olive green with dark olive green veins, (a) in the intaglio milky Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; faint traces of grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,50×1,00 pres./1,10/1,00 pres.;

SH. 0,30×0,25; H. 1,00; BL. 1,50

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; clear engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks, small parts of the motifs worn away

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(c), damage also to (a) and (c)

- (a) S-whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion, left-facing. The animals have heads turned back and two spikes as front legs.
- (b) Seated Frontal 'ape', head in left side view, open mouth, hair, two bent arms extended to the sides and up, two bent legs extended to the sides.
- (c) Head of a 'goat'. On either side of its face, the Head of an agrimi. With respect to each other, the latter are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their fronts. The muzzle of one and the horns of the other profile head slope inwards such that the combination encloses the frontal head in a V.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

374 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1947.9-26.3 CMS VII no. 3*

Steatite, matt ochreish and greenish brown at parts dark olive green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and on the largest part of the interfacial edges SF. 1,50×1,10/1,05/1,10;

SH. 0,25; H. 1,05×0,95; BL. 1,50

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), damage also to (a) and (b)

- (a) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view. In front of it, a standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back, spikes on the back, rotated 180° with reference to the agrimi.
- (b) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth, one arm extended in front. His hand touches the plain side of a "*Saw branch*" which is situated in front of him. Under the image, a *Ground-line*.
- (c) Three *Spiders*, each with three legs, arranged the one next to the other.
 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

375 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1947.9-26.4 CMS VII no. 4*

Steatite, matt bone yellowish mottled with dark olive green, at parts brownish olive green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,15×1,20/1,00×1,20/1,10×1,30; SH. 0,30; H. 1,15; BL. 1,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Unidentifiable motif XII. Under it, the Head of an agrimi (?), left side view. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.
- (b) Legless waterfowl (?),2627 head turned back, and Torso of a waterfowl, right

²⁶²⁷ It is not certain that the curved linear element and the paisley-shaped figure are meant to form a unit. The reason that the two devices are seen as parts of a *Legless waterfowl* is due to the similarity of the shape resulting from their combination with the *Legless waterfowl* on **296 c**. If, however, the two devices are not meant to be seen as a unit, the paisley-shaped device would be a second example of a *Torso of a waterfowl*.

side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides. (c) *Unidentifiable image LIX*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

376 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1947.9-26.5 CMS VII no. 7*

Steatite, black and grey with dark olive green, almost black veins in a net configuration

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,00×1,20; SH. 0,25; H. 1,15; BL. 1,00 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Star blossom*, large central 'cup sinking', twelve thin petals arranged in groups of three such that a cross is formed.
- (b) Fish. On either side of it, two Chevrons.(c) Head of an 'ox'. On either side of its
- face, the *Profile head of a horned ruminant* (?). The muzzles of the latter slope inwards such that the combination encloses the frontal head in a V. With respect to each other, the profile heads are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their fronts.

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377 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1947.9-26.6²⁶²⁸ CMS VII no. 5*

Steatite, matt ochreish brown, at parts light olive green, mottled with olive green Flat ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,30×1,20; SH. 0,25; H. 1,15; BL. 1,30 Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

 $^{^{2628}}$ In CMS VII with a wrong inventory number (1947.9-26.9)

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Head of a dog/lion with leg, left side view, open mouth, hair. The motif is laid out diagonally on the seal face.
- (b) Seated *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back, open mouth.
- (c) Z-whirl, left-facing, with Stalk triangles as body supplements. From the combination a supplementation Swastika is created.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

378 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1947.9-26.7 CMS VII no. 12*

Gable-shaped

Steatite, matt ochre with short brown and olive green veins

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces (two irregular)

Concave profile (due to wear), initially somewhat rounded; no grooves

SF. 1,10×1,05/1,20/1,05; SH. 0,30/0,25; H. 1,05×0,90; BL. 1,10

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; workmanship cannot be estimated

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs worn away to a great extent

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) 'Spider' b. Next to it, a Dolphin, right side view, rotated 90° with reference to the spider (part of its body is missing).
- (b) Two standing (?) Men in profile (?) (the arms of one are missing; from the other only the head, part of the upper body, and one arm are preserved).
- (c) Standing *Man in profile*, left (?) side view. In front of him, a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels', rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him (parts of the devices are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

379 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1947.9-26.8 CMS VII no. 28*

Steatite, green, in one area black, in another white

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, inner triangle slightly projecting; no grooves

SF. 1,70×1,00; SH. 0,30; H. 0,85; BL. 1,75 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded stringhole edges

Areas of light damage

- (a) Saltire pommée, central 'cup sinking', with 'Wheat stalks' as angle supplements. 2629
- (b) 'Fir branch'. 2630
- (c) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a "*Trowel*" and an '*Arrow*' b (CHIC signs 044, 049). To the left of the trowel, a '*Papyrus flower*' with spray, stem to the left; to the right, a '*Papyrus flower*', stem to the right. The arrow is situated under the trowel and is rotated 180° with reference to it.²⁶³¹

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

380 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1947.9-26.9²⁶³² CMS VII no. 13*

Steatite, matt reddish ochre, at parts cream coloured with brown veins

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; faint traces of grooves on the profiles

SF. 2,20×1,00 pres./1,20/1,00 pres.; SH. 0,25; H. 1,05; BL. 2,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (b), smooth 'cup sinking'; good workmanship Moderately to considerably abraded, rounded breaks

Part of one profile and approximately a quarter of (a) and (c) on their interfacial edge missing

(a) Row of double Centred-circles.

²⁶²⁹ For the possible reading of this device as an ideogram, see Jasink 2009, 123, 133.

²⁶³⁰ For the possible reading of this device as an ideogram, see Jasink 2009, 123, 133.

²⁶³¹ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 216 α ; also Jasink 2009, 84.

²⁶³² In CMS VII with wrong inventory number (1947.9-24.9).

(b) Seated Pig/boar (?), left side view.

(c) Two *Heads of a 'ram'* (?), each with a shorter and a longer horn, the outer sides of the longer horns toothed, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between the sides of the faces (part of the left upper side of one is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

381 London, Br. Mus., 1947.9-26.10 CMS VII no. 19*

Steatite, light olive green, in two areas somewhat white

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; no grooves

SF. 1,50×0,80/0,80/0,90;

SH. 0,30/0,30×0,25; H. 0,85; BL. 1,55

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), summary engraving; moderate workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded, motifs partly worn away, especially so on (c)

In the centre of the motif on (b), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Unidentifiable motif XXXIII.
- (b) *Unidentifiable motif XLI*.
- (c) Standing *Waterfowl* (?), right side view, toothed back (the head and the inner part of the body are missing). To the right, a *Dolphin*, left side view, trifurcated tail, rotated 135° clockwise with reference to the bird. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

382 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1947.9-26.11 CMS VII no. 18*

Steatite, olive green with dark olive green veins, at parts dark olive green almost black Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,85 pres./1,80 pres./1,80 pres.×0,90 (init. ca. 1,90); SH. 0,35; H. 0,90; BL. 1,85 pres. (init. ca. 1,90)

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; workmanship cannot be estimated Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs worn away to a great extent

Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edge (a)–(c), damage also to the seal faces (a) Mirror pattern of Leaves (?)²⁶³³ with stalk. On either side of the stem, a small One-armed whirl (from one only the tip of the arm is preserved). With respect to each other, the latter are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their concave sides. (b) Two Heads of a 'ram' (?) arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their upper sides (on one, only parts of the outline of the face and small parts of the horns are preserved; on the other, only the top of the head and the roots of the horns remain). Between them, a Line.

(c) Pair of double Centred-circles. Above them, a Hatched triangle.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

383 London, Br. Mus., (GR/R) 1947.9-26.12 CMS VII no. 2*

Steatite, matt green with thick dark olive green veins

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; no grooves

SF. 2,70×1,80/1,40 pres./1,70 pres.;

SH. 0,45; H. 1,55; BL. 2,80

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; clumsy work; moderate workmanship Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, one widened stringhole, motifs partly worn away

Parts of the profiles and approximately one third of (b) and (c) on their interfacial edge missing, in the centre of the middle motif on (b), a break into the stringhole channel which is as wide as the drill used

(a) Two Spiders, four legs, arranged the

²⁶³³ It is assumed by the author that the fir branch-shaped devices were originally contained in curved frames, similar to **92 b**. If this was not the case, the devices would represent 'Fir branches' instead.

one next to the other.

- (b) Three standing/walking *Men in profile* (the heads and feet are missing). The left or the middle one has an arm extended such that it touches the body of the neighbouring figure.
- (c) Fragmentary unidentifiable device XXX. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 384 Los Angeles, Mus. Cult. Hist., X65-12327 CMS XIII no. 9D

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,35×1,20/1,30 pres.×1,00 pres. (?)/1,35×1,10; BL. 1,35

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good (?) workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded, some breaks rounded, motifs partly worn away, especially on (c)

Part of one profile and of the seal faces on their interfacial edges missing

- (a) Standing Man in profile, left side view, one arm extended in front. His hand touches a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' that is situated in front of him and is rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the him (the 'strings' from which three of the vessels hang are missing).
- (b) Three standing/walking *Men in profile* (?), right (?) side view, arranged the one behind the other (the back legs of the left and middle one are missing, from the right one only the head is preserved). The middle figure has a bent arm extended in front and up.
- (c) Fragmentary unidentifiable device XLI.
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385 Malia, Exc. Storer., Exc. No. 84 2800-001

CMS V Suppl. 3 no. 2142634

Crete/Malia, northeast border area of the Palace, ground plan Square GU 175, surface layer (could have contained exca-

vation dump from the Palace)

Steatite, olive green to grey with black and reddish brown inclusions

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,80×1,05/1,00/1,05; SH. 0,20 (init.) 0,45–0,55 (due to wear); H. 1,00×0,95; BL. 1.80

Cut freehand, drilled (?); workmanship cannot be estimated

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks and stringhole edges, stringholes widened from the string, most motifs worn away Many areas of light damage

- (a) Fragmentary unidentifiable image XXXIX
- (b) Fragmentary unidentifiable image XL.
- (c) Fragmentary unidentifiable image XXXVIII.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism (?)

386 Malibu, Getty Mus., 85.AN.370.1

VIII no. 100²⁶³⁵

Steatite, dark brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,20×1,40 (?); SH. 0,25; BL. 1,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; on (a), an attempt at naturalistic, animated rendering; on (b), rounded contours; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, open mouth.
- (b) Crouching Agrimi, right side view.
- (c) *Amphora*, pinched neck, belly handles, diagonally hatched body.

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²⁶³⁴ I wish to thank Pascal Darcque for the verification of the keeping place of the seal (2007).

²⁶³⁵ Former Dr. J. Bard collection, Great Britain (CMS VIII).

387 Malibu, Getty Mus., 2001.14.35

Christie's 1989, 26 no. 292636

Steatite, light yellowish green

Flat seal faces, one ellipsoidal, two round Convex profile; broad slightly rounded interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,30×1,20/1,30/1,30; BL. 1,30

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; on (b), rounded contours and somewhat rounded intaglio; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Frontal 'bird', head in right side view, vertically hatched wings.
- (b) Seated *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back, open mouth, vertically hatched neck.
- (c) Mirror pattern of Protomes of a dog/lion. The animals are not identical. Both have vertically hatched necks and backwards directed legs. However, one has an open mouth whereas the other has the head turned back and a closed mouth. The positioning of the claws of the regardant animal at the outer as opposed to the inner side of the legs suggests that its legs are also turned back.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

388 Malibu, Getty Mus., 2001.14.36 CMS X no. 36²⁶³⁷

Steatite, semi translucid light green Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,40×1,25/1,20/1,25; SH. 0,25;

BL. 1.50

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving, rounded contours, somewhat rounded intaglio, attention on details; attentive, dexterous work; good to very good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded, rounded

stringhole edges Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated *Man in profile*, left side view, open mouth, one bent arm extended in front and up, bifurcated hand, knees bent up as if sitting on the ground. On either side, a "Saw branch". With respect to each other, the latter are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their toothed sides.
- (b) Standing *Waterfowl*, left side view, open mouth (?), body vertically, tail horizontally hatched, the two legs terminating in a curved line. Under the latter, a short horizontal *Line*. In front of the bird, an inwards curving *Line*. Behind its head, a '*Lily blossom*' rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the bird.
- (c) Seated/lying *Agrimi*, left side view. In front of it, a set of two short *Parallels*. Behind it, a slightly inwards curving "*Saw branch*".

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

389 Marburg, Pr. Coll. Wiegandt CMS XI no. 122

Steatite, yellow to light olive green mottled with grey

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and traces (?) on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,45×1,30/1,45×1,30/1,50×1,35;

SH. 0,30; BL. 1,50

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attempt at creating lively, animated images; on (b), naturalistic, somewhat plastic rendering of the hips and legs of the figure; dexterous work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, some rounded breaks Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), light damage also to (a) and (b)

(a) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, open mouth, two arms extended in front, one up (the feet are missing). His upper hand touches the handle of a *Jug*, left side

²⁶³⁶ See footnote 2660.

²⁶³⁷ See footnote 2660.

view, pinched neck, mouth handles, that is situated in front of him and is rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him. His other hand touches the upper right handle of a *Pithos/jar*, four handles, that is situated under the jug.

- (b) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth. The figure is carrying on his shoulders a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Behind his back leg, a 'Lame' chevron (?).
- (c) Walking *Dog/lion*, right side view, open mouth, lolling tongue, diagonally hatched neck. In front of it, a *Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXXVII*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

390 Munich, Staatl. Antikensamml., Schön 283 CMS XI no. 206

Steatite, olive green with one whitish yellow area

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,40×1,80/1,35×1,60 pres./1,40×1,70 pres.; SH. 0,30; BL. 1,40

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c), many areas of light damage to (a)

- (a) Seated (?) Man in profile, left side view, open mouth, one arm extended in front and up, bifurcated hand, legs extended in front forming a 45° angle with the body. In front of him, a *Pithos/jar*, four handles.
- (b) Z-whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion, right-facing. The animals have heads turned back, open mouths, and one front leg which is directed backwards.
- (c) Two *Heads of a 'ram'*, inwards curving horns, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their undersides. Between them, two *Triangles* arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between one of their corners.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

391 Munich, Staatl. Münzsamml., 1146 CMS XI no. 141²⁶³⁸

'Crete'

Gable-shaped

Steatite, olive green

Flat seal faces, one compressed round, two compressed ellipsoidal (one almost round) Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,70/1,40/1,45;

SH. 0,30; BL. 1,40

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) S-whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion, right-facing. The animals have heads turned back, open mouths, and two spikes as front legs.
- (b) Star of 'Wheat stalks'.
- (c) Whirl of 'Beaked' busts, left-facing. One head has an open mouth, four have closed mouth, and two have no mouth at all

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

392 Munich, Staatl. Münzsamml., 1147 CMS XI no. 144

'Crete'2639

Steatite, yellowish olive green Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; traces of deep grooves only on the profiles SF. 1,65×0,90/1,70×1,00/1,75×0,90;

SH. 0,25; BL. 1,90

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a), linear rendering; on (c), somewhat fast, hasty engraving; good workmanship Moderately to considerably abraded, parts

of the motifs worn away Some thick scratch marks on (a) and (c)

and on one profile

(a) Ship, 2640 left (?) side view, one

²⁶³⁸ Former Naue collection, Munich.

²⁶³⁹ Former Roussopoulos collection, Athens.

²⁶⁴⁰ See also Wedde 2000, 334 no. 812.

arrowhead-shaped and one bifurcated extremity, oars, mast, two forestays and two backstays.²⁶⁴¹

(b) Row of Centred-circles. 2642 On either side, a Line comb (from one only some teeth remain). With respect to each other, the latter are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their plain sides. (c) Crouching Dog/lion (?), left side view, two spikes (?) as front and back legs. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

393 Munich, Staatl. Münzsamml., 1148 CMS XI no. 142²⁶⁴³

'Crete'

Steatite, black

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and intermittent on the interfacial edges

SF. 2,10×1,15/1,20/1,20; SH. 0,30; BL. 2,25

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving, rounded contours; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) *Head of a 'ram'*, the ends of the horns turning outwards.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, long tail with the edge turning outwards.
- (c) S-whirl of Protomes of a bovine, left-facing. The animals have heads turned back and one front leg which is bent back.

 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

394 Munich, Staatl. Münzsamml., 1149 CMS XI no. 143 (Acquired in art trade in Crete)

²⁶⁴¹ For the possible use of this device as a script sign, see Jasink 2009, 125.

Steatite, black

Flat elongated rectangular seal faces with rounded corners

Flat profile; no grooves

SF. 1,70×0,80; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,75

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; on (a), rounded contours, rounded intaglio and attention to details create naturalistic, graceful images of quadrupeds; attentive, dexterous work; good to very good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

out diagonally on the seal face.

(a) Two crouching *Agrimia*, right side view, heads up, male organs (?), arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backs. In the back of each animal, the *Back part of an arrow*. The image is laid

(b) Two larger and two smaller *Heads of an 'ox'* arranged in a cross, their noses being directed towards the center. Four *Heads of an agrimi*, right side view, as angle-filling.

(c) Meander Z of Protomes of a horned ruminant, left-facing. The animals have heads directed up, two front legs, one stretched down, the other bent back, and toothed underside of the necks.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

395 Nauplion, Arch. Mus., 28104 CMS V Suppl. 3 no. 222

Midea, Acropolis, West Gate, Gateway, upper layers of the earth and stones superimposing the destruction layer

Context: MH-LH IIIB2

Faience (?); light yellow to whitish; very microcrystalline material, in the surface powderish soft with small 'craters'

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; faint intermittent grooves on the profiles and traces (?) on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,55×1,00/1,00/0,95; SH. 0,25 Filed, drilled; good workmanship Considerably weathered, pitting on the

²⁶⁴² For the viewing of these *Centred-circles* as possible symbols, see Jasink 2009, 43.

²⁶⁴³ Former Naue collection, Munich.

surface, motifs shallowed and partly worn away

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Simple grid*. In each of the four middle compartments a *Centred-circle*, in each of the four edge compartments, a *Blob*.
- (b) 16 *Blobs* covering the seal face. Under them, a *Simple grid* (?).
- (c) *Simple grid*. In each of the four upper compartments, a *Blob*; in each of the two lower compartments, a smaller and a larger *Blob*.

Central Crete Ornamental Prism

396 New York, Metr. Mus., 25.78.105 CMS XII no. 28

'Crete/Eparchy Lasithi, Koprana' (found in 1896)

Steatite, olive green with a hard coarse brownish red inclusion

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; parts of clear and deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,55×1,20; SH. 0,20; BL. 1,55

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view. On either side of its neck, a *Blob*. Above its face, a *Wedge*. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.
- (b) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, head down, one arm extended in front, knees bent up as if sitting on the ground. His hand touches the handle of a *Jug*, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, that is situated in front of him.
- (c) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back. Above its back, a *Wedge*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

397 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.21 CMS XII no. 22

Steatite, brownish yellow Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 0,70×0,70; SH. 0,15; BL. 0,70 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident line; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Head of an 'ox'* (?).
- (b) Standing *Waterfowl*, head turned back. The motif is laid out diagonally on the seal face.
- (c) Unidentifiable motif IV.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

398 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.22

Yule 1980 b, 99 no. 2

Steatite, light green

Flat seal faces, one compressed round, two compressed ellipsoidal (one almost round) Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,10×1,00/1,10/1,05; BL. 1,10

Cut freehand drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship Somewhat abraded, sharp stringhole edges Areas of light damage

- (a) Jug, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle. In front of it, the Head of an agrimi, right side view.
- (b) "Saw branch" slung with 'String vessels'.
- (c) Segmented circle (?).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

399 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.65 CMS XII no. 11D

Bone or paste (?); whitish (?)

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) 1,10×1,00; SH. 0,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attention on the details; on (b), attempt at naturalistic rendering; dexterous work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, parts of the motifs worn away

Areas of light damage

(a) Two groups of motifs: Each consists of a 'Deer', right side view, vertically hatched body, and a 'Papyrus flower', bent stem to the right, running parallel to the

horns of the quadruped. The two groups are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between the undersides of the animals.

- (b) Standing Frontal man, two bent arms extended to the sides and up, vertically hatched torso. Under his right elbow and between his legs, a Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXXVI. Around the image, a Border with hatched triangles as border supplements (parts of the device are missing).
- (c) Saltire of Ellipses. Around it, a Border with hatched triangles as border supplements (parts of the device are missing).

Prism with EM III/MM I Influences

400 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.71 Yule 1980 b, 99 no. 5

Gable-shaped

Steatite, brownish green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,15/1,00/1,05; BL. 1,40

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; uncomplicated work; good workmanship Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), light damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Standing 'Man with semicircular body', right side view, pointed mouth, no arms. In front of him, a Spear, head down.
- (b) *M-motif.* Under it, an *Unidentifiable motif XI*.
- (c) Four *Unidentifiable vessels* (?), three in a row and one above them, rotated 90° with reference to them.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

401 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.72 Yule 1980 b, 99 no. 6

Steatite, light olive green, at parts brownish red

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; two broad interfacial edges, (a)–(c) and (a)–(b); no

grooves

SF. 1,10×1,00; H. 1,00; BL. 1,10

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; moderate to good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded, almost sharp stringhole edges

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Dog/lion*, left side view.
- (b) Spider, four legs.
- (c) *Whirl*, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

402 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.73

Yule 1980 b, 99 no. 7

Steatite, black

Flat round seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 0,80×0,80; H. 0,70; BL. 0,80; BW. 0,90 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh, sharp stringhole edges

Parts of the seal faces on their interfacial edges missing

- (a) Head of a 'ram', inwards curving horns.
- (b) Seated *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back.
- (c) Lunette of Heads of a 'dog/lion with hook'. Next to it, a Four-armed whirl, left-facing, central 'cup sinking', arms issuing only from the one half. The dogs/lions have open mouths. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

403 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.74 CMS XII no. 38

Steatite, cream coloured with grey and black veins

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves, scratches; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre

SF. 1,00×1,15; SH. 0,30; BL. 1,00

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good

workmanship

Moderately abraded; on (a), unfinished

Damage to the profiles and also to (a) and (c) (a) Unidentifiable quadruped, right (?) side view. The motif is unfinished.

- (b) Whirl, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'.
- (c) Head of a 'ram', slightly inwards curving horns.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

404 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.75

Yule 1980 b, 100 no. 8

Steatite, black

Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded

Flat profile (?); no grooves

SF. 1,30×1,10/1,00 pres./1,00 pres.;

H. 0,90; BL. 1,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty engraving; moderate to good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

Small parts of (b) and (c) on their interfacial edge missing; on (a), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Crawling animal.
- (b) 'Centipede' (?).
- (c) 'Lily flower', bent stem to the right. To the left, a fraction of an unidentifiable motif.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

405 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.76

Yule 1980 b, 100 no. 92644

Steatite, reddish brown

Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded

Flat profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,15×0,80/0,85/0,80; H. 0,75; BL. 1,15 Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident but somewhat stiff engraving; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost sharp stringhole edges

2644 Minoan?

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing Agrimi, right side view, head turned back. Above its back, the Back part of an arrow.
- (b) Ship, 2645 left side view, a bifurcated and a raised trifurcated extremity, oars, mast, square, flaglike, cross-hatched sail (?). 2646 To the left, an *Unidentifiable motif XXXVIII*.
- (c) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

406 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.77

CMS XII no. 58

Steatite, green

Flat round seal faces

Convex profile; intermittent deep grooves on the profiles; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre

SF. 1,05×0,90 pres./0,95 pres./0,95 pres. (init. ca. 1,05); SH. 0,20; BL. 1,05

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edges and also to the seal faces; in the centre of one motif on (c), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Cross pommèe, central 'cup sinking', with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements. The cross pommèe is laid out diagonally on the seal face such that it describes a saltire.
- (b) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view, head turned back, open mouth.
- (c) Two standing/walking Men in profile, right side view, arranged the one behind the other. The left one has an arm extended in front and up such that it touches the head of the man in front.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

407 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.81

CMS XII no 40

Gable-shaped

Steatite, black, grey and cream coloured Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces (one

²⁶⁴⁵ See also Wedde 2000, 337 no. 836.

²⁶⁴⁶ Wedde sees a 'large checkered flag' (Wedde 2000, 337).

somewhat trapezoidal)

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre

SF. 1,00×0,80/0,95 (?)/0,80; SH. 0,20;

BL. 1,00

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b), confident, accurate engraving; good work-manship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(c) and also to (a) and (c); in the centre of the motif on (c), a large break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Swastika, left-facing.
- (b) Head of an agrimi, right side view.
- (c) *Jug*, left side view, pinched neck, mouth handle. In front of it, an inwards curving *Wedge*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

408 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.82 CMS XII no. 32

Steatite, olive green with a few black veins Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. (position of the stringhole with regard to [a] unknown) 1,25×1,15/1,20×1,10/1,25×1,10; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (a), somewhat hasty, on (c), clear engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Whirl, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'.
- (b) Whirl of 'Beaked' busts, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'.
- (c) Cross-legged *Pig/boar*, right side view, head down, semicircular body, trifurcated hooves, toothed back. Between its muzzle and front leg, a *Chevron*, rotated 45° clockwise with reference to the animal. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

409 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.83 CMS XII no. 78 Steatite, black Flat ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,10/1,05/1,15;

SH. 0,25; BL. 1,40

Drilled; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded stringhole edges, the surface very slippery and rounded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Gear combination of Centred-circles put together from a large double Centred-circle and a small Centred-circle.
- (b) Row of Centred-circles.
- (c) Cross pattern of Centred-circles.

Central Crete Ornamental Prism

410 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.84 CMS XII no. 42

Steatite, purplish black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,50; SH. 0,30; BL. 1,40

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to one profile edge, also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Quatrefoil. Four Triangles as angle-filling.
- (b) *Spider*, four legs. The back part of the body is larger than the front.
- (c) S-whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion, right-facing. The animals have heads turned back, open mouths, and one front leg bent back. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

411 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.85

CMS XII no. 31

Steatite, light brownish yellow

Flat seal faces, one compressed round, two compressed ellipsoidal (one almost round) Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) 1,20×1,10/1,20/1,15; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b), clear

engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back, open mouth.
- (b) Three-armed whirl of "Saw branches"
- (?), left-facing, *Triangle* as centre.
- (c) Amphora, pinched neck, belly handles. To the right, a Jug, right side view, pinched neck, no handle (?), rotated 180° with reference to the amphora.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

412 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.86

CMS XII no. 44

Steatite, olive green

Flat round seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,80×1,80/1,70 pres. (?)/1,65 pres.;

SH. 0,25; BL. 1,80

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a), clear engraving; on (c), rounded contours and somewhat rounded intaglio; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, some breaks rounded, motifs partly worn away

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Seated 'Man with semicircular body', left side view, open mouth, no arms, knees bent up as if sitting on the ground. Around him, a Border (approximately the half of it is preserved).
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back, open mouth, S-shaped body, two spikes as front legs.
- (c) Standing *Pig/boar*, right side view, head down, spikes on the back part of the neck. Around it, a ladder band *Border* (parts of it are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

413 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.87 CMS XII no. 41

Steatite, cream coloured and light brownish yellow

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre SF. 1,05×1,20/1,20/1,10 pres.; SH. 0,20; BL. 1,05

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Mirror pattern of Protomes of a dog/lion. The animals have head turned back and one backwards directed leg (the back of the head of one of them is missing).
- (b) Swastika cross (?), left-facing. Four Blobs as angle-filling.
- (c) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, no arms, body slightly indented forwards. In front of him, the *Head of a 'dog/lion with hook'* (?), left side view, open mouth, rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the man

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

414 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.88

CMS XII no. 2D

Steatite, light brownish yellow to light olive green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces (one almost round)

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) $1,15/1,20/1,10\times1,05$; SH. 0,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded; in the intaglios, workshop fresh; sharp stringhole edges Areas of light damage

- (a) 'Spider' a, four legs.
- (b) Two *Fish*, right side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides.
- (c) Seated *Man in profile*, left side view, open mouth, one bent arm extended in front and up, triangular hand, knees bent up as if sitting on the ground. In front of him, a *Lily triangle*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

415 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.89

CMS XII no. 14

Gable-shaped

Steatite, dark olive green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces (one almost round)

Somewhat convex profile; broad slightly rounded interfacial edges; no grooves SF. 1,20×1,15/1,10/1,30;

SH. 0,20; BL. 1,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; good workmanship Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh, sharp stringhole edges

Good condition

- (a) Two *Heads of an agrimi*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other.
- (b) Z-whirl with curved arms composed of "Toothed sickles", left-facing.
- (c) Animal attack (?): Seated/lying *Bovine* (?), left side view, head turned back. Between its front legs and its tail, the *Torso of a dog/lion* (?), left side view, abutting with its neck the underside of the chest of the larger animal.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

416 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.90

CMS XII no. 43

Gable-shaped

Steatite, dark olive green, at parts black Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,70×1,45/1,70×1,45/1,80×1,60;

SH. 0,25 BL. 1,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b), confident, accurate engraving; on (c), an attempt at naturalistic rendering; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Chipping on (c)

- (a) "Saw branch" slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a Dolphin, right side view.
- (b) Unidentifiable device LXI.
- (c) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view (parts of the figure are missing). In front of him, an inwards curving *Bar*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

417 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.91

CMS XII no. 16

Gable-shaped

Steatite, olive green and orange-cream coloured

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal Convex profile, inner triangle slightly projecting; no grooves; seal faces on the profiles plastically set off

SF. 1,50×1,10 pres. (init. ca. 1,30)/1,40 pres. (init. ca. 1,50)/1,30; SH. 0,25;

H. (of [b]) 1,00

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), deep, compact drillings; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Small part of (c) and somewhat larger parts of (a) and (b) on their interfacial edges missing

- (a) Walking (?) *Dog/lion*, left side view, open mouth. Above it, an *Unidentifiable motif VI*. To the right, a standing *Bovine*, right side view, head turned back, rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the dog/lion.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view (the front part of the animal is missing). Above it, two *Unidentifiable motifs V*.
- (c) Two standing *Pigs/boars*, right side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides. In one void between the front of one animal and the back legs of the other, a *Dolphin*, left side view, trifurcated tail. In the other void, a *Fish*, right side view. The two animals are rotated 90° with reference to the quadrupeds and have heads pointing in opposite directions.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

418 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.92

CMS XII no. 12

Gable-shaped

Steatite (?); whitish

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal

(one almost round)

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves; (a) and (b) on the profiles slightly plastically set off (?) and slightly longer as the seal body (?)

SF. 1,50×1,50/1,40×1,45/1,50×1,65; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; partly linear cut; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, small parts of the motifs worn away

On one profile, fissures

- (a) S-whirl of Busts of a dog/lion, rightfacing.
- (b) Head of a 'ram', the edges of the horns turning outwards.
- (c) Two standing Waterfowls, one with toothed back, the other with long tail, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry. the line of symmetry being located between their undersides (the leg of one is missing). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 419 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.93 Yule 1980 b, 100 no. 11 Steatite, brownish green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Almost flat (?); clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,20×1,00/0,90 pres. (?)/1,00; H. 0,90; BL. 1,20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat stiff work; good workmanship Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)-(b), damage also to (a) and (b)

- (a) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view, head up.
- (b) Spider, four legs.
- (c) Unidentifiable motif I.

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420 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.94 CMS XII no. 49 Wedge-shaped Steatite, light brownish yellow Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,30/1,50/1,60; SH. 0,30;

BL. 1.40

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; on (b), somewhat peculiar motif; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Amphora, pinched neck, belly handles. 2647 On either side of its body, a 'Fir branch'. The bases of the branches slope inwards such that the combination encloses the vessel in a V.
- (b) 'Mask', short downwards curving horns (?), eyes, nose, mouth.²⁶⁴⁸ On either side of the face, a 'Fir branch'. The bases of the branches slope inwards such that the combination encloses the vessel in a V.
- (c) Two Two-armed whirls, a Three-armed whirl, and a Whirl, all left-facing, central 'cup sinking', quartering the field.2649 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- **421** New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.95 Yule 1980 b, 100 no. 12

Steatite; reddish green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Flat profile; clear, somewhat disorderly and deep grooves around the seal faces; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre SF. 1,30×0,85/0,90/0,90; H. 1,00; BL. 1,30 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a), somewhat hasty engraving; on (b), confident, clear cut; good workmanship Somewhat abraded, sharp stringhole edges

Areas of light damage

(a) "Ladder band" slung with 'String vessels'. Each of the vessels hangs from one 'string' and has two spikes issuing antithetically from its underside.

²⁶⁴⁷ The vessel is seen by Jasink as the possible CHIC sign 054 (Jasink 2009, 121, 194).

²⁶⁴⁸ The device is seen by Jasink as the possible CHIC sign 011 (Jasink 2009, 121, 194).

²⁶⁴⁹ The devices are seen by Jasink as the possible CHIC sign 033 (Jasink 2009, 121).

- (b) Walking *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back, the edge of the tail turning outwards.
- (c) Two *Jugs*, right side view, no neck, pointed beak, arranged the one behind the other.

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422 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.96 CMS XII no. 9D

Steatite (?); dark brown, at parts orange Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; deep grooves on the profiles and intermittent on the interfacial edges; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre, sitting on a groove

SF. 1,50×0,90; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,50 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; partly linear cut; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded Areas of light damage

- (a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an 'Arrow' b and a "Trowel" (CHIC signs 049, 044). The arrow is rotated 180° with reference to the trowel.
- (b) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a "*Trowel*" and an *Eye* (CHIC signs 044, 005). Between these, a *Blob*.
- (c) 'Squid' a, four tentacles. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

423 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.97 Yule 1980 b, 100–101 no. 13 Steatite, yellowish green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear grooves, partly deep and partly shallow only on the profiles

SF. 1,60×1,15/1,15/1,20; H. 1,10; BL. 1,65 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, one stringhole somewhat rounded

Damage to the edge of (c), chipping on (a) and (b)

(a) Three standing/walking Men in profile, right side view, the left and the right

one sharing an arm with the middle one, arranged the one behind the other.

- (b) *Ship*, ²⁶⁵⁰ right (?) side view, an arrowhead-shaped and a bifurcated extremity, mast, four forestays and four backstays, vertically hatched hull (the lower part of the hull is missing).
- (c) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view. On either side of its neck, a *Blob*. Above its face, a "*Saw branch*". The image is laid out diagonally of the seal face. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

424 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.101 CMS XII no. 62

Steatite, whitish and brownish yellow Flat ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and on the largest part of the interfacial edges SF. 1,15×0,95; SH. 0,20; BL. 1,20 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident,

accurate engraving; on (b), rounded contours and somewhat rounded intaglio; dexterous work; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded Areas of light damage

- (a) *Profile head of a 'bull'*, right side view. In front of it, a *Whirl*, left-facing.
- (b) Standing *Bovine*, right side view, head turned back. Above its rump, a small *Unidentifiable motif XLV*.
- (c) Seated *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back, spikes on the back.
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425 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.102 CMS XII no. 59

Steatite, brownish yellow and brown Flat seal faces, one ellipsoidal, two round Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,20×1,10/1,10×1,10/1,10×1,10; SH. 0,20 BL. 1,20 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a)

²⁶⁵⁰ See also Wedde 2000, 337 no. 837.

and (b), deep drillings; on (c), somewhat rounded intaglio and confident, fine engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost sharp stringhole edges

Areas of light damage

- (a) Four 'Ball amphorae', without neck, arranged in groups of two: Each group consists of two vessels arranged the one next to the other. The two groups are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between the upper sides of the vessels.
- (b) Suckling scene: Standing Bovine, left side view, head turned back. Between its front and back legs, a Headless kid, right side view, abutting with its neck the underside of the hindquarters of the larger animal. Around the image, a Border.
- (c) Standing Agrimi, right side view, head down. Around it, a Border. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

426 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.103 CMS XII no. 51

Somewhat gable-shaped

Steatite, milky orange brown

Flat seal faces, one ellipsoidal (almost round), two round

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves, scratches; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre

SF. 1,40×1,40/1,30×1,30/1,30×1,25;

SH. 0,25; BL. 1,40

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a), confident, clear line; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)-(b), light damage also to (a) and (b), in the centre of the motif on (b), a small break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Swastika of Legs with claws, left-facing.
- (b) Whirl spiral, left-facing, central 'cup
- (c) Jug, left side view, pinched neck, mouth handle. To the right, an Amphora, pinched

neck, mouth handles. Between their bodies, a small Jug, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

427 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.104 CMS XII no. 35

Steatite, light milky brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (almost round) Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,20×1,25; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; deep and compact drillings; good workmanship Moderately abraded, one stringhole wid ened from the action of the string (?), motifs partly worn away

Areas of light damage

- (a) Cross pommée, central 'cup sinking', with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements. The cross pommée is laid out diagonally on the seal face such that it describes a saltire.
- (b) Four 'Ball amphorae', without neck, arranged in groups of two: Each group consists of two vessels arranged the one next to the other. The two groups are arranged the one above the other. To the left, long inwards curving Wedge.
- (c) Standing 'Sheep', right side view. On either side of its torso, a Blob. Around the image, a Border (only small parts of it are preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

428 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.105

CMS XII no. 15 Steatite, black

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Almost flat profile; no grooves SF. 1,70×1,30; SH. 0,20; BL. 1,70

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Areas of light damage

(a) Cross pommée, central 'cup sinking'. Four One-armed whirls as angle-filling. Each whirl is the mirror image of the two

adjacent whirls.

(b) Seated Man in profile, left side view, open mouth (?), upper side of the head toothed, ponytail, two bent arms extended the one in front and up, the other behind and up, the latter terminating in a 'cup sinking', knees bent up as if sitting on the ground. Behind his back, a "Saw branch". Above his forehead, a short Wedge.

(c) Scorpion, tail to the right. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

429 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.106 Yule 1980 b, 101 no. 14 Steatite, dark brown

Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded

Flat profile; no grooves

SF. 1,40×0,90/0,85/0,90; H. 0,70; BL. 1,40 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces, large chipping on (b)

- (a) Standing Man in profile, right side view, ponytail (the lower part of the front leg is missing).
- (b) "Dumbbell", long curved body. To the left, three Blobs.
- (c) 'Spider' b, four legs. The motif is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

430 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.107 CMS XII no. 11

Steatite, green and black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,30; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,40

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), unfortunate execution; on (c), confident, clear cut; moderate to good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Areas of light damage

(a) Two Unidentifiable motifs XVIII. Between them, a Disc S-spiral, left-facing,

straight stem.

(b) Cross pommèe, central 'cup sinking', with a 'Lily flower', a Papyrus triangle, and two Wedges as angle supplements. (c) *Unidentifiable device LXIII*. The device

is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

431 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.108 CMS XII no. 5D

Intensely wedge-shaped

Steatite, greenish brown

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal Convex profile; one broad interfacial edge, (a)–(c); no grooves

SF. 1,60×1,60/1,20/1,70; SH. 0,25;

BL. 1,60

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; good workmanship Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Areas of light damage

- (a) Cross of 'Lily flowers' (?). The left spike of each flower is longer than the other(s). Two flowers are bifurcated.
- (b) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view, head turned back. Around it, five Wedges in a circular configuration.
- (c) Two Legless waterfowls, right side view, heads turned back, arranged the one behind the other such that the tail of the one abuts the back of the head of the other. Under them and rotated 180° with reference to them, a larger Legless waterfowl (?), right side view, one open wing (?), crest (?). Above the two smaller birds, a horizontal

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432 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.111 Yule 1980 b, 101 no. 16

Steatite, brownish black (patterned)

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; two broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,10×0,80; H. 0,80; BL. 1,10

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; on (b), linear rendering; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edge (a)–(c), damage also to (a) and (c)

- (a) *Ship*, ²⁶⁵¹ right side view, one pointed and one bifurcated extremity, mast, one forestay and one backstay, none reaching the mast. Above it, a *Fish*, right side view. (b) *Lizard*.
- (c) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, pointed mouth (?), chevron-shaped arms (the lower part of the front leg is missing). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- **433** New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.113 CMS XII no. 66

Steatite, brownish yellow

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and intermittent on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,30×0,95; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a), clear engraving; on (b), rounded contours; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

One piece affixed in modern times, fissure along (b) and (c)

- (a) Head of a 'ram', inwards curving horns.
- (b) Cross-legged *Bovine*, right side view, head turned back.
- (c) "Sieve".

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434 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.118 CMS XII no. 72

Steatite, dark olive green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; intermittent grooves only on the profiles

SF. 2,10×1,10/2,00 pres.×1,00/2,10×1,10; SH. 0,25; BL. 2,10

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded

Parts of one profile, small parts of (b) and (c) and very small part of (a) missing

- (b) *Agrimi* standing on the back legs, left side view, head down (the back part of the hindquarters and the back legs are missing). Behind it, a horizontal *'Fir branch'* (one end is missing).
- (c) Hieroglyphic inscription (?) put together from a 'Key sistrum/'plough', "Breasts", and a "Bottle" arranged the one next to the other (CHIC signs 057 [?], 034 [?], 056 [?]).²⁶⁵³ The sistrum/plough and the bottle are rotated 180° with reference to the breasts. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

435 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.120 CMS XII no. 61

Steatite, cream coloured and grey
Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces
Convex profile, slightly projecting inner
triangle; intermittent deep grooves only on
the profiles

SF. 1,80×1,10; SH. 0,30; BL. 1,85

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, clear line; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, some rounded breaks Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Seated/lying *Dog/lion*, left side view, vertically hatched neck.
- (b) *Head of a 'ram'*, horizontal, downwards curving horns. On either side of its face, the *Head of an agrimi*. The latter are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their fronts.
- (c) Paisley, spiral stem to the right, spikes on the convex side, horizontally hatched

⁽a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an 'Arrow'b, and a "Trowel" arranged the one next to the other (CHIC signs 049, 044). On one side of the trowel, a J-spiral, left-facing; on the other, a Two-armed whirl, left facing, central 'cup sinking'. The spiral is rotated 45° anticlockwise with reference to the trowel.²⁶⁵²

²⁶⁵¹ See also Wedde 2000, 337 no. 838.

 $^{^{2652}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 244 $\alpha.$

 $^{^{2653}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 244 β .

body, with a 'Papyrus flower' as curve supplement.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

436 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.121 CMS XII no. 71

Steatite, cream coloured and whitish Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; intermittent deep grooves on the profiles and traces on the interfacial edges; one double, eight-shaped stringhole

SF. 1,40/1,25 pres./1,40×0,85; SH. 0,20; BL. 1,50

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a), summary linear rendering; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks One profile, approximately one third of (a) and (b) and small part of (c) missing

- (a) Head of a 'ram', short, inwards curving horns. On either side of its face, a "Saw branch" (the toothed side of one of the branches is missing). The bases of the branches slope inwards such that the combination encloses the head in a V.
- (b) Fragmentary unidentifiable device VI. (c) Z-whirl of 'Beaked busts with ponytail', left-facing (the ponytail of one of the heads is missing). The heads have open mouths. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

437 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.123 CMS XII no. 18

Steatite, greenish brown

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,70×0,85 pres. (?)/1,00/0,90 pres. (?); BL. 1,70

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (c), somewhat tentative engraving; good (?) workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs worn away to a great extent, especially on (a) and (b)

Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edge (a)–(c) (?), damage also to the seal

faces

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front (the back leg is missing). His hand touches the plain side of a "*T-branch*" (?) which is situated in front of him (the corner of the branch is missing). (b) *Unidentifiable vessel* (?) (only the body is preserved). On either side of its lower part, a *Wedge* (from one only a very small part is preserved).
- (c) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, spikes on the back. In front of it, a 'Saw branch' with stalk. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

438 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.124 CMS XII no. 83

Steatite, olive green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,70×0,90; SH. 0,25; H. 0,80; BL. 1,70 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded Damage to one profile, also to (c)

- (a) Two 'Star flowers', central 'cup sinking', stem to the left, bulb. Near each bulb, a small Stemless paisley which appears as if issuing from it and is directed towards the blossom. The two flowers are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their convex sides.
- (b) *Head of a 'goat'*. On either side of the face, a *J-spiral*, spikes on the inner side of the stem. The tops of the spirals slope inwards such that the combination encloses the head in a V.
- (c) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a "*Trowel*" and an '*Arrow*' b (CHIC signs 044, 049). On either side of the trowel (?), a "*Saw branch*". The arrow is situated under the trowel and is rotated 180° with reference to it. ²⁶⁵⁴

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 $^{^{2654}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 223 γ .

439 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.126

Yule 1980 b, 101 no. 18

Steatite, light green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; intermittent grooves only on the profiles SE 1.50×1.05/1.40, pres ×1.00/1.50×0.90:

SF. 1,50×1,05/1,40 pres.×1,00/1,50×0,90; BL. 1,60

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat tentative engraving; moderate workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded, rounded breaks

Parts of the profiles, of (b) on the two edges along the stringhole channel and of (c) (?) missing

- (a) Star pommée, central opening.
- (b) Amphora (?), pinched neck, mouth handles. To the left, a running Dog/lion (?), right side view, rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the amphora. Above the amphora, a Blob. To the right of the amphora, a Triangle pattern of Blobs.
- (c) Head of an 'ox' (?) (one horn is missing). Above it, a smaller Head of an 'ox' (?) rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the larger head. To its right, a Fish rotated 90° with reference to the larger head such that its head is facing down.

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440 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.129 CMS XII no. 92

sitting on two grooves

Breccia, orange and black chunks Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; deep grooves around the seal faces; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre,

SF. 1,70×0,85; SH. 0,25; H. 0,80; BL. 1,70 Areas of light damage; somewhat abraded Cut freehand, drilled; deep, smooth intaglios; partly linear cut; good workmanship

- (a) *Pair of Circles*, ellipsoidal 'cup sinking' on one side of each circle, *Two-armed whirl* sealing the joint of the circles. To the right, a *Line*.
- (b) Standing Bovine, left side view. In

front of it, a *Spiked blob*. Above its back, a horizontal *Line*.

(c) Three *Saltires*, large central 'cup sinkings', arranged the one next to the other. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

441 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.130

CMS XII no. 45

Steatite, light olive green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves, faint traces of grooves on the interfacial edges (?)

SF. 1,45×1,05/1,10/1,05; SH. 0,25;

BL. 1,45

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to one stringhole

- (a) Two Fish/dolphins with dentated back, right side view, gills, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides.
- (b) Cross-legged *Pig/boar* (?), left side view, head turned back, toothed neck. In front of it, a "Saw branch".
- (c) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, neck slightly back, head up, toothed back, diagonally hatched body. In front of it, a small *Lily triangle* rotated 135° anticlockwise with reference to the bird.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

442 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.131

CMS XII no. 77

Steatite, light olive green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces, seal faces clearly set off

SF. 1,35×1,00/1,40×1,10/1,30×0,95; SH. 0,20

Filed, drilled; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Damage to the interfacial edges, consequently light damage also to the seal faces

(a) Pair of double Centred-circles.

- (b) Random hatching.
- (c) Double Centred-circle. Next to it, a Grid

Central Crete Ornamental Prism

443 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.132 Yule 1980 b, 101–102 no. 19

Steatite, dark brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; intermittent deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,30×0,85/0,90/0,85 pres. (init. ca. 0,90); H. 0,70; BL. 1,30

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), linear rendering; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Small part of one profile and of the seal faces on their interfacial edges missing

- (a) Unidentifiable device XXXIV.
- (b) Candy motif.
- (c) Two *Heads of an agrimi*, right side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backsides.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

444 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.134 CMS XII no. 64

Steatite, cream coloured with short olive green veins

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,70×1,00; SH. 0,25; H. 0,90; BL. 1,70 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident line; dexterous work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, somewhat rounded breaks damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) *Head of a 'goat'*. On either side of its face, a *Grain ellipse*, hatched. One short side of each ellipse slopes inwards such that the combination encloses the head in a V.
- (b) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view,

head turned back, open mouth. In front of it, a *Triangle*. Under the triangle, a *Line*. (c) *'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'*. Above it, a *"Saw branch"*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

445 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.135 CMS XII no. 84

Steatite, cream coloured and beige Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves, faint traces of grooves (?)

SF. 1,50 pres.×0,85 pres./1,90×1,00/ 1,90×1,00; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Parts of the profiles, the half of (a) and approximately one third of (c) missing

- (a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a *Double axe* and a "*Ladder*" (CHIC signs 042, 038) (parts of the motifs are missing). The axe is rotated 90° with reference to the ladder.²⁶⁵⁵
- (b) Head of a 'goat'. On either side of its face, the Head of an agrimi. The latter are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their upper sides.
- (c) Two-armed whirl of 'Lily flowers', left-facing, central 'cup sinking' (parts of the device are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

446 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.136 CMS XII no. 65

Steatite, cream coloured thickly mottled with black

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; intermittent deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 2,05×1,15; SH. 0,25–0,30; BL. 2,05 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; on (a), rounded contours and rounded intaglio; attentive, dexterous

 $^{^{2655}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 224 α .

work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded stringhole edges

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), damage also to (a) and (b)

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back, open mouth (?), toothed backside of the neck. In front of it, a *Tooth motif*.
- (b) Two-armed whirl of Paisleys, left-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as curve supplements. The paisleys have horizontally hatched bodies.
- (c) Two groups of motifs: Each consists of the *Head of an 'ox'* and a *Tooth motif* either side of its face. With respect to each other, the two groups are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between the upper sides of the heads of the animals.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

447 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.137 CMS XII no. 30

Steatite, whitish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; intermittent deep grooves only on the profiles (also initially [?])

SF. 1,40×1,00/0,95/1,00; SH. 0,25;

BL. 1,45

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a), confident, accurate engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

In the centre of the motif on (c), a large break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Scorpion, tail to the right.
- (b) Standing/walking *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth. In front of him, a "*T-branch*".
- (c) Two *Spiders*, four legs, arranged the one next to the other. To the right, a *Wedge*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 448 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.138 CMS XII no. 60 Steatite, olive green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; intermittent deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,65×0,90; BL. 1,70

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), somewhat clumsy engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

The half of one profile and almost one fourth of (a) and (b) missing

- (a) *Head of a 'ram'*, the edges of the horns turning outwards.
- (b) Two *Wheels*, central 'cup sinkings', arranged the one next to the other (part of one of them is missing). Between them, two small *Triangles* arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between one of their corners.
- (c) Three "Saw branches", two arranged the one behind the other, the third rotated 180° with reference to them.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

449 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.139

CMS XII no. 47

Steatite, light brownish green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,75×1,20/1,10 pres./1,00 pres.;

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SH. 0,30; BL. 1,75

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Parts of the seal faces on their interfacial edges missing

- (a) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a horizontal Wedge; under it, a horizontal Bar.
- (b) Crouching *Bovine* (?), right side view.
- (c) Z-whirl spiral, left-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as curve and shoulder supplements of the arms and Parallels as body supplements. The flowers that issue from the back of the scrolls are thinner than those that issue from the curves.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

450 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.140 CMS XII no. 48

> Steatite, dark olive greenish brown Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and intermittent on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,90×1,20; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,90

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Four Heads of an agrimi, right side view, arranged the one behind the other. On either side of the muzzle of the third animal from the left, a Wedge (?)2656
- (b) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a Fish, right side view, pointed mouth.
- (c) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view, open mouth.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

451 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.141 CMS XII no. 46

> Steatite, dark greenish brown Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,80×0,90/0,85/0,90; SH. 0,30; BL. 1,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a), somewhat fast, hasty engraving; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs worn away to a great extent, especially on (a) and (b)

Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to the seal faces (a) Seated *Bovine*, left side view (the front leg is missing). In front of it, a Papyrus triangle rotated 135° anticlockwise with reference to the animal.

(b) Head of an 'ox' (the left horn is missing). On either side of its face, a Two-armed whirl, left-facing, central 'cup sinking' (of

the left whirl, only a fraction of one arm is preserved).

(c) Standing/walking Man in profile, left side view, pointed chin (the largest part of the arms and the back leg are missing). In front of him, a *Spear*, head up.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

452 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.142 CMS XII no. 50

Steatite, ash grey

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; slightly broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,70×0,90/0,95/0,90; SH. 0,20; BL. 1,70 Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Areas of light damage

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh, somewhat angular curves

- (a) Crouching Agrimi (?), right side view, head turned back.
- (b) S-spiral, right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as shoulder supplements.
- (c) Standing Man in profile, left side view, open mouth.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

453 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.143

Yule 1980 b, 102 no. 20

Steatite, yellowish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,55×1,10; BL. 1,55

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), rounded contours and somewhat rounded intaglio; on (b), confident engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing Pig/boar, left side view, head down, spikes on the back (the right back hoof is missing).
- (b) Standing Man in profile (?), right side view, no arms, spike projecting from the front part of his torso. In front of him, a standing Woman in profile, left side view, head up, open mouth, arms raised either

²⁶⁵⁶ Or are these elements unintentional engravings?

side of her head, bifurcated front hand, skirt.

(c) Crouching Agrimi, left side view. In front of it, an *Unidentifiable motif XVI*. The hoof of the front leg of the quadruped is mistakenly rendered facing up and not down.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

454 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.144 CMS XII no. 68

Steatite, cream coloured and beige Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; intermittent deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,85×1,20; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,90

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, some rounded breaks Small parts of one profile and of the seal faces on their interfacial edges missing, chipping on (a), many areas of light damage to (c)

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front (the right side of his front leg is missing). His hand touches the shaft of a *Spear* that is situated in front of him, head up.
- (b) *Spider*, four legs (part of it is missing). To the right, a standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, spikes on the back, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the spider.
- (c) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view. Behind its neck and in front of its horns, a *Blob*

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

455 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.145 Yule 1980 b, 102 no. 21 Steatite, greyish brown

> Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Flat profile; broad interfacial edges; deep grooves only on the profiles

> SF. 1,15×0,80/0,70/0,70; H. 0,60; BL. 1,15 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Many scratch marks and areas of light damage

- (a) Three standing/walking *Men in profile*, left side view, arranged the one behind the other. The left one has an arm extended in front touching the plain side of a "*Saw branch*" that is situated in front of him. Under the image, a *Ground-line*. Under it, three '*Spiders*' *b* (?) arranged the one next to the other.
- (b) Two seated *Men in profile*, one arm extended in front, knees bent up as if sitting on the ground, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their front sides. Under the image, a *Ground-line*. Under the line, two standing *Bovines*, one in right side view and the other in left side view. Between the two, a small *Chevron* (?). The hands of the men abut. The quadruped in right side view is rotated 90° clockwise whereas the one in left side view is rotated 180° with reference to the men. With respect to each other, the animals are arranged back to back.
- (c) Two 'Poles' slung with 'String vessels', one with four vessels not attached to the pole, the other with three vessels two of which are attached to the pole without 'strings', arranged the one above the other. Above them, a Jug, no neck, belly handle, left side view, rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the other two motifs. Above it, a horizontal Line.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

456 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.154 CMS XII no. 4D

'Malia'

Steatite, dull evenly green Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; intermittent grooves only on the profiles SF. 1,40×1,20; SH. 0,20; BL. 1,40

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, motifs partly worn away, sharp stringhole edges

Many areas of light damage

- (a) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view. Above its head, a "Balloon". The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.
- (b) Spider, four legs. Around it, a ladder band *Border* (part of it is missing).
- (c) Two standing/walking Men in profile, right side view, arranged the one behind the other.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

457 New York, Metr. Mus., 26.31.162 CMS XII no. 89

Breccia, orange red with black chunks Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; clear and deep grooves on the profiles, faint and shallow on the largest part of the seal faces

SF. 1,85×1,05; SH. 0,35; H. 0,80; BL. 1,85 Cut freehand (?), drilled; deep, smooth intaglios; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded Areas of light damage

- (a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an 'Arrow' b and a "Trowel" (CHIC signs 049, 044). To the right, a Spiked blob. The arrow is rotated 135° anticlockwise with reference to the trowel.2657
- (b) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a Leg, right side view, and a "Ladder" (CHIC signs 010, 038). Between them, a Disc. 2658
- (c) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a 'Key sistrum'/'plough', "Breasts", and a "Bottle" (CHIC signs 057, 034, 056). On either side of the bottle, a Spiked blob. The breasts are rotated 90° clockwise and the bottle 180° with reference to the sistrum/plough.2659

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

 2657 For the inscription, see CHIC no. 260 $\alpha;$ also Jasink 2009, 28.

458 New York, Metr. Mus., 46.111.3 CMS XII no. 29

Gable-shaped

Steatite, green, black and cream coloured Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces (one almost round)

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,30×1,40/1,25/1,15; SH. 0,25–0,30;

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; clear engraving; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) 'Π-legs', a wedge-shaped element issuing upwards from the center of the bar, on which is attached the plain side of an inwards curving "Saw branch". The image is laid out diagonally on the surface.
- (b) Whirl of 'Beaked' busts, right-facing.
- (c) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels', triangular vessels. Attached on its upper side, two 'Beaked' busts, open mouths, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the axis of symmetry being located between their faces.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

459 New York, Pr. Coll. Rosen, 459 CMS X no. 332660

Steatite, yellowish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; one broad interfacial edge; no grooves

SF. 1,25×1,15/1,10/1,15; SH. 0,30; BL. 1,25 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-

Somewhat to moderately abraded, sharp stringhole edges

Areas of light damage

- (a) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view, head turned back and up (?), open mouth.
- (b) Whirl, left-facing.
- (c) Dolphin, right side view. Under it and behind it, two Unidentifiable motifs XVII. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

²⁶⁵⁸ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 260 β; also Jasink 2009, 92 who also sees the *Disc* as a script sign. ²⁶⁵⁹ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 260 γ; also Jasink 2009, 28.

²⁶⁶⁰ Former H. and M. - L. Erlenmeyer collection, Basel (CMS X).

460 New York, Pr. Coll. Rosen, 461 *Pl.* 128²⁶⁶¹

Steatite, yellow

Flat seal faces, one compressed ellipsoidal, two compressed round

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges (?); no grooves (?)

SF. 1,30×1,30/1,30/1,20; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat (?) abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Head of an 'ox'*. On either side of its face, a *Blob*.
- (b) Head of a dog/lion with leg, left side view, open mouth. Above it, a horizontal 'Fir branch'.
- (c) Two groups of motifs: Two Heads of a 'dog/lion with hook', left side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides. Between them, two Four-armed whirls, left-facing, central 'cup sinking', the majority of arms issuing from one half of the 'cup sinking', arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between the side with the most arms. The two groups share the same axis of rotation such that the four motifs are alternating around a common centre. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

461 New York, Pr. Coll. Rosen, 463

Pl. 129²⁶⁶²

Steatite, dark olive green
Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile

SF. 2,05×1,30; SH. 0,30–0,35

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good workman-

ship

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Scorpion*, tail to the right, horizontally hatched body. To the left of the root of the tail, a small *Saltire*.
- (b) 'Spider' a, four legs.
- (c) *Quatrefoil*. Four 'Lily blossoms' as angle-filling (from one, only the lower part is preserved). The quatrefoil is laid out diagonally on the seal face such that it describes a saltire.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

462 New York, Pr. Coll. Velay CMS XIII no. 79²⁶⁶³

'West-central Crete'

Steatite, grey

Flat seal faces, one ellipsoidal, two round (?) Convex profile

SF. 1,40×1,40 (?)/1,40×1,30/1,40×1,40 (?) Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; on (c), rounded contours; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Areas of light damage

- (a) Three standing *Pigs/boars*, right side view, one with toothed back, arranged with regard to 120° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located among their undersides.
- (b) Three crouching *Dogs/lions*, left side view, heads turned back, one with open mouth, arranged with regard to 120° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located among their upper sides. (c) Two standing *Waterfowls*, right side view, heads turned back, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their front sides.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

463 New York, Pr. Coll. Velay CMS XIII no. 80²⁶⁶⁴ 'Neighbourhood of Knossos'

²⁶⁶¹ I would like to thank Jonathan P. Rosen for granting me permission to include this piece in my study.

²⁶⁶² See footnote 2661.

²⁶⁶³ Former A. Evans collection.

²⁶⁶⁴ Former A. Evans collection.

Steatite, grey Flat ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) 1.30×1.10

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship Good condition

- (a) Woman in profile, bent at the waist 45°, right side view, pointed mouth, hair in a bun, one arm extended in front, bifurcated hand, vertically hatched skirt. Her hand touches the handle of a 'Ball jug' (?), right side view, which is situated in front of her. Under the jug, a 'Ball amphora'.
- (b) Two *Jugs*, one in right side view, the other in left side view, pinched necks, mouth handles. Around the image, a ladder band *Border*. The vessel which is depicted in left side view is rotated 180° with respect to the other vessel.
- (c) Four-armed whirl of Busts of a dog/lion, left-facing. The animals have vertically hatched necks.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

464 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., AE1121 CMS VI no. 50

'Central Crete' (acquired by Evans perhaps in 1894, given by him in 1895)

Steatite, greenish black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; clear and deep grooves only on the profiles (also initially); the inner triangles of the profiles are considerably swollen

SF. 0,80×1,20; SH. 0,30; BL. 0,90

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a), an attempt at the creation of an animated image; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

(a) Two standing/walking *Men in profile*, left side view, arranged the one behind the other. The left one has an arm raised back and one leg slightly bent as if moving. A spike issues upwards from his back leg.

- (b) Standing (?) *Agrimi*, right side view. Between its muzzle and its front legs, a small *Papyrus triangle* (?). Under its muzzle, a horizontal *Line* (?).
- (c) Mirror pattern of 'Poles' slung with 'String vessels'. To the right, a Line.
 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

465 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., AE1188

CMS VI no. 63

'Crete' (acquired by Evans in 1894, given by him in 1895)

Steatite, yellow with darker veins

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear, orderly and deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,50×1,20/1,10/1,10; SH. 0,25;

BL. 1,60

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving, rounded contours; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Head of a 'ram'*, the edges of the horns turning outwards.
- (b) *Scorpion*, tail to the right. To the left of the root of the tail, a small *Lily triangle* rotated 135° anticlockwise with reference to the scorpion.
- (c) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back, spikes on the back. The motif is laid out diagonally on the seal face. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

466 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., AE1189 CMS VI no. 49

Steatite, yellowish grey, at parts darker Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 0,95×0,70/0,70/0,75; SH. 0,20 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; moderate to good workmanship Moderately abraded, rounded breaks Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), damage also to (a) and (b)

(a) *Unidentifiable device XLVIII*. The device is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

side view, open mouth, one arm raised in front. On either side of the figure, a *Wedge*. One wedge is much thinner than the other. (c) *Z-whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion*, left-facing, with a *'Papyrus flower'* as angle supplement. One animal has head turned back, open mouth, and one front leg

(b) Standing/walking Man in profile, right

back, open mouth, and one front leg directed forwards and up. The other animal has neither muzzle nor leg. The device is unfinished.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

467 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., AE1190 CMS VI no. 57

'Crete' (given by Evans in 1895)

Steatite, cream coloured with thick dark green veins

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,25×1,00; SH. 0,20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), damage also to (a) and (b)

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm hanging back, hand with three fingers. To the left, an inwards curving "*Ladder band*".
- (b) S-whirl of Busts of a quadruped, left-facing. The animals have spikes on the backside of the neck.
- (c) Crouching *Dog/lion* (?), right side view, the edge of the tail turning outwards.

 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

468 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., AE1191 CMS VI no. 87

'Crete/Praisos' (bought by Evans at Vaveloi in 1894)

Steatite, cream coloured

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves; very large stringholes

SF. 1,75×1,00; SH. 0,45

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (c), somewhat hasty work; good workmanship Moderately abraded

In the centre of (b), a large break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Double *Centred-circle with 'Papyrus flowers' with spray as edge supplements*. From the combination, a left-facing supplementation *Two-armed whirl* is created.
- (b) Two "Saw branches" arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their plain sides.²⁶⁶⁵
- (c) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a "Ladder", a Leg (?), right side view, and "Horns of consecration" (CHIC signs 038, 010 [?]). 2666 The horns are rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the other two motifs. 2667

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

469 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., AE1215

CMS VI no. 78

'Central Crete' (acquired by Evans in 1894, given by him)

Steatite, green

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,80×0,90; SH. 0,40

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (c), tentative, somewhat hasty work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edges, also to the seal faces; in the centre of the motif on (b), a round break into the

²⁶⁶⁵ Compare the CHIC sign 068. For this subject, see also Jasink 2009, 101, 133 who sees the combination as a possible ideogram.

²⁶⁶⁶ The CHIC sees in the third device not "Horns of consecration" but dubious "Breasts" and thus the CHIC sign 034. Jasink sees in it the script sign "horns of consecration" (Jasink 2009, 100).

 $^{^{2667}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 239 $\alpha;$ also Jasink 2009, 100.

stringhole channel

- (a) Two 'V-flowers', spiral stems to the left, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their convex sides.
- (b) Frontal 'bird', head in left side view, wings extended to the sides, spikes on the inner sides, trifurcated tail.
- (c) Two *Heads of a 'ram'*, the edges of the horns turning slightly outwards, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their upper sides.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

470 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., AE1216

CMS VI no. 76

'Crete' (acquired by Evans in 1894, given by him)

Steatite, dark grey with one small cream coloured area

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,70×1,00; SH. 0,25, 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded, some rounded breaks Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Lily with 'base' b.
- (b) Z, left-facing, with 'Wheat stalks' as angle supplements.
- (c) Mirror pattern of Protomes of 'ellipse scorpions'.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

471 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., AE1217

CMS VI no. 38

'Crete' (acquired by Evans in 1894, given by him in 1895)

Steatite, yellowish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; faint traces of grooves (?)

SF. 1,20×1,10; SH. 0,20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Head of a 'ram'*, inwards curving horns with outwards turning edges. Under it, a horizontal *Line*.
- (b) Unidentifiable device LXIV.
- (c) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, chevron-shaped arms.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

472 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., AE1218

CMS VI no. 66

'Central Crete' (acquired by Evans perhaps in 1894, given by him in 1895)

Steatite, black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,00/0,90/0,90; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

- On (c), thick scratch marks; in one drilling on (c), a break into the stringhole channel which has the same width as the drill used
- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, mouth, one bifurcated and one quadrifurcated hand.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back, open (?) mouth.
- (c) Two 'Poles' slung with 'String vessels' arranged the one above the other. With one exception that hangs from two 'strings', all other vessels hang from one 'string'.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

473 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., AE1219

CMS VI no. 56

'Crete'

Wedge-shaped

Steatite, black

Flat seal faces, one compressed ellipsoidal, two almost trapezoidal

Almost flat profile; no grooves

SF. 1,35×1,15/1,15/1,05; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as

the seal faces

- (a) Standing *Man in profile* (?), right side view, arms raised in front. The hand of the lower arm touches a *'String vessel'* (?) which is situated in front of him and rotated 180° with regard to him. Behind the man, a fraction of an unidentifiable motif.
- (b) Head of an agrimi, right side view. In front of it, a 'Spider' b rotated 45° anticlockwise with reference to the head.
- (c) Jug, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, the end of the spout turning upwards. In front of it, the Head of a 'dog/lion with hook', right side view, open mouth, rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the jug. In front of the spout of the jug, a short horizontal Wedge.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

474 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., AE1220 CMS VI no 33

Steatite, black green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,30×1,15; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,35

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, one arm extended in front and up, elongated front foot. In front of him, two *Amphorae*, without neck, arranged the one next to the other and rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the man. The man touches the right handle of the upper amphora.
- (b) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front and up, knees bent up as if sitting on the ground. His hand touches the handle of a *Jug*, right side view, no neck, belly handle, which is situated in front of him.
- (c) Two *Jugs*, left side view, long necks, belly handles, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their fronts.

Around them, a *Border*, toothed on the outer side. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

475 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., AE1223 CMS VI no. 89

(1910)

Steatite, whitish with thick dark veins Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; intermittent deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,70×1,00; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Head of an 'ox'. On either side of its face, a Star blossom (small part of one is missing).
- (b) Running Mirror pattern of Lilies with 'base' a with Spikes as body supplements and Chevrons as edge supplements.
- (c) S-spiral, left-facing, vertically hatched stem, with Unidentifiable flowers as curve supplements (from both only the lower parts are preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

476 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., AE1764

CMS VI no. 43

'Crete (?)'

Steatite, mottled olive green with one dark red vein

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,30×0,80/0,90/0,90; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good (?) workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs worn away to a great extent, especially on (c)

Areas of light damage

(a) Amphora (?), pinched neck, belly handles (only the roots of the handles are

²⁶⁶⁸ Or a partially preserved ladder band *Border*?

preserved).

(b) Head of an 'ox' (?) (the left horn is missing).

(c) *Unidentifiable quadruped*, left side view (only the body is preserved). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

477 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., AE1771 CMS VI no. 27

'Crete/Kritsa'

Steatite, olive green mottled with black Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,60×1,10; SH. 0,40

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the profiles, also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an *Eye* and a "*Trowel*" (CHIC signs 005, 044). To the right, a '*Papyrus flower*' with spray, spiral stem to the left. The eye is rotated 45° and the flower 90° anticlockwise with reference to the trowel. ²⁶⁶⁹
- (b) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from *Crossed arms* and a "*Textile*" (CHIC signs 006, 041). Between them, a small *Chevron*. The arms and the chevron are rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the textile.²⁶⁷⁰
- (c) Two-armed whirl of 'Nose paisleys', left-facing. The paisleys have orizontally hatched bodies.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

478 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1895.002

CMS VI no. 61

(Bought in Athens by J. L. Myres in 1895, given by him)

Steatite, cream coloured

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial

edges; no grooves

SF. 1,75×1,25; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), damage also to (a) and (b); as a result of the damage to (b), a break into the stringhole channel; fissure on one profile

- (a) Two standing *Waterfowls*, right side view, legs back, spikes on the back, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides. Between them, a thick *Bar*.
- (b) Standing *Pig/boar*, right side view, head down, spikes on the back.
- (c) Pithos/jar, four handles.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

479 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1910.226 CMS VI no. 55

CMS VI IIO.

'Crete (?)'

Steatite, cream coloured with black veins Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,35×1,10/1,00 pres.×1,15/1,35×1,00; SH. 0,20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Small part of (a) and (c) and approximately one third of (b) missing

- (a) Two standing *Agrimia*, left side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backs.
- (b) Standing *Man in profile*, right (?) side view, one arm extended in front. His hand touches the upper left handle of a *Pithos/jar*, six handles, which is situated in front of him (the right side of the vessel is missing).
- (c) Four standing *Waterfowls*, right side view, arranged the one above the other. The motif is laid out slightly diagonally on the seal face.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

²⁶⁶⁹ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 246 α ; also Jasink 2009, 20 who also sees the 'Papyrus flower' with spray as part of the inscription.

²⁶⁷⁰ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 246 β.

480 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1910.227 CMS VI no. 90

> 'Crete/Eparchy Mirampelo' Steatite, whitish mottled with dark

Flat elongated rectangular seal faces with rounded corners

Flat profile; no grooves

SF. 1,80×1,00/1,05/1,05; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

One piece affixed (?) in modern times, fissure through one part of (a) and (c)

- (a) Two standing *Dogs/lions*, left side view, arranged the one behind the other. On either side of the torso of each animal, a Blob.
- (b) Ship, 2671 right (?) side view, two pointed extremities, oars, mast, two forestays and two backstays.
- (c) Two Four-armed whirls of 'Beaked' busts, left-facing, central 'cup sinkings', arranged the one next to the other. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

481 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1910.228 CMS VI no. 54

'Crete/Milatos' (possibly acquired by Evans in 1898)

Steatite, green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,10/1,05/1,10; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing Waterfowl, right side view, head turned back.
- (b) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view, head turned back.
- (c) Four-armed whirl of three 'Beaked' busts and one Protome of a dog/lion, leftfacing, Unidentifiable motif XXXIX issuing from an angle. The dog/lion has head turned back and one front leg directed upwards. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

CMS VI no. 37

'Crete/Goulas (Lato)'

Steatite, black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,20×1,00; SH. 0,20

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edges, light damage also to the seal faces

- (a) Head of an 'ox'. On either side of its face, a Triangle.
- (b) Two standing *Unidentifiable quadrupeds* arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their undersides (the upper part of the head of one of the animals is missing). Above the back of each animal. a short Line. Whereas the legs of the one animal grow away from each other, those of the other come close to each other such that they are partly placed between the legs of the first animal.
- (c) Four-armed whirl, left-facing. Around it, four Wedges in a circular configuration. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

483 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1910.232

CMS VI no. 30

'Crete'

Steatite, olive green with one cream coloured area and darker veins

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,70×1,05; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, some breaks rounded Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edges, light damage also to the seal faces (a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a Leg, right side view, and a "Ladder" arranged the one next to the other (CHIC signs 010, 038). Under the leg, a Lily triangle rotated 135° anticlockwise with

⁴⁸² Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1910.229

²⁶⁷¹ See also Wedde 2000, 333 no. 801.

reference to the two signs.²⁶⁷²

- (b) Two *Heads of a 'ram'*, the edges of the horns turning slightly outwards, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their upper sides.
- (c) Head of a 'ram', inwards curving horns with the edges turning outwards.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

484 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1910.233 CMS VI no. 88

'Lasithi'

Steatite, greenish white with darker veins Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; faint traces of grooves (?) SF. 1,95×0,90; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) S-spiral, right-facing, with 'Lily flowers' as shoulder supplements. 2673
- (b) Two 'Arrows' a arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their fronts. Between them, a $Bar.^{2674}$
- (c) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an 'Arrow'b and a "Trowel" arranged the one next to the other (CHIC signs 049, 044). On either side of the trowel, a Wedge. 2675

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

485 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1910.237

CMS VI no. 51

'Crete/Lasithi' (acquired by Evans in 1895 or 1896)

Steatite, cream coloured with thick dark olive green veins

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

 2672 For the inscription, see CHIC no. 212 $\alpha.$

Somewhat convex profile; parts of partly deep and partly shallow grooves resembling scratch marks around the seal faces

SF. 1,10×1,05 pres./1,20/1,05 pres.; SH. 0,25 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away

Part of (a) and (c) missing

- (a) Three standing/walking *Men in profile* (?), arranged the one behind the other (parts of the motifs are missing).
- (b) *Whirl*, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'. Around it, a *Border*.
- (c) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, one arm extended in front. His hand touches a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels', vessels not attached to the pole, which is situated in front of him and is rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

486 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1910.238 CMS VI no. 75

'Crete/Near Gortys' (acquired by Evans in 1895 or 1896)

Steatite, cream coloured with thick dark olive green veins

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; intermittent deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,05×0,95/1,00/0,90; SH. 0,20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, small parts of the motifs worn away

Superficial scratch marks and areas of light damage

(a) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, two arms extended in front, one up. His upper hand touches the handle of a *Jug*, left side view, no neck, pointed beak, which is situated in front of him and rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him. His lower hand touches the right handle of an *Amphora*, without neck, which is situated under the jug.

²⁶⁷³ For the possible use of this device as an ideogram, see Jasink 2009, 135.

²⁶⁷⁴ For this image and the possible use of these devices as ideograms, see Jasink 2009, 130, 135.

²⁶⁷⁵ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 226 α .

- (b) *Whirl*, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'. Around it, a *Border* toothed on the outer side. ²⁶⁷⁶
- (c) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view. The motif is laid out diagonally on the seal face. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

487 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1910.239 CMS VI no. 41

'Crete/Malia' (acquired by Evans in 1895 or 1896)

Steatite, dark olive green, almost black Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,30×1,15/1,10/1,15; SH. 0,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a), somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship Moderately abraded

Damage to (c), scratch marks on the seal faces

- (a) Spider, eight legs.
- (b) Whirl, left-facing, central 'cup sinking', arms not abutting the 'cup sinking'.
- (c) Quatrefoil with 'Wheat stalks' as angle supplements (parts of the quatrefoil and of the wheat stalks are missing). The quatrefoil is laid out diagonally on the seal face such that it describes a saltire.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

488 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1910.240

CMS VI no. 48

'Crete/Malia' (acquired by Evans in 1895 or 1896)

Somewhat gable-shaped

Steatite, black

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. 0,90×1,00/1,10/1,00; SH. 0,20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to one profile, also to (a) and (c)

(a) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back, long beak, spikes on the

tail.

- (b) 'Squid' a, four tentacles, left-facing.
- (c) Standing *Pig/boar*, right side view, head down, spikes on the neck.

 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

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489 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1910.241

CMS VI no. 65

'Crete/Milatos'

Steatite, olive green, at parts darker

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,25×0,90/1,10/1,00; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (b) and (c), somewhat hasty engraving;

moderate to good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh,

file marks on one profile

Many scratch marks on the seal faces; in both motifs on (c), a break into the stringhole channel which has the width of the drill used

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth.
- (b) Head of a 'ram', long hanging ears.
- (c) A 'Spider'a, three legs, and a 'Spider'b arranged the one next to the other.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

490 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1910.242 CMS VI no. 60

'Crete/Eparchy Mirampelo'

Steatite, yellow with few dark green veins

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; deep grooves on the profiles and shallow resembling scratch marks on the largest part of the interfacial edges

SF. 1,70×1,40; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), damage also to (a) and (b)

(a) Standing Man in profile, right side view, one arm (?) extended in front. His hand touches a Mirror pattern of 'Poles' slung with 'String vessels' which is situated in

²⁶⁷⁶ Or ladder band *Border*, parts of which are missing?

front of him and is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him. Behind the man, a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him. Only one vessel hangs from the side of the pole of the mirror pattern that faces the man.

- (b) Standing Man in profile, right side view, open mouth. In front of him, a standing Agrimi, right side view, rotated 180° with reference to the man. Above the muzzle of the quadruped, a small Lunette. On the right horn of the animal, a Wedge.
- (c) Standing Frontal man, one arm extended to the side and up. His hand touches the handle of a Jug, no neck, belly handles, right side view, which is situated in front of him and is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him. Under the jug, an Amphora, pinched neck, belly handles. To the right, a 'Figure-of-eight shield'.

 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

491 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1910.243 CMS VI no. 67

'East Crete' (acquired by Evans by 1897) Steatite, yellow with darker surface on the seal faces, not on the profiles

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; broad, interfacial edges; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,40×1,30; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b) and (c), somewhat clumsy engraving; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Two "Saw branches" and a 'Fir branch' arranged in a row.
- (b) Standing *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back and up, open mouth. Under the animal, a horizontal *Wedge*. Above the animal's rump, a *Lily triangle*.
- (c) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view. Above its back, a "*Loop*" rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the animal. Behind its hindquarters, a small *Triangle* (?). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

492 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1910.244 CMS VI no. 52

'Crete/Neighbourhood of Heraklion' (bought from Evans in Heraklion in 1894)

Steatite, black

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,30×1,50; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Z-whirl with curved arms composed of 'Boars with centipede legs', left-facing.
- (b) 'Boar with centipede legs', right (?) side view, head turned back (?).
- (c) Head of an 'ox'. On one side of its face, a *Three-armed whirl*; on the other, a *Four-armed whirl*, both left-facing. Above its horns, a horizontal "Saw branch".

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

493 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1925.57

CMS VI no. 79

(Procured in Athens by A. M. Woodward, bought from him)

Steatite, black

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,65×0,75/0,75/0,80; SH. 0,35

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded, motifs partly worn away

Areas of light damage

- (a) Scorpion, tail to the right.
- (b) *Ship*,²⁶⁷⁷ left (?) side view, one arrowhead-shaped and one bifurcated extremity, oars, steering oar (?), mast, two forestays and two backstays (parts of the device are missing). Behind the backstays and under the front part of the hull, a *Triangle*.
- (c) Two triangular Leaves, fishbone venation,

²⁶⁷⁷ See also Wedde 2000, 333 no. 804.

each looking in an opposite direction than on the other, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their sides. Between them, a *Wedge*. The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

494 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.742 CMS VI no. 71

'Crete/Lasithi' (acquired by Evans probably in 1898)

Steatite, yellow with thick brown veins Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (almost round) Convex profile; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and traces on the interfacial edges

SF. 2,05×2,00; SH. 0,55

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b) and (c), tentative engraving; clumsy work; moderate workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces; on one motif on (c), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth, one arm extended in front. His hand touches a '*Pole' slung with* '*String vessels'* which is situated in front of him and is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him.
- (b) 'Gorgo mask', hair, ears, cheekbones, piglike nose, open mouth. On either side of its face, a *Line*.
- (c) Spider, four legs. To the right, the Head of a 'dog/lion with hook', left side view, open mouth, rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the spider.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

495 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.743 CMS VI no. 70

'Crete (?)'

Steatite, green with a few dark veins Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (two almost round)

Somewhat convex profile: no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,85×1,80/1,90/1,70; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b) and (c), tentative engraving; somewhat hasty, clumsy work; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to (a)

- (a) Crouching *Agrimi*, right side view, head down. Above its back, the *Back part of an arrow*.
- (b) Two standing *Men in profile*, open mouths, one smaller than the other, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their fronts. Between them, a " Γ -branch".
- (c) Two seated *Men in profile*, right side view, open mouths, one with his arms raised either side of the head and his legs extended in front, the other with an arm extended in front and bent legs, arranged the one above the other. The hand of the uppermost figure touches a "*T-bar*" slung with 'String vessels' that is situated in front of them and is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to them.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

496 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.744 CMS VI no. 68

(Bought by Evans in Heraklion in 1894) Steatite, yellow with few darker veins Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; deep grooves on the profiles and traces on the interfacial edges SF. 1,90×1,15; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, pointed mouth. His front hand touches a *Spear* that is situated in front of him, head up.
- (b) Agrimi standing on the back legs, right side view. In front of its face, a "Saw branch". Above its back, a Wedge.
- (c) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a "Saw branch".

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

497 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.745 CMS VI no. 45

'Crete/Tourloti, Kastri' or 'Kasteli Pediadas' Steatite, mottled light grey

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (almost round) Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; clear, partly deep and partly shallow grooves resembling scratches around the seal faces

SF. 1,30×1,35; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (c), somewhat rounded intaglio; good workmanship Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) 'Man with semicircular body', left side view, open mouth, one arm with trifurcated hand resting on the lap, the other with bifurcated hand extended in front and up, seated on a Stool. Under his extended arm, a 'Gaming table'. Behind and extending above him, a 'T-branch'.
- (b) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, pointed nose and chin (?), two arms extended in front. In front of him, a large *Pithos/jar*, four handles. To the left, a *Jug*, no handle, right side view.
- (c) Swastika of Dogs/lions, left-facing. The animals, one of which does not have a front leg, are crouching and have heads turned back.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

498 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.746

CMS VI no. 34

'Crete/Kasteli Pediadas'

Steatite, mottled dark grey

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal (almost round)

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and on the largest part of the interfacial edges

SF. 1,25×1,25/1,20/1,20; SH. 0,35; BL. 1,30 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c), scratch marks on (a)

- (a) Two *Women in profile*, open mouths, buns, one with one bent arm extended in front and up, the other with two arms raised either side of the head, vertically hatched skirts, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their fronts. Between them, a *Whirl*, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'.
- (b) Man in profile, left side view, open mouth, hair, one arm extended in front, horizontally hatched body, seated on an Unidentifiable seat (?) (very small part of it is preserved). His hand touches the handle of an Amphora, pinched neck, mouth handles, which is situated in front of him. Above the vessel, a 'Kiln'.
- (c) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth, two arms extended in front, one up. His hands touch the handles of the upper two of three *Jugs*, left side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, that are situated in front of him. The jugs are arranged the one behind the other and are rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the man.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

499 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.747 CMS VI no. 31

'Crete'

Steatite, dark grey

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,45×1,15/1,05/1,10; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks, sharp edges Considerable damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), damage also to (a) and (b)

- (a) Two standing/walking *Men in profile*, right side view, one with a ponytail, joined at the shoulder, arranged the one behind the other.
- (b) Crouching 'Sheep', right side view (the

upper part of its hindquarters is missing).
(c) Two *Spiders*, each with four legs, arranged the one next to the other.
Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

500 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.748 CMS VI no. 29

'Crete (?)'

Steatite, white

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and intermittent on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,40×1,30; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the edge of (a), chipping on (c) (a) Seated *Man in profile*, left side view, open mouth, long ponytail, one bent arm extended in front and up, knees bent up as if sitting on the ground. His hand touches the handle of a *Jug*, left side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, which is situated in front of him. In front of the jug, a vertical "Saw branch" (?). In front of the mouth of

the man, a horizontal *Wedge*. In the angle formed by his bent knees, a *Lily triangle* rotated 180° with reference to him.

(b) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an 'Arrow' b, a "Trowel", and the Head of a dog/lion with hanging tongue, right side view (CHIC signs 049, 044, 018). Under the trowel, a horizontal Wedge. The arrow and the trowel are rotated 45°, the first clockwise, the second anticlockwise, with reference to each other such that a 45° angle is created between them. The head of the animal is rotated 180° with reference to the other two and situated under the arrow.²⁶⁷⁸

(c) Head of a 'bull'. Between its horns, the small Head of an 'ox' (?)²⁶⁷⁹ rotated 180° with reference to the larger head. Around

the image, a ladder band *Border* (part of it is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

501 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.749 CMS VI no. 36

'Crete (?)

Steatite, dark olive green, almost black Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; clear, orderly and deep grooves on the profiles and on the largest part of the interfacial edges

SF. 1,70×1,00; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front. His hand touches a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' which is situated in front of him and is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him.
- (b) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, head down, one arm extended in front. His hand touches the horn of a *Head of an agrimi*, left side view, which is situated in front of him.
- (c) Seated *Pig/boar*, right side view, protruding belly.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

502 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.750 CMS VI no. 44

'Crete/Sykia, a local find' or 'Site of Praisos' (bought by Evans in Sykia in 1894)
Steatite, olive green, at parts darker
Flat ellipsoidal seal faces
Convex profile; no grooves, scratches
SF. 1,30×1,20/1,20/1,15; SH. 0,25
Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

(a) Man in profile, left side view, one bent arm extended in front and up, the other arm hanging back, seated on a Π -shaped

 $^{^{2678}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 215 α .

²⁶⁷⁹ Or a *Double axe*? Compare the composition to that on the LB CMS XI no. 259.

Stool. From each arm or hand hangs a 'Ball amphora', without neck.

(b) Combination of an Agrimi and a Dolphin in a cross, a Bar (?)²⁶⁸⁰ connecting the underside of the dolphin with the hindquarters of the quadruped. The agrimi is depicted in left side view and is standing. The dolphin is depicted in right side view. (c) Standing Man in profile, right side view. The figure is carrying in its shoulders a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels', triangular vessels. Behind its back leg, a jumping Dog/lion (?), right side view. In front of its front leg, a 'Ball amphora', without neck. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

503 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.751 CMS VI no. 84

'Crete (?)'

Chlorite (?); dark grey with green dots Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (almost round) Convex profile; clear, broad, and deep grooves only on the profiles (also initially [?])

SF. 1,10×1,15; SH. 0,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded (?)

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, pointed mouth. His front arm holds the handle of a "*Loop*" which is situated in front of him.
- (b) Quatrefoil. Four Chevrons as angle-filling.
- (c) Two *C-spirals* arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their concave sides. Mesara Chlorite Prism

504 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.752 CMS VI no. 69 'Crete (?)'

²⁶⁸⁰ The fact that part of this element seems to continue above the head of the dolphin to the edge of the seal face could suggest that it does not belong to the engraving.

Steatite, dark green with one large cream coloured area with dark green veins Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves, scratches SF. 1,60×1,40/1,40/1,50; SH. 0,25 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded Areas of light damage

- (a) Two "Toothed sickles", right side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides.
- (b) Standing *Headless waterfowl*, right side view, spikes on the tail. In front of it, a *'Centipede branch'*.
- (c) Two 'Spiders' b, one leg rendered by a spike, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their sides.

 Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

505 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.752a CMS VI no. 62

'Crete (?)'

Gable-shaped

Steatite, olive green, on the surface black Flat seal faces, one compressed rounded, two compressed ellipsoidal (one almost round)

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,50/1,40/1,35; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage and crack on (b) and (c); in the motif on (b), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Standing 'Man with semicircular body', right side view, open mouth, no arms. In front of him, a " Γ -branch".
- (b) Z-whirl with curved arms composed of "Toothed sickles", left-facing.
- (c) Head of a 'dog/lion with hook', left

side view, open mouth. Under it, the *Head* of an agrimi, right side view, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the head of the dog/lion.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

506 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.753

CMS VI no. 64

'Crete (?)'

Steatite, cream coloured with thick dark olive green veins

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and partly on the interfacial edges SF. 1,50×1,10; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the edge of (a), scratch marks on the seal faces

- (a) Head of an 'ox'. On either side of its face, a "Saw branch". The bases of the branches slope inwards such that the combination encloses the head in a V.
- (b) Walking *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back. Under it, a *Lily triangle* rotated 180° with reference to the waterfowl.
- (c) S-whirl of Paisleys, right-facing. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

507 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.755 CMS VI no. 58

'Crete/Elounta' (acquired by Evans probably in 1898)

Steatite, cream coloured with dark green veins

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,40×1,60/1,20 pres.(?)/1,30 pres. (?);

SH. 0,30/0,25

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a), rounded contours; attentive work; good workmanship Moderately to considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away

Part of (b) and (c) missing (?)

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back, vertically hatched neck (the front leg of the animal is missing).
- (b) Spider, four legs (one leg is missing).
- (c) *Disc*. Around it, a ladder band *Border* (approximately the half is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

508 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.755

CMS VI no. 59

'Crete (?)'

Gable-shaped

Steatite, black, at parts olive green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Almost flat profile; deep grooves on the profiles and on the largest part of the interfacial edges

SF. 1,70×1,50/1,30/1,30; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edges, also to (a) and (c)

- (a) Standing Man in profile, left side view, one arm extended in front. His hand touches a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' which is situated in front of him and is rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him.
- (b) Two 'Beaked busts with ponytail', left side view, open mouths, long, curved ponytails, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their upper sides.
- (c) Seated/lying *Agrimi*, right side view, head turned back, pointed muzzle, upper parts of the horns meeting, swollen rump. In front of it, a "*Saw branch*" (its upper end is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

509 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.757

CMS VI no. 35

'Crete (?)'

Steatite, whitish

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,40×1,10; SH. 0,25-0,35

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Walking *Pig/boar* (?), right side view, head down. Above its back, a small *Triangle*.
- (b) Two *Ships*,²⁶⁸¹ left side view, one bifurcated and one trifurcated extremity, mast, three forestays and three backstays, arranged the one above the other. Their hulls are connected by a *Line*.
- (c) Three seated *Men in profile*, left side view, open mouths, one bent arm extended in front, bent legs. The hand of the right and the middle man touches the back of the man in front.²⁶⁸²

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

510 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.760 CMS VI no. 74

'Crete (?)'

Steatite, black, at few parts olive green Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; clear and deep grooves

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 2,00×1,10/1,05/1,10; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces, thick scratch marks along (c) (a) Two *C-spirals*, delimited interior, hori-

- zontally hatched, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their concave sides. Between them, a *Mirror pattern of Lilies with 'base' a*.
- (b) *Ship*, ²⁶⁸³ right side view, an arrowhead-shaped and a bifurcated extremity, oars, mast ending in a chevron, two forestays and two backstays. On either side of the

²⁶⁸¹ See also Wedde 2000, 332 nos. 703, 204.

mast, a 'Papyrus flower', spiral stem to the left. With respect to each other, the flowers are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their convex sides.

(c) Two seated *Men in profile*, left side view, open mouths, one bent arm raised in front, four and five fingers respectively, knees bent up as if sitting on the ground, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their elbows.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

511 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.761 CMS VI no. 32

'Crete/Malia'

seal faces

Steatite, ivory coloured with a grey area Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves around the

SF. 1,70×1,20; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded

Damage to one profile, also to (a) and (b), crack through the seal faces

- (a) *Ship*, ²⁶⁸⁴ left side view, a bifurcated and a trifurcated extremity, oars, mast, three forestays and three backstays. Behind it, a *'Saw branch' with stalk*.
- (b) Standing *Pig/boar*, right side view, head down, spikes on the back. In front of it, the *Head of a dog/lion with leg* (?), right side view, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the quadruped.
- (c) Meander Z of 'Poles' slung with 'String vessels', right-facing, Ladder band as centre, with Spikes as body supplements and Spike rows as shoulder supplements.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

512 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.762 CMS VI no. 77 'Crete/Elounta' (acquired by Evans in 1896)

²⁶⁸² Wedde sees here putative rowers (Wedde, 2000, 332 no. 710).

²⁶⁸³ See also Wedde 2000, 333–334 no. 805.

²⁶⁸⁴ See also Wedde 2000, 332 no. 705.

Steatite, brown, at parts black Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; parts of clear and deep grooves only on the profiles SF. 1,70×0,90/1,00/0,90; SH. 0,30 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship Moderately abraded, rounded breaks Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) *Ship*, ²⁶⁸⁵ right side view, an arrowhead-shaped and a bifurcated extremity, oars, mast, three forestays and three backstays. ²⁶⁸⁶ Behind the backstays, a *Wedge*. In front of the forestays, a *Blob*.
- (b) Three *Jugs*, pinched neck, mouth handle. Two of them are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their front sides. The other, left side view, is placed between them and rotated 180° with reference to them.²⁶⁸⁷
- (c) Z-whirl, left-facing, inner sides of the arms toothed, with 'Papyrus flowers' as shoulder supplements.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

513 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.764 CMS VI no. 46

'Crete/Milatos, from a grave' (acquired by Evans in 1894)

Steatite, brown and olive green Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,30×1,10/1,10/1,20; SH. 0,30; BL. 1,30 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b), an attempt at naturalistic rendering; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded Superficial scratch marks and areas of light

²⁶⁸⁵ See also Wedde 2000, 333 no. 803.

damage

- (a) Two Fish, heads in the same direction.
- (b) Two standing *Men in profile*, right side view, open mouth, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their fronts. The 'front' hands of the figures touch.
- (c) Standing Agrimi, left side view, head turned back.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

514 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.765 CMS VI no. 85

'Crete/Psychro cave' (found and acquired by Evans probably in 1898)

Steatite, olive green and black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 0,90×0,60/0,65/0,65; SH. 0,15

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

One profile and approximately one third of (c) missing

- (a) Head of a 'ram' (?), horizontal horns curving downwards. On either side of its face, the *Profile head of a ruminant* (?).
- (b) Whirl, right-facing, oval-shaped.
- (c) Mirror pattern of 'Lily flowers' (?) with Bars as shoulder supplements (?) (part of the device is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

515 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.767

CMS VI no. 72

'Crete (?)'

Gable-shaped

Steatite, brown, at parts yellowish green Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal (one almost round)

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,30×1,30/1,25/1,40; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks

²⁶⁸⁶ For the possible use of this device as a script sign, see Jasink 2009, 125.

²⁶⁸⁷ For the possible use of these devices as script signs, see Jasink 2009, 131.

Part of one profile and small parts of the seal faces missing

- (a) Double axe.
- (b) Swastika of Legs with claws (part of one leg is missing).
- (c) Three *Fish* arranged the one above the other (?), the one at one edge with its head in the opposite direction from that of the other two (the tail of one is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

516 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.768 CMS VI no. 73

'Crete (?)'

Crete (?)

Steatite, green, at parts darker Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,60×1,00; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a "Saw branch".
- (b) S-spiral, left-facing, with 'Ivy leaves' as shoulder supplements. From the combination is created a supplementation Two-armed whirl.
- (c) Two groups of motifs: Each consists of a 'Peafowl', left side view, neck back, head up, crest, trifurcated tail, and of a long, slightly inwards curving Wedge which starts above its head and extends in front. The two groups are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between the front sides of the birds.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

517 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.773

CMS VI no. 53

'Crete (?)'

Steatite, brown

Flat compressed round seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves, scratches

SF. 1,50×1,50; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-

manship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Quatrefoil*. Four *Blobs* as angle-filling. The quatrefoil is laid out diagonally on the seal face such that it describes a saltire.
- (b) Seated/lying *Agrimi*, left side view, head down, S-shaped body, male organ. Behind and under the animal, a *Line*.
- (c) Standing *Pig/boar*, right side view, head down. Above it, a *Stemless paisley*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

518 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.774 CMS VI no. 26

'Crete/Eparchy (?) Siteia' (procured by Evans from I. G. Mitsotakis in 1894) Steatite, black and brown, at parts mottled

with green Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; no grooves SF. 2,05×1,15/1,15/1,20; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Head of an 'ox'*. On either side of its face, an *S-spiral*, right facing.²⁶⁸⁸ The lower scrolls of the spirals slope inwards such that the spirals enclose the head in a V.
- (b) Three *Jugs*, no necks, pointed beak, right side view, arranged the one behind the other. On either side of each vessel, a *Bar*.²⁶⁸⁹
- (c) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an 'Arrow' b and a "Trowel" (CHIC signs 049, 044). On either side of the trowel, a J-spiral. With respect to each other, the latter are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their convex sides. The trowel and the spirals are rotated 90°

²⁶⁸⁸ For the spirals, see Jasink 2009, 136.

²⁶⁸⁹ For the possible use of the jugs as ideograms, see Jasink 2009, 131.

clockwise with reference to the arrow.²⁶⁹⁰ Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

519 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.797

CMS VI no. 28

'Crete (?)'

Steatite, greyish green

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,55×0,80; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), light damage also to (a) and (b)

- (a) Leaf with stalk, fishbone venation. The stalk is placed in a U. 2691
- (b) Eye (CHIC sign 005). 2692 On either side of it, an 'Ivy leaf'. With respect to each other, the leaves are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their sides
- (c) Hieroglyphic inscription (?) put together from a "*Trowel*" and a "*Textile*" (?) (CHIC signs 044, 041 [?])²⁶⁹³

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

520 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1938.1149

CMS VI no. 47

'Crete'

Steatite, light olive green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Almost flat profile; no grooves

SF. 1,10×1,40/1,45/1,35; SH. 0,25

 2690 For the inscription, see CHIC no. 213 $\alpha;$ also Jasink 2009, 84.

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage and superficial scratch marks

- (a) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back, long beak, spikes on the tail.
- (b) Amphora, pinched neck, belly handles. Its body is flanked by two "Saw branches" (the teeth of one of the branches are missing). Their lower parts slope inwards such that they enclose the vessel in a V.
- (c) Whirl, left-facing, central 'cup sinking', part of one arm toothed, another ending in a bifurcation.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

521 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1941.85

CMS VI no. 86

Steatite, light greyish green with dark veins Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,75×0,90/0,85 pres./0,90; SH. 0,35

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (c), somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away

Considerable damage to the edge of (b), crack through the seal faces

- (a) Two *Paisleys*, spiral stem to the right, each with an *Unidentifiable flower* as shoulder supplement (only small parts of the flowers are preserved). The paisleys are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their convex sides.
- (b) Two-armed whirl of Paisleys, left-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' (?) as curve supplements (only the buds of the flowers are preserved [?]).
- (c) Two *Whirls*, left-facing, central 'cup sinking' (?), arranged the one next to the other. Between them, a *Column*.

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²⁶⁹¹ The CHIC and Jasink see in the image the CHIC sign 049, i. e. an '*Arrow*' *b* (CHIC no. 259 α, Jasink 2009, 114, 117, 128, 130, 156). For this subject, see footnotes 368, 1667.

 $^{^{2692}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 259 γ ; also Jasink 2009, 114, 117, 128, 156.

²⁶⁹³ The CHIC does not see the "*Textile*" as a hieroglyph. For the inscription, see CHIC no. 259 β; also Jasink 2009, 114, 117, 128, 130, 156.

522 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1941.86 CMS VI no. 42

'Crete/Malia' (acquired by Evans in Heraklion in 1896)

Steatite, black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,40×0,90; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, motifs partly worn away, especially on (b) and (c)

Areas of light damage

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, open mouth. Above it, a small *Triangle*.²⁶⁹⁴ (b) *Jug*, left side view, pinched neck, mouth handle. On either side of its body, a *Wedge*.
- Around the image, a *Border* (only small part of it is preserved).
- (c) *Ship*, ²⁶⁹⁵ left side view, two bifurcated extremities, one raised, oars, mast, four backstays (part of the motif is missing). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

523 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1941.219 CMS VI no. 83

'Crete'

Sepiolite or related clay mineral (?); light greyish green; very light

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; grooves only on the profiles SF. 1,70×0,95/0,95/0,90; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Somewhat to moderately abraded (?)

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated *Bovine*, left side view. In front of it, a 'Wheat stalk'.
- (b) Running Disc S-spiral, right facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as curve supplements.
- (c) Saltire of Ellipses with two 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements. The ellipses are elongated and horizontally hatched.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

524 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1941.220 CMS VI no. 40

'Crete'

Steatite, greyish green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,30×1,20/1,25/1,10; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks Damage to the profiles and to the interfacial

edge (a)–(c), damage also to (a) and (c)

- (a) Star of three 'Wheat stalks' and two 'Lily flowers'.
- (b) Head of an agrimi, right side view. Head of a 'dog/lion with hook', left side view. Head of a dog/lion, left side view, open mouth. The two latter are rotated 180° with reference to the first.
- (c) Two *Heads of a 'dog/lion with hook'*, left side view, open mouths, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides. A short bar issues from the convex side of the hook of one of the animals.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

525 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1953.124

CMS VI no. Add. 2

(Bought in Athens, given by V.E.G. Kenna on 13 July 1953)

Steatite, mottled olive green and black Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,90×0,95; SH. 0,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

A little damage to (a) and (c)

- (a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a "Bottle", "Breasts", and an 'Arrow' b (CHIC signs 056, 034, 049). The breasts and the arrow are rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the bottle.
- (b) Hieroglyphic inscription put together

²⁶⁹⁴ Jasink sees the devices of this seal as possible signs of the hieroglyphic script (Jasink 2009, 126, 191).

²⁶⁹⁵ See also Wedde 2000, 332 no. 708.

from a *Shamrock b*, an *Eye*, and a '*Key sistrum*'/'plough' (CHIC signs 031, 005, 057). Between the arms of the sistrum/ plough, a *Triangle*. The eye is rotated 90° whereas the shamrock 45° anticlockwise, both with reference to the sistrum/plough.

(c) *Head of a 'ram'*, broad, crescent-shaped horns, toothed on the outer sides, long hanging ears.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

526 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1967.912

CMS VIII no. 12696

Steatite, brown with a few darker areas Flat seal faces, one compressed ellipsoidal, two trapezoidal

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,40×1,35/1,50×1,40/1,40×1,40; SH. 0,40

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, some breaks rounded Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Unidentifiable motif LXII.
- (b) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, beak down, toothed back. Under its neck, a short *Bar*(?).
- (c) Standing *Waterfowl* (?), right side view, head turned back.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

527 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1967.913 CMS VIII no. 2²⁶⁹⁷

Somewhat gable-shaped

Steatite, light green and brown

Flat seal faces, one ellipsoidal, two round

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,30×1,30/1,40/1,30; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage, deep scratch on (a)

(a) Standing Agrimi, left side view, short

(b) Cross pommée with three 'Lily flowers' and a Wedge as angle supplements.(c) Standing Agrimi (?), left side view, head

front legs. On either side of its torso, a *Blob*.

(c) Standing *Agrimi* (?), left side view, head turned back (?), pointed muzzle, long horn. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

528 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1967.914

CMS VIII no. 3²⁶⁹⁸

Steatite, light brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (one somewhat irregular)

Convex profile; deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,10×0,90/0,80/0,90; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)-(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Head of a 'ram'.
- (b) Standing Bovine, right side view.
- (c) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front (the backside of the figure is missing). His hand touches the plain side of a "Saw branch" that is situated in front of him.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

529 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1967.915

CMS VIII no. 4²⁶⁹⁹

Steatite, cream coloured and brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and traces on the interfacial edges SF. 1,20×1,10/1,10/1,00 pres.; SH. 0,25 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, some rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

(a) Swastika of "Saw branches", left-facing. On either side of it, an inwards curving Line.

²⁶⁹⁶ See footnote 2495.

²⁶⁹⁷ See footnote 2495.

²⁶⁹⁸ See footnote 2495.

²⁶⁹⁹ See footnote 2495.

- (b) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view. In front of it, a *Wedge*.
- (c) *Head of a 'ram'*. Around it, a ladder band *Border* (part of it is missing). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

530 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1967.917 CMS VIII no. 16²⁷⁰⁰

Steatite, black

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces (one somewhat irregular)

Slightly concave profile (due to wear), initially almost flat (?); no grooves SF. 1,10×0,85/0,90/0,90; SH. 0,35

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; workmanship cannot be estimated

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs worn away to a great extent Areas of light damage

- (a) Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XX.
- (b) Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXI.
- (c) Disc (?).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

531 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1967.919

CMS VIII no. 19²⁷⁰¹

Steatite, brownish and green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile

SF. 1,30×0,90/0,90/1,00; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a), rounded intaglio; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Bovine*, right side view, head turned back.
- (b) Saltire pommée, central 'cup sinking', spike issuing from one of the 'cup sinkings' in which the arms terminate, with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements.
- (c) *Jug*, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle. In front of it, a "*Saw branch*". The image is laid out diagonally on the seal face. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

Steatite, cream coloured thickly mottled with brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear, thin but not particularly deep grooves on the profiles and on the largest part of the interfacial edges

SF. 1,50×1,00; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c); in the motif on (a), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) *Head of a 'goat'*. On either side of its face, a *Lily triangle* rotated 135°, the one clockwise the other anticlockwise with reference to the head.
- (b) 'Dog/lion with spiral body', right side view, head turned back, two front legs directed up.
- (c) Two-armed whirl of Paisleys, left-facing, with Spike rows as curve supplements. The paisleys have horizontally hatched heads. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

533 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1967.921

CMS VIII no. 21²⁷⁰³

Steatite, dark brown, almost black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; no grooves

SF. 1,50×1,00/1,45 pres.×0,70 pres./1,00 pres.×0,90 pres.; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh, fine file marks

One profile, the largest part of (a), approximately two thirds of (b), and the half of (c)

⁵³² Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1967.920 CMS VIII no. 20²⁷⁰²

²⁷⁰⁰ See footnote 2495.

²⁷⁰¹ See footnote 2495.

²⁷⁰² See footnote 2495.

²⁷⁰³ See footnote 2495.

preserved

- (a) S-spiral, right-facing, with 'Lily blossoms' as body supplements.
- (b) *Head of an agrimi*, right side view, eye (the largest part of the front horn is missing). Above the horns, a fraction of an unidentifiable motif.
- (c) *Unidentifiable vessel* (only its body is preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

534 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1980.283

CMS VI no. 80

(Bequeathed to the museum by Miss Edith Eccles)

Gable-shaped

Steatite, brownish yellow

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces (one almost round)

Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,40×1,15/1,45/1,15; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks Areas of light damage

- (a) Two *Jugs*, pinched necks, mouth handles, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their fronts. Between them, a "*Dumbbell*".
- (b) Two 'Legless boars', right side view, open mouth, one with tail up, the other with tail down, vertically hatched bodies, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides. On one side of the image, a *Blob*.
- (c) Standing *Pig/boar*, left side view, head down, spikes on the back.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

535 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1980.284 CMS VI no. 81

(Bequeathed to the museum by Miss Edith Eccles)

Steatite, yellowish brown, at parts dark grey Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad slightly rounded

interfacial edges; no grooves SF. 1,50×1,20; SH. 0,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; attentive, dexterous work; good work-manship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh, on one profile file marks

One profile and part of (b) and (c) missing

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back, open mouth, vertically hatched neck (the back part of the hind-quarters is missing).
- (b) Two standing *Pigs/boars*, spikes on the back, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their undersides.
- (c) Cross of Amphorae, central 'cup sinking', the latter also constituting the base of the vessels. The vessels have pinched necks and elongated belly handles. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

536 Oxford, Ashm. Mus., 1980.285

CMS VI no. 82

(Bequeathed to the museum by Miss Edith Eccles)

Steatite, light brownish yellow with a darker yellowish grey area

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,70×1,10; SH. 0,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c), fissure through one profile as well as (c)

- (a) Two *Heads of an agrimi*, right side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backsides. The image is laid out diagonally in the seal face.
- (b) Two Fish looking in opposite directions.
- (c) Z-whirl of "Saw branches", left-facing, Grain ellipse as centre, with Lunettes as body supplements. The outer side of the lunettes is toothed.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

537 Paris, Cab. Med., Depôt du Louvre. AM 757 CMS IX no. 16*

(Mission Clermont - Ganneau 1898)

Steatite, chestnut brown

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,50×0,85; SH. 0,30; H. 0,85; BL. 1,50 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away

One profile and approximately one third of (b) and (c) missing

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, head down, open mouth (parts of the figure are missing).
- (b) S-spiral, right-facing (one scroll is missing).
- (c) Whirl, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'. Next to it, a "Column", toothed ends. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 538 Paris, Cab. Med., Depôt du Louvre. AM 1623.12

CMS IX no. 3D*

(Donation of J. Demargne in 1911)

Gable-shaped

Steatite, black, at parts light brown and yellowish

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal Convex profile; faint traces of grooves only on one profile

SF. 1,25×1,25/1,10/1,15; SH. 0,30;

H. 1,10×1,00; BL. 1,25

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (c), somewhat rounded intaglio; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away

Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), light damage also to (b) and (c)

(a) Two standing *Agrimia*, right side view, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their backs.

(b) Two *Jugs*, right side view, without neck, mouth handle, and an *Amphora*, without neck, arranged the one above the other. To the left of the image, a *Vessel without handles* rotated 180° with reference to the jugs. To the right, an *Amphora*, no neck, rotated 180° with reference to the vessels, and a *Jug* (?), without neck, mouth handle. (c) *Man in profile*, right side view, head turned back, open mouth, spikelike arms raised either side of the head, seated on a large *Stool*. To the left, a *Cross pommée*.²⁷⁰⁴ Between the back side of the man and the cross, a *Saltire*.²⁷⁰⁵

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

539 Paris, Cab. Med., Depôt du Louvre. AM 1623,13

CMS IX no. 18*

(Donation of J. Demargne in 1911)

Steatite, leafy green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; no grooves

SF. 1,65×1,10; SH. 0,25; H. 1,05; BL. 1,70 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Scorpion, tail to the left.
- (b) 'Papyrus flower', spiral stem to the left.²⁷⁰⁶
- (c) S-spiral, right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as curve supplements.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

540 Paris, Cab. Med., Depôt du Louvre. AM 1623.14

CMS IX no. 5*

(Donation of J. Demargne in 1911)

Gable-shaped

Steatite, light and dark brown, at parts black

²⁷⁰⁴ CHIC sign 70?

²⁷⁰⁵ CHIC sign X?

²⁷⁰⁶ For this device, see Jasink 2009, 138.

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces, two truncated Convex profile; no grooves; one double, eight-shaped stringhole

SF. 1,15×0,90/1,05/0,90;

SH. 0,35/0,35×0,25; H. 1,00×0,80; BL. 1,20 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; tentative, hasty engraving; moderate workmanship Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated *Frontal man*, head in left side view, pointed mouth, arms and legs extended to the sides and slightly up, one trifurcated hand.
- (b) Whirl of 'Beaked' busts, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'.
- (c) Standing *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back, open mouth. The animal steps on a *Disc* which is situated under it. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 541 Paris, Cab. Med., Depôt du Louvre. AM 1623,15

Delaporte 1920, 94 no. Δ.28*

(Donation of M. Demargne in 1891) Steatite, ochre with a few olive green veins Flat elongated rectangular seal faces with

Flat profile; no grooves

rounded corners

SF. 1,80×1,00; SH. 0,30; H. 1,00; BL. 1,80 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), light damage also to (a) and (b)

- (a) Paisley, straight stem, horizontally hatched body. Under it, "Horns of consecration".
- (b) Two *Unidentifiable quadrupeds* arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their undersides. The animals step on a *Ground-line* which is situated between them.
- (c) "Ladder band" slung with 'String vessels'. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 542 Paris, Cab. Med., Depôt du Louvre. AM
 1623,16
 Delaporte 1920, 94 no. Δ.33*

(Donation of M. Demargne in 1891) Wedge-shaped

Steatite, chestnut brown with one black area Flat seal faces, one compressed round, two compressed ellipsoidal (one almost round) Almost flat profile; no grooves; stringholes offset from the centre

SF. 1,10×0,95/1,15/1,10;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,00×0,90; BL. 1,15

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; workmanship cannot be estimated

Moderately to considerably abraded, rounded stringhole edges, shallowed intaglio, motifs partly worn away

Areas of light damage

- (a) Unidentifiable motif VII.
- (b) *Dog/lion* seated on the back legs, left side view.
- (c) "Ram's head".

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

543 Paris, Cab. Med., Depôt du Louvre. AM 1623.17

CMS IX no. 26*

(Donation of J. Demargne in 1911)

Steatite, light and dark grey

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile; faint traces of grooves only on one profile

SF. 1,00×1,20; SH. 0,30; H. 1,15; BL. 1,05 Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated/lying *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back.
- (b) Spider, four legs.
- (c) Shamrock c.²⁷⁰⁷ Aboveit, a "Dumbbell".²⁷⁰⁸ Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism
- 544 Paris, Cab. Med., Depôt du Louvre. AM 1623,18

CMS IX no. 4D*

(Donation of J. Demargne in 1911) Steatite, translucid light yellowish brown

²⁷⁰⁷ CHIC sign 032?

²⁷⁰⁸ CHIC sign 065?

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; thin, broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,45×0,80; SH. 0,30; H. 0,90; BL. 1,45 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; moderate to good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Lunette, body toothed on the outer side, with Heads of an animal as edge supplements.
- (b) Standing *Dog/lion* (?), left side view, long tail in the shape of a J-spiral. The animal steps on *Parallel ground-lines*.
- (c) Two 'Star flowers', stalks to the right, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their stalks. Between them, a Z, right-facing, right-angled.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

545 Paris, Cab. Med., M5808

CMS IX no. 1*

(Bought in 1904)

Steatite, yellowish brown

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; intermittent grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,65×1,00/1,00/1,10;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,05; BL. 1,65

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (b) and (c), somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded stringhole edges

In the motif on (a), a round break into the stringhole channel with the width of the used drill

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head down.
- (b) *Head of a 'ram'*, the edges of the horns turning outwards. On either side of the head, an inwards curving *Wedge*.
- (c) Two *Jugs*, right side view, pinched neck, belly handle, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their fronts. Between them, a *Line*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

546 Paris, Cab. Med., M5809

CMS IX no. 21*

(Bought in 1904)

Steatite, brown, at parts dark brown, almost black

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; parts of clear and deep grooves on one profile; on the other, traces of grooves (not on the interfacial edges)

SF. 1,70×1,00; SH. 0,30; H. 1,00; BL. 1,75 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; hasty engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated *Bovine*, left side view. In front of it, an *Unidentifiable motif XLIV*.
- (b) Three *Jugs*, right side view, without necks, pointed mouths, arranged the one behind the other.²⁷⁰⁹ On either side of the body of each jug, a *Wedge*.
- (c) 'Papyrus flower', spiral stem to the left. To the right, a 'Fern branch' rotated 135° anticlockwise with reference to the flower.²⁷¹⁰

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

547 Paris, Cab. Med., M5818

CMS IX no. 11*

(Bought in 1904)

Gable-shaped

Steatite, matt brownish light olive green Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces; one clearly broader, almost round Somewhat convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,45/1,20/1,20; SH. 0,35 (?);

H. 1,20×1,00; BL. 1,40

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident engraving; good workmanship Moderately abraded, motifs partly worn away

Many areas of light damage

²⁷⁰⁹ For these devices, see Jasink 2009, 131.

²⁷¹⁰ Jasink sees in this motif combination a hieroglyphic inscription (Jasink 2009, 16–17, 138, 195).

- (a) Standing 'Man with semicircular body', right side view, open mouth, bent arms (?) extended in front and up, horizontally hatched body. In front of him, a Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXII. Under it, a Triangle.
- (b) Three Four-armed whirls, left-facing, central 'cup sinkings', arranged in a circular configuration around the plain centre of the seal face. The whirls are arranged with regard to 120° rotational symmetry.
- (c) Two *Heads of a 'dog/lion with hook'*, left side view, open mouth, one with ears, the other without, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

548 Paris, Cab. Med., M5819

CMS IX no. 14*

(Bought in 1904)

Steatite, matt yellowish brown mottled with black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; thin and shallow grooves resembling scratch marks only on the profiles

SF. 1,60×1,05; SH. 0,25; H. 1,00; BL. 1,60 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a) and (c), confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good to very good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth, one bent arm extended in front and up, bifurcated hand, bent legs. In front of him, a *Wedge*.
- (b) *Scorpion*, tail to the right, arrow-shaped element issuing from the lower leg of the left side, horizontally hatched body.
- (c) Seated/lying *Dog/lion*, left side view, open mouth.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

549 Paris, Cab. Med., M5820 CMS IX no. 19*

(Bought in 1904)

Steatite, light and dark brownish green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,50×0,80; SH. 0,30; H. 0,85; BL. 1,50 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, motifs partly worn away

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Scorpion*, tail to the right, triangular body with cross-hatching.
- (b) Unidentifiable motif XXXV.
- (c) *Paisley*, spiral stem to the left, body with cross-hatching. To the left, a small *Paisley*, short stem to the left, horizontally hatched head, rotated 180° with reference to the larger motif.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism (?)

550 Paris, Cab. Med., M5821

CMS IX no. 12*

(Bought in 1904)

Steatite, light olive green, at parts dark olive green

Flat round seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,00×1,00; SH. 0,30; H. 1,00; BL. 1,05 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; tentative engraving; moderate to good workmanship Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Whirl*, left-facing. Around it, a *Border*, left-facing, teeth on the outer side.
- (b) Coil spiral, left-facing.
- (c) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

551 Paris, Cab. Med., M7563

CMS IX no. 24*

(Bought in 1910)

Steatite, light olive green

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal (almost round)

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no

grooves

SF. 1,05/1,05/1,00×1,00; SH. 0,20; H. 1,05; BL. 1,10

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh Areas of light damage

- (a) *Lizard*. On either side of its waist, a *Triangle*.
- (b) *Whirl*, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'. Around it, a ladder band *Border*.
- (c) *Paisley,* spiral stem to the right, toothed convex side.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

552 Paris, Cab. Med., M7988

CMS IX no. 23*

(Bought in 1910)

Steatite, matt brownish yellow, at parts red and dark brown, almost black

Flat compressed elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,65×0,80; SH. 0,30; H. 0,85; BL.1,70 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), rounded intaglio; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away, on (c), the largest part of the motifs worn away

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) *Agrimi* standing on the back legs, right side view, head turned back.²⁷¹¹
- (b) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a "Ladder", a Leg, left side view, and a Shamrock b (CHIC signs 038, 010, 031). The shamrock is rotated 180° with reference to the other two signs.²⁷¹²
- (c) Head of a 'ram', the edges of the horns turning outwards to form spirals (?) (only parts of the outline of the face and of the horns are preserved). Its face is flanked by fractions of unidentifiable motifs.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

²⁷¹¹ For this animal, see Jasink 2009, 143.

553 Paris, Cab. Med., N3437 CMS IX no. 13*2713

(Bought in 1912)

Steatite, matt light ochre with some dark green and reddish brown veins Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; no grooves; very symmetrical SF. 1,85×1,00/0,90/0,90; SH. 0,30;

H. 0,90; BL. 1,90

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios which on (a) are also irregular; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded Damage to one profile and to the interfacial

edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view, head turned back. Above it, a "*Saw branch*".
- (b) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a horizontal Bar.
- (c) Two *Paisleys*, spiral stems to the left, horizontally hatched bodies, *each with one 'Papyrus flower' as curve supplement*, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their convex sides. Between them, two small *Triangles*. With respect to each other, the latter are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between one of their corners.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

554 Paris, Cab. Med., N4182

CMS IX no. 5D*

(Bought in 1914)

Steatite, dark grey, at parts lighter Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,30×0,90; SH. 0,25; H. 0,90; BL. 1,30 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship Moderately abraded, rounded breaks Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), light damage also to (b) and (c), chipping

on (a)

 $^{^{2712}}$ For the inscription, see CHIC no. 218 $\gamma.$

²⁷¹³ Former A. Evans collection.

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth (the lower part of his legs is missing). His front hand touches a "*T-bar" slung with 'String vessels'* which is situated in front of him and is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him. To the right, a short *Wedge*.
- (b) Crouching *Agrimi*, right side view, head down, the front side of the horns partially toothed. On its back, the *Back part of an arrow*. In front of the animal, a *Fish* rotated 90° with reference to it such that its head faces down.
- (c) Three 'Spiders' b, two with only one leg, arranged the one next to the other. From the underside of one issues a Bar to the right. From the waist of another issues at right angles an *Unidentifiable motif XLIII*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

555 Paris, Cab. Med., N4415

CMS IX no. 15*

(Bought in 1915)

Steatite, reddish brown, one third dark brown, almost black

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; parts of thin and shallow grooves resembling scratches only on the profiles

SF. 1,70×0,80; SH. 0,30; H. 0,85; BL. 1,70 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage, oblique, thick scratch mark on (b)

- (a) Fish. Around it, a ladder band Border.
- (b) Two-armed whirl of 'Papyrus flowers', left-facing, central 'cup sinking', with J-spirals as curve supplements.²⁷¹⁴
- (c) Two 'Papyrus flowers', spiral stems to the left, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their convex sides (the teeth of the blossom of one are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

556 Paris, Cab. Med., N4416

CMS IX no. 2D*

(Bought in 1915)

Steatite, black, at parts grey with a few whitish areas

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,85×1,00/0,95/1,00; SH. 0,30;

H. 0,95; BL. 1,85

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; hasty engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Seated *Bovine*, left side view. In front of it, a "Saw branch".
- (b) 'Papyrus flower', spiral stem to the left. To the right, a 'Wheat stalk'.
- (c) Head of an 'ox'. On either side of its face, a "Saw branch". The lower parts of the branches slope inwards such that they enclose the head in a V.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

557 Paris, Cab. Med., N4417

CMS IX no. 20*

(Bought in 1915)

Steatite, greenish brown, at parts darker Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and on the largest part of the interfacial edges; one double, eight-shaped stringhole

SF. 1,30×0,80; SH. 0,20/0,30×0,20;

H. 0,85; BL. 1,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios which on (a) are somewhat rounded; attentive work; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Head of an agrimi*, right side view. In front of it, a "Saw branch".
- (b) S-spiral, right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as shoulder supplements.
- (c) Z-whirl of 'Fern branches', right-facing, with Js as shoulder supplements. The concave part of the Js is toothed.

²⁷¹⁴ For this device, see Jasink 2009, 138.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

558 Paris, Cab. Med., N4418

CMS IX no. 4*

(Bought in 1915)

Steatite, light olive green, one third white (one profile and part of the seal faces)

Flat seal faces, one compressed round, two compressed ellipsoidal

Almost flat profile; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,25 pres. (init. ca. 1,30)/1,40/1,30; SH. 0,30; H. 1,25×1,20; BL. 1,40

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-

manship Moderately abraded, rounded breaks, motifs partly worn away

Damage to the edge of (a)

- (a) Two *Vessels without handles*, arranged the one next to the other (the right side of the right vessel is missing).
- (b) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels', triangular vessels (one vessel is missing). Above it, a set of '*II-legs*' rotated 180° with reference to it.
- (c) Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXVIII. Under it, a 'Lame' chevron (?).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

559 Paris, Cab. Med., N4419

CMS IX no. 3*

(Bought in 1915)

Steatite, black, on one seal face light greyish green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,30×1,10/1,40×1,10/1,30×1,10;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,00; BL. 1,40

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a) and (c), confident engraving; good workmanship Moderately abraded, rounded stringhole edges

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, head turned back, open mouth, trifurcated hands.
- (b) Two-armed whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion, right-facing. The animals have heads turned back and three spikes as front legs.

One has an open mouth.

(c) Two *Heads of a 'dog/lion with hook'*, left side view, open mouths, one with ears, the other without, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

560 Paris, Cab. Med., N4420²⁷¹⁵ *Pl. 129**

(Bought from the art dealer Dosseur who bought it from Elie Geladakis; inventoried on 17/05/1915)

Somewhat wedge-shaped

Steatite, matt light green, at parts mottled with dark green

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,05×1,30/1,10×1,30/1,05×1,20;

SH. 0,25; H. 1,25×1,15; BL. 1,10; BW. 1,35 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; deep drillings; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship Somewhat abraded, almost workshop fresh, sharp stringhole edges

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, arms that terminate in 'cup sinkings', swollen knees. His left hand touches a *Dagger* that crosses his waist. Around him, a *Border* onto which he steps.
- (b) Seated/lying *Bovine*, left side view, head turned back. Around it, a *Border* onto which it steps.
- (c) Animal echelon (?): Standing *Headless bovine*, right side view. Above its back, the *Head of an agrimi*, left side view, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the quadruped. Around the image, a *Border* onto which the quadruped steps.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

²⁷¹⁵ Unpublished, courtesy of Cabinet des Médailles, Paris. I wish to thank Michel Amandry and Mathilde Avisseau Broustet for allowing me to study the piece and for the permission to include it in my study.

561 Paris, Cab. Med., N4421

CMS IX no. 22*

(Bought in 1915)

Steatite, matt light ochre, at parts black

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and on the largest part of the

interfacial edges

SF. 1,90×1,05; SH. 0,30; H. 1,00; BL. 1,95 Cut freehand; deep intaglios; clear engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Two seated *Men in profile*, left side view, each with one bent arm raised in front such that the hand is directed to the back, knees bent up as if sitting on the ground, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their upper sides.
- (b) Standing *Pig/boar*, left side view, head down, protruding belly.
- (c) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from an 'Arrow'b and a "Trowel" arranged the one next to the other (CHIC signs 049, 044). To the right, an S-spiral, right-facing, rotated 45° anticlockwise with reference to the signs.²⁷¹⁶

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

562 Paris, Cab. Med., N4422²⁷¹⁷ *Pl. 129**

(Bought from the art dealer Dosseur who bought it from Elie Geladakis; inventoried on 17/05/1915)

Somewhat wedge-shaped Steatite, chestnut brown

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

 2716 For the inscription, see CHIC no. 217 β ; also Jasink 2009, 5 who sees also the spiral as part of the inscription.

Convex profile; no grooves; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre

SF. 1,45×1,10/1,00/1,10; SH. 0,20;

H. 1,00×0,95; BL. 1,45

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (b) and (c), hasty engraving; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

In the motif on (a), a break into the stringhole channel (neck of the animal)

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head up, open mouth (?).
- (b) *Head of an 'ox'*. On either side of its face, a *Blob*.
- (c) "Horn bar" slung with 'String vessels'. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

563 Paris, Cab. Med., N4423

CMS IX no. 2*

(Bought in 1915)

Gable-shaped

Steatite, grey, at parts greenish and greyish black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces, one clearly broader

Convex profile; intermittent deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,40×1,20/1,00/1,00;

SH. 0,30; H. 1,00×0,90; BL. 1,45

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; somewhat hasty work; good workmanship Moderately abraded, rounded stringhole edges, both stringholes widened from the string

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c); in the centre of the motif on (b), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) Two standing *Men in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their fronts. The 'front' hand of each man touches the 'front' leg of the other.
- (b) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back.
- (c) Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXV.

²⁷¹⁷ Unpublished, courtesy of Cabinet des Médailles, Paris. I wish to thank Michel Amandry and Mathilde Avisseau Broustet for allowing me to study the piece and for the permission to include it in my study.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

564 Paris, Cab. Med., N4424

CMS IX no. 25*

(Bought in 1915)

Wedge-shaped

Steatite, bone yellowish white with some dark green areas

Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded corners (two almost square)

Flat profile; no grooves

SF. 1,20×1,10/1,25/1,25; SH. 0,30;

H. 1,20×1,15; BL. 1,20

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; on (a), attempt at naturalistic rendering; on (b), rounded contours; attentive, dexterous work; good to very good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), light damage also to (a) and (b)

- (a) Two standing *Men in profile*, left side view, open mouths, the left one with an arm raised back, the right one with an arm raised in front, arranged the one behind the other (the feet of the right man are missing). The hands of the raised arms touch.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back, open mouth, vertically hatched neck.
- (c) Cross of Spiders, central 'cup sinking', the latter also constituting the head of the animals. The spiders have four legs, small head, and diagonally hatched body. Each spider shares its front legs with the two adjacent ones.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

565 Paris, Cab. Med., Chandon de Briailles 57 CMS IX no. 1D*

'Crete' (Bequest of 1953)

Somewhat gable-shaped

Steatite, dark brownish green with some white areas

Flat seal faces, one compressed ellipsoidal, two compressed round

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,30×1,20/1,20/1,30; SH. 0,35;

H. 1,10×1,05; BL. 1,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; hasty work; moderate workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Four-armed whirl, left-facing.
- (b) Whirl of 'Beaked' busts, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'.
- (c) Headless waterfowl (?), right side view, bifurcated tail. Under it, the Head of an agrimi, right side view, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the bird.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

566 Philadelphia, Mus. Arch. Anthr., MS4771 CMS XIII no. 14D

Steatite, black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Slightly concave (due to wear), initially convex (?); no grooves; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre

SF. 1,50×1,30/1,50×1,35/1,40 pres.×1,35; BL. 1,50

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (b), somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded, rounded breaks, motifs on (c) partly worn away (?) (or unfinished [?])

- Small parts of the profiles and parts of (c) on the two edges along the stringhole missing; in the motif on (c), a break into the stringhole channel (?)
- (a) Seated *Man in profile*, left side view, head down, one arm extended in front, bent legs. His hand touches a *Wedge* which is situated in front of him.
- (b) Crouching *Bovine* (?), right side view, head up. Above its back, the *Back part of an arrow* (?).
- (c) Whirl of 'Beaked' busts (?), right-facing (?), central 'cup sinking' (the necks of the heads are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

567 Philadelphia, Mus. Arch. Anthr., MS4772 CMS XIII no. 98

Three-sided prism (?), the piece is lost, only the impression of one side is available Steatite (?)

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex (?) profile

SF. 1,60×0,85

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

(a) Z-whirl of Shamrocks a, left-facing, with Legs with claws as shoulder supplements. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

568 Philadelphia, Mus. Arch. Anthr., MS4788 CMS XIII no. 85

Steatite, light green

Flat seal faces, one compressed ellipsoidal (almost round), two compressed round Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) $1.30 \times 1.30/1.30 \times 1.30/1.35 \times 1.30$

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident engraving; on (c), rounded contours; attentive work; good workmanship Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Cross-legged *Pig/boar*, right side view, head down, semicircular body, trifurcated hooves, spikes on the back.
- (b) Standing *Pig/boar* (?), left side view, head down, open mouth, crescent-shaped body, no front leg, spikes on the back.
- (c) Standing *Waterfowl*, right side view, head turned back, long beak.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

569 Philadelphia, Mus. Arch. Anthr., MS4789 CMS XIII no. 88

Steatite, dark green to black
Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces
Convex profile; no grooves
SF. 1,50×0,90/0,85 pres./0,85; BL. 1,50
Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; attentive work; good workmanship
Moderately abraded, rounded breaks
Damage to one profile and to the interfacial

edges, also to the seal faces; in the motif on

- (a), a break into the stringhole channel due to the damage
- (a) Z-whirl of 'Ivy leaves' with stalk, left-facing.
- (b) *Head of an agrimi*, right side view, two spikes issuing from the lower part of the front horn. Under it, a "Γ-branch". In front of the head, a vertical *Wedge*; above its horns, a horizontal *Wedge*.
- (c) *Lily with 'base' b*, the vortexes of the spiral being substituted by centred-circles. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

570 Philadelphia, Mus. Arch. Anthr., MS4790 CMS XIII no. 15D

Steatite, dark greenish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and on the largest part of the interfacial edges; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre, sitting on a groove SF. 1,20×0,90; BL. 1,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (c), somewhat rounded intaglio; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) *Ship*, ²⁷¹⁸ left side view, a bifurcated and a raised trifurcated extremity, mast, two forestays and two backstays.
- (b) Spider, four legs.
- (c) Cross-legged *Bovine*, left side view. The motif is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

571 Philadelphia, Mus. Arch. Anthr., MS4791 CMS XIII no. 90

Steatite, dark greenish brown

Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded corners

Flat profile; parts of shallow grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,40×1,00/1,00/0,95 pres.; BL. 1,40 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), confident, accurate engraving, linear rendering; good workmanship

²⁷¹⁸ See also Wedde 2000, 333 no. 713.

Moderately abraded, rounded stringhole edges

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Ship, ²⁷¹⁹ right side view, a pointed and a bifurcated (?) extremity, oars, steering oar, angular Π -shaped hull, mast, one forestay and one backstay. In front of the forestay, a Blob.
- (b) Running Segmented rectangle.
- (c) Z-whirl with curved arms composed of Protomes of a bovine, right-facing. The animals have heads turned back and do not have legs.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

572 Philadelphia, Mus. Arch. Anthr., MS5737 CMS XIII no. 87

Steatite, dark green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 2,30×1,30/1,30/1,20 pres.; BL. 2,40 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Parts of the seal faces on their interfacial edges missing

- (a) *Cross of double Centred-circles*. Four *Chevrons* as angle-filling (one chevron and parts of the others are missing).
- (b) *Pithos/jar*, four handles (parts of its handles are missing).
- (c) Frontal 'bird' (?), wings extended to the sides, spikes on the inner sides (the head [?] and the lower part of the tail are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

573 Philadelphia, Mus. Arch. Anthr., MS5738 CMS XIII no. 91

Steatite, green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces
Convex profile; no grooves; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre

SF. $1,80\times1,10/1,00$ pres./0,95 pres.; BL. 1,80

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), confident, accurate engraving; on (a), rounded contours; on (b), an attempt at naturalistic rendering; good workmanship Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Crouching *Agrimi*, right side view, head down, muzzle back.
- (b) Standing *Man in profile*, left side view, open mouth, swollen knees.
- (c) *Lily with 'base' b*, long, hanging volutes. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

574 Philadelphia, Mus. Arch. Anthr., MS5740 CMS XIII no. 99

Steatite, dark green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (two almost missing)

Convex profile

SF. 1,05×0,80/ca. 0,35 pres.; BL. 1,05

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded; on (a), motifs partly worn away

- (a) and small part of (b) preserved
- (a) 'Spider' a, eight legs.
- (b) *Dog/lion* (?) (only its tail is preserved). Above it, a fraction of an unidentifiable motif.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

575 Philadelphia, Mus. Arch. Anthr., 29.62.12 CMS XIII no. 89²⁷²⁰

Steatite, yellowish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1.40×0.95/0.90/0.95; BL. 1.40

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks

Damage to the profiles, light damage also to (a) and (c)

- (a) S-spiral, right-facing. Papyrus triangles as curve-filling.
- (b) Z of Paisleys, right-facing, with 'Lily

²⁷²⁰ Former R. B. Seager collection.

²⁷¹⁹ See also Wedde 2000, 335 no. 819.

flowers 'as angle supplements. The paisleys have diagonally hatched bodies.

(c) Swastika, left-facing, toothed inner sides of the outer arms.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

576 Rethymnon, Arch. Mus., M 22

CMS V no. 647

Gable-shaped

Steatite, light olive green with some lighter areas

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex profile; no grooves SF. 1,45×1,10/1,25/1,10

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Somewhat to moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces, the half affixed in modern times, fissure through (b) and (c)

- (a) 'Centipede'.
- (b) Standing Man in profile (?), right (?) side view, one arm extended back (?). His hand touches a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' which is situated behind him (?) and is rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him.
- (c) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

577 Siteia, Arch. Mus., Exc. No. PS 2454 CMS V Suppl. 3 no. 356

> Crete/Pseira, Plateia Building, Room BV 1 Context: LM IB

> Breccia, yellowish red with grey to black chunks

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces; the seal faces on the profiles also plastically set off and not simply because of the grooves; seal faces clearly longer than the seal body SF. 1,50×0,70/0,75/0,70; SH. 0,20;

H. 0,70×0,65; BL. 1,45

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; linear cut; good workmanship Somewhat abraded In one motif on (c), a break into the stringhole channel

- (a) *Ship*,²⁷²¹ right side view, bifurcated extremities of which one is raised, mast, one forestay and one backstay.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, pointed muzzle, indented torso.
- (c) Two *Heads of an 'ox'* arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their upper sides.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

578 Toronto, Royal Ont. Mus., 939.10.28 CMS XIII no. 140

Steatite, cream coloured to brown Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Slightly concave profile (due to wear), initially somewhat convex (?); no grooves SF. 1,60×1,10/0,90 pres./1,00 pres.; BL 160

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; on (c), somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship

Considerably abraded, motifs partly worn away

Parts of (b) and (c) on their interfacial edge missing, damage to the profiles

- (a) Crouching (?) *Unidentifiable quadruped*, right side view, head turned back, pointed muzzle (the front leg is missing).
- (b) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front (from the front arm only the root is preserved). In front of him, a 'Pole' (?) slung with 'String vessels' rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him (only parts of two vessels are preserved).
- (c) Swastika (?), left-facing (one arm is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

579 Vienna, Kunsth. Mus., IX1979 CMS XI no. 298 (Acquired in Athens) Steatite, light brown

²⁷²¹ See also Wedde 2000, 349 no. 846.

Somewhat convex (?) profile SF. 1,60×1,10 pres./1,20 pres./1,30 pres. (init. ca. 1,40); SH. 0,30; BL. 1,60 Cut freehand, drilled, deep intaglies; on (a)

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a) and (c), attentive work; on (b), somewhat hasty engraving; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Two groups of motifs: Each consists of a standing *Man in profile*, left side view, one arm extended in front, with his hand touching a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' situated in front of him and rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him. With respect to each other, the two groups are arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between the undersides of the men. (b) Standing *Agrimi* (?), right side view, crescent-shaped body (the head is missing). Under it, a standing *Dog/lion* (?), left side view, open mouth, rotated 180° with reference to the agrimi.
- (c) Four standing/walking *Men in profile*, left side view, arranged the one behind the other. The three rightmost ones have an arm extended in front and up such that it touches the head of the man in front. Under the image, a *Ground-line*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

Vienna, Kunsth. Mus., IX1980
CMS XI no. 299
(Acquired in Athens)
Steatite, brown
Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces
Convex profile
SF. 1,80×1,10; SH. 0,25; BL. 1,80
Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident line, on (c), rounded contours; attentive, dexterous rendering; good workmanship
Somewhat to moderately abraded
Areas of light damage

(a) Hieroglyphic inscription put together from a "Ladder" and a Leg, left side view (CHIC signs 038, 010). On either side of

the leg, a 'Lily blossom'. The leg is rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the ladder.²⁷²²

- (b) 'Spider' a, four legs. 2723
- (c) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view.²⁷²⁴ Above it, a *'Lily blossom'*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

581 Zurich, Mus. Rietb., RVA104 CMS X no. 315

'Crete'

Steatite, matt brownish yellow Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, slightly projecting inner triangle; intermittent deep grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,45×1,20/1,15 pres./1,10 pres.;

SH. 0,25; BL. 1,50

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Two *Lines* arranged in a T-shape divide the field into three compartments. In the larger compartment, two *Jugs*, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, arranged the one above the other; in each of the smaller compartments, a *Jug*, left side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to the other two jugs.
- (b) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, pointed mouth, eye, hair, one bent arm extended in front, bifurcated hand, bent legs. In front of him, two 'Ball amphorae', without neck, one rotated 90° anticlockwise, the other 90° clockwise, both with reference to the man.
- (c) Two crouching *Dogs/lions*, right side view, arranged the one above the other (the lower part of the lower animal is missing). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

²⁷²² For the inscription, see CHIC no. 214 α .

²⁷²³ Jasink sees in this device a possible ideographic value (Jasink 2009, 32, 139).

²⁷²⁴ For this animal, see Jasink 2009, 144.

582 Zurich, Pr. Coll. Bollmann CMS X no. 272

'Crete'

Steatite, brownish yellow

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces; one unengraved Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 1,20×0,80; SH. 0,20; BL. 1,30

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Somewhat abraded, workshop fresh, unfinished

Areas of light damage

(a) *Head of a 'ram'*, the edges of the horns turning slightly outwards. To the left of its face, a *Wedge*. The image is not completed.

(b) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a horizontal Bar.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

583 Keeping place unknown

Chapouthier 1932, 184-185 no. 1

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, yellowish, at parts greenish Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and (?) on the interfacial edges SF. 2,20×1,05

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Z-whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion, right-facing, with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements. The animals have one front leg directed in front and up.
- (b) Three Jugs, right side view, without neck, pointed mouth, arranged the one behind the other. On either side of the image, a Bar.
- (c) *Ship*, ²⁷²⁵ right side view, one arrowhead-shaped and one bifurcated extremity, oars, mast, three forestays and three backstays. On either side of the stays, a *Papyrus triangle*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

²⁷²⁵ See also Wedde 2000, 334 no. 807.

Chapouthier 1932, 185 no. 2

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, whitish grey

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and (?) intermittent on the interfacial edges

SF. 1,60×1,10

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; on (b) and (c), rounded contours; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Areas of light damage

- (a) Head of an 'ox'. On either side of its face, the Profile head of a ruminant. The muzzles of the latter slope inwards such that the combination encloses the frontal head in a V. With respect to each other, the profile heads are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their fronts.
- (b) 'Gorgo mask', hair, ears, eyes, cheekbones, open mouth. On either side of its face, a "Saw branch". The lower parts of the branches slope inwards such that the combination encloses the head in a V.
- (c) Seated/lying *Dog/lion*, left side view. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

585 Keeping place unknown

Chapouthier 1946, 78 fig. 1

'Crete/Malia' (drawn and photographed by Chapouthier in the house of a farmer in Malia in 1938)

Steatite, grey

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) 1.40×1.10

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Damage to (a) and (c)

- (a) 'Centipede' (?).
- (b) 'Lame' chevron. Jug, right side view, no neck, pointed mouth. 'Lily flower'.
- (c) Jug, left side view, no neck, pointed mouth. Under it, "Horns of concecration".

⁵⁸⁴ Keeping place unknown

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

586 Keeping place unknown

Chapouthier 1946, 80 footnote 5 no. 1

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, very soft

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile (?); intermittent grooves on the profiles

SF. 1,55×1,00; SH. 0,25; H. 0,85

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Good condition

- (a) 'Mask', no outline, centred-circles as eyes, projecting teeth.
- (b) Double Centred-circle with Js as edge supplements.
- (c) *Unidentifiable motif XL*. The device is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism (?)

587 Keeping place unknown

Chapouthier 1946, 82 footnote 5 no. 3 'Crete/Malia'

Steatite (?)

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (two are missing) Convex profile (?)

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) 0,95 pres.×0,90

Cut freehand; workmanship cannot be estimated

The largest part of (a) preserved

(a) Cross with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements (parts of the device are missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

588 Keeping place unknown

Chapouthier 1946, 82 footnote 5 no. 4

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, yellowish

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; grooves on the profiles

SF. 2,00×1,00/0,95/0,95; SH. 0,25;

H. 0.85×0.75

Cut freehand, drilled (?); on (a), hasty engraving; good workmanship

Good condition

(a) Seated *Bovine*, left side view. In front of it, a *Papyrus triangle* rotated 135° anticlockwise with reference to the animal.

(b) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a "Saw branch".

(c) S-spiral, right-facing, with 'Lily flowers' as shoulder supplements.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

589 Keeping place unknown

Chapouthier 1946, 82 footnote 5 no. 5 'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, yellow

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile (?); grooves on the profiles

SF. 1,45 pres.×1,00/1,55×0,90/1,55×0,90; SH. 0,25; H. 0,75

Cut freehand, drilled (?); good work-manship

Damage to one profile, also to (a)

- (a) Four standing/walking *Men in profile*, right side view, arranged the one behind the other (from the rightmost one, only the 'cup sinkings' of the head and body are preserved). The two middle ones have open mouths, the leftmost of the two has an arm extended in front and up such that it touches the head of the man in front.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head turned back. In front of it, a 'Fir branch'.
- (c) Standing *Agrimi*, right side view. In front of it, a *Jug* (?), right side view, pinched neck, belly handle.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

590 Keeping place unknown

Chevallier 1905, 3 no. 2

'Crete/Eparchy Siteia, near Lamnon' (Lamnoni?) (found in 1897)

Steatite, yellowish brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) 1,15×1,05/1,00 pres./1,05

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (c), a hollow 'cup sinking'; good workmanship

Damage to the interfacial edges, light damage also to the seal faces

- (a) Seated Man in profile, right side view, open mouth, one arm extended in front and up, knees bent up as if sitting on the ground. His hand touches an *Unidentifiable* motif XXIII. The image is laid out slightly diagonally on the seal face.
- (b) Crouching Dog/lion, right side view, head turned back, open mouth. In front of it, an inwards curving Wedge.
- (c) Cross pommée with three 'Lily flowers' and a 'Papyrus flower' as angle supplements. The cross is laid out diagonally on the seal face such that it describes a saltire.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

591 Keeping place unknown

Chevallier 1905, 3 no. 3

'Crete/Eparchy Mirampelo' (found in 1896) Steatite, yellow

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile

SF. 1,80×0,95

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (a), rounded contours; attentive work; good workmanship

Damage to the interfacial edges, light damage also to the seal faces

- (a) Standing Agrimi, right side view.
- (b) Z-whirl of Protomes of a dog/lion, right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as angle supplements. The animals have horizontally hatched necks and one front leg directed in front and up.
- (c) Z-whirl, right-facing, toothed inner sides of the arms, with Paisleys as shoulder supplements. The paislevs have straight stems and horizontally hatched bodies.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

592 Keeping place unknown CMS VIII no. 5²⁷²⁶

Steatite, light brown

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; broad interfacial edges; no

SF. 1,20×1,00/1,10/1,00 (?);

SH. 0,30; BL. 1,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, somewhat rounded

Damage to one profile and to the interfacial edge (b)–(c), damage also to (b) and (c)

- (a) Frontal man in an unidentifiable pose, head in left side view and up, open mouth (?), one arm raised up, bifurcated hand. To the left, a Wedge.
- (b) 'Centipede'. The motif is laid out diagonally on the seal face.
- (c) Running Dog/lion, left side view, head turned back.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

593 Keeping place unknown

CMS VIII no. 72727

Steatite, light greenish grey Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile

SF. 1,80×1,40 (?)/1,30 (?) pres. (?)/1,30 (?) pres. (?)

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; somewhat clumsy work; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks, stringholes widened in the direction of an interfacial edge (damaged and rounded [?]) Damage to the interfacial edge (b)-(c) (?), damage also to (b) and (c), chipping on (a), thick scratch marks on the area of the motif

- (a) Star pommée, central 'cup sinking' (one arm is missing). Five Lily triangles as angle-filling.
- (b) Kneeling Frontal man, two bent arms extended to the sides and up.
- (c) Seated Waterfowl (?), right side view. In front of it, a 'Papyrus blossom' (?). Above it. a Line.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

grooves

²⁷²⁶ See footnote 2495.

²⁷²⁷ See footnote 2495. Minoan?

594 Keeping place unknown

CMS VIII no. 5²⁷²⁸

Steatite (?); blackish green

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces, one somewhat truncated

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. 1,40×1,20/1,30 (?)/1,30 (?) or 1,20 (?);

SH. 0,30; BL. 1,40

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Two 'Spiders' b, one with one leg, the other with a spike as a second leg, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their sides.
- (b) *Saltire*. Three pairs of *Chevrons* and a *Chevron/Lily triangle* couple as angle-filling.
- (c) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth, two arms extended in front, one up, triangular hands, one leg somewhat bent and raised in front as if walking. His upper hand touches the handle of a *Jug*, right side view, pinched neck, mouth handle, situated in front of him and rotated 90° anticlockwise with reference to him (its spout is not preserved). Under the jug, a *Vessel without handles*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

595 Keeping place unknown

CMS X no. 34²⁷²⁹

Steatite, light brownish yellow to yellow Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear and deep grooves on the profiles and on the interfacial edges; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre

SF. 1,40×1,05; SH. 0,20

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; confident, accurate engraving; on (c), rounded contours; attentive work; good workmanship

Somewhat abraded, workshop fresh, fine file marks

Parts of the seal faces on their interfacial edges missing

- (a) Seated *Dog/lion* (?), right side view, head turned back (the upper part of the head is missing).
- (b) *Head of a 'ram'*, the edges of the horns turning outwards.
- (c) Seated *Waterfowl*, right side view, neck back, head up (the lower front part of the neck and the front part of the chest are missing). In front of it, a fraction of an unidentifiable motif.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

596 Keeping place unknown

Evans 1894, 343-344 fig. 68

'Crete/Neighbourhood of Siteia'

Steatite (?)

Convex profile (?)

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

SF. (tentative positioning of the stringhole) ca. 1,45×0,70

Cut freehand, drilled (?); good workmanship (?)

Damage to (c), areas of light damage to the seal face edges

- (a) Two 'Arrows' a arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their fronts. Between them, a Saltire. In one angle of the saltire, a small Triangle.
- (b) Agrimi standing on its back legs, right side view.
- (c) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a horizontal Bar.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

597 Keeping place unknown

Evans 1909, 132 fig. 71

'Crete'

Steatite, light green

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal Convex profile (?)

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) ca. 1,20×ca. 1,10/ca. 1,15×ca. 1,15/ca. 1,20×ca. 1,10 pres. (if the scale in Evans

²⁷²⁸ See footnote 2495.

²⁷²⁹ See footnote 2660.

1909, 132 fig. 71 is 2:1)

Cut freehand, drilled (?); good work-manship

Damage to the interfacial edges (?), light damage to (c)

- (a) Standing Man in profile, left side view, one arm extended in front and up. His hand touches a 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels' situated in front of him and rotated 90° clockwise with reference to him. To the left of the image, a "Saw branch".
- (b) Seated *Man in profile*, right side view, one arm extended in front, bent legs. His hand touches a *Bow with Linear arrow* which is situated in front of him.
- (c) *Amphora*, pinched neck, belly handles. Around it, a ladder band *Border*.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

598 Keeping place unknown

Evans 1909, 151 no. P. 8*2730

'Crete/Site of Knossos' (seen from Evans in a drawing on 1894)

Steatite, grey

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

SF. ca. 1,50×ca. 0,75/ca. 1,60×ca. 0,75/ca. 1,55×ca. 0,70

Cut freehand; workmanship cannot be estimated

Considerably abraded (according to Evans) Good condition

- (a) Leg, right side view.²⁷³¹
- (b) *Unidentifiable motif XXIX*. Under it, a horizontal *Line*. Under the line, an 'Arrow' b (?).
- (c) 'Fir branch'. Above it, a horizontal Line. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

599 Keeping place unknown²⁷³²

Pl. 129

Steatite (?)

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) 1.40×1.05

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Some scratch marks on the seal faces

- (a) *Spider*, four legs. On either side of it, a 'Lily blossom'. With respect to each other, the blossoms are arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their undersides.
- (b) Two *Jugs*, right side view, both (?) with pinched neck, mouth handle, arranged the one behind the other (the handle of the left jug is missing). On either side of each vessel, a *Wedge*.
- (c) Pair of S-spirals, right-facing, with 'Papyrus flowers' as shoulder supplements, Parallels as connecting element.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

600 Keeping place unknown²⁷³³

Pl. 129

Steatite (?)

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces (one almost round)

Convex profile

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) $1,20\times1,00/1,20\times1,00/1,10\times1,05$

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Areas of light damage

²⁷³⁰ In this case, the asterisk is part of the numbering of the piece in Evans 1909 and not a sign that the author has examined the seal.

²⁷³¹ For the reading of the devices of this seal as script signs, see Jasink 2009, 191.

²⁷³² The piece is known to the author by a photograph which is kept at the CMS archive. In this are shown one seal and the impressions of seven pieces under the heading 'Sotheby'. The piece in question bears the number 78 i.

²⁷³³ The piece is known to the author by a photograph which is kept at the CMS archive (other than the photograph which is mentioned in the footnote 2732). In this are shown the impressions of twelve or thirteen seals under the heading 'Sotheby'. The piece in question bears the number 83 v.

- (a) 'Frog'.
- (b) Head of an 'ox'. To the left of its face, a Wedge; to the right, a Bar. Above the head, a horizontal Wedge. The bar to the right of the head abuts its horn.
- (c) Whirl, left-facing.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

601 Keeping place unknown²⁷³⁴

Pl. 129

Steatite (?)

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. ca. 1,30×ca. 0,85

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view. Above its back, a *Wedge*.
- (b) 'Centipede'.
- (c) "Saw branch" (?).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

602 Keeping place unknown²⁷³⁵

Pl. 129

Steatite (?)

Flat rectangular seal faces with rounded corners

Flat profile

SF. ca. 1,20×ca. 0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; on (b), rounded contours; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Areas of light damage

(a) Seated (?) Man in profile, right side view, one arm extended in front, stretched legs extended in front as if sitting on the ground. His hand touches a triangular Vessel without handles (?) which is situated in front of him. Around him, a rectangular

Border which he touches with his back hand.

(b) Walking *Agrimi*, right side view, head up. In front of the animal, a vertical *Line*. Above its horns, a *Chevron*; in front of its front legs, a *Lily triangle*, both rotated 135° anticlockwise with reference to the animal. (c) Two *Busts of a dog/lion*, left side view, open mouth, triangular, diagonally hatched neck, one with a linear element issuing from the front part of the neck backwards, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their fronts.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

603 Keeping place unknown²⁷³⁶

Pl. 129

Steatite (?)

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces (?)

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. ca. 1,40×ca. 0,90/ca. 1,30×ca. 0,80/ca. 1,30×ca. 0,80

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Damage to (a), a piece affixed in modern times (?), crack through part of the seal faces

- (a) Seated *Frontal 'ape'*, head in right side view, open mouth, two bent arms extended to the sides and up, two bent legs.
- (b) Spider, four legs.
- (c) Triskeles pommée, no arms, with 'Lily flowers' as angle supplements.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

604 Keeping place unknown²⁷³⁷

Pl. 129

Steatite (?)

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

²⁷³⁴ Possibly former R. M. Dawkins collection, Esq., Great Britain. In the CMS archive the photographs of the piece bear the inscription DA 107 D 8.

²⁷³⁵ Possibly former R. M. Dawkins collection, Esq., Great Britain. In the CMS archive the photographs of the piece bear the inscription DA 106 D 7. Minoan?

²⁷³⁶ Possibly former R. M. Dawkins collection, Esq., Great Britain. In the CMS archive the photographs of the piece bear the inscription DA 104 D 5.

²⁷³⁷ Possibly former R. M. Dawkins collection, Esq., Great Britain. In the CMS archive the photographs of the piece bear the inscription DA 100 D 1.

Convex profile; no grooves SF. ca. 1,60×ca. 0,80/ca. 1,60×ca. 0,80/ ca. 1,60×ca. 0,70

Cut freehand, drilled (?); medium deep, somewhat rounded intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded, rounded breaks Damage to the interfacial edge (a)-(c), light damage to (a) and (c)

- (a) Man in profile, left side view, open mouth, one bent arm extended in front and up, both arms terminating in 'cup sinkings', seated on a Π -shaped Stool.
- (b) Two Tridents arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their sides.
- (c) Four 'Fir branches' arranged the one next to the other.

Dawkins Prism

605 Keeping place unknown²⁷³⁸

Pl. 129

Steatite (?)

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; no grooves

SF. ca. 1,50×ca. 0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; moderate to good workmanship

Moderately abraded

In the centre of the motif on (a), a break into the stringhole channel; on (b), and especially on (c), many areas of light damage

- (a) Head of a 'ram', the edges of the horns turning slightly outwards, unidentifiable element (?) issuing upwards from the top of the head.
- (b) Head of an agrimi (?), left side view, straight horns, downwards curving linear element issuing from the left side of the front horn, a tooth on the same side of the back horn. In front of the head, a short Wedge; between the horns, a long, slightly backwards curving Wedge.

²⁷³⁸ Possibly former R. M. Dawkins collection, Esq., Great Britain. In the CMS archive the photographs of the piece bear the inscription DA 101 D 2. Minoan?

(c) "Bulb branch" (?), toothed on one side (?). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

ADDENDA²⁷³⁹

A.1 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2132 *Pl. 130*

Crete/Malia, southwest of the Palace (1962) 2740

Steatite, dark brown, at parts lighter Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces Convex profile; intermittent not particularly deep grooves around the seal faces

SF. 1,60×0,95; SH. 0,30; H. 0,85; BL. 1,65 Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a), somewhat hasty engraving; on (c), rounded contours and somewhat rounded intaglio; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, file marks

Areas of light damage

- (a) Two standing *Waterfowls*, right side view, heads turned back, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their undersides.
- (b) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a horizontal Bar.
- (c) S-spiral, right-facing, with 'Lily flowers' and Js as body supplements. The spiral is laid out diagonally on the seal face.

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A.2 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2233 *Pl. 130*

'Crete/Knossos' (1965, 'found by I. Mesaritakis')

Steatite, dark olive brown Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile, projecting inner triangle; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces, seal faces clearly set off

SF. 1,40×0,80/0,85/0,85; SH. 0,25; H. 0,95; BL. 1,45

Filed, drilled; deep intaglios; good to very good workmanship

Workshop fresh

Areas of light damage

- (a) Two double *Centred-circles* arranged the one next to the other. Between them, a small *Blob*.
- (b) Double *Centred-circle*. On it, a *Blob*. To the left, a *Grid*.
- (c) Grid.

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A.3 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2234 *Pl. 130*

'Crete/Pacheia Ammos: opposite Seager's house' (1963)

Steatite, dark ochreish beige, at parts lighter Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Almost flat profile; parts of shallow grooves only on the profiles

SF. 1,40×0,95; SH. 0,35; H. 0,95; BL. 1,40 One profile and parts of the seal faces missing

Moderately to considerably abraded, most breaks rounded, motifs partly worn away Cut freehand; deep intaglios; rounded contours and partly rounded intaglio on (b) and (c); good workmanship

- (a) Two standing *Women in profile*, right side view, open mouth, bun, one bent arm extended in front and up, vertically hatched skirts, arranged the one behind the other (their legs are missing).
- (b) Man in profile, left side view, open mouth, horizontally hatched body, bent legs, seated on an Unidentifiable seat (the feet of the figure and the largest part of the seat are missing). In front of him, a crouching Dog/lion (?), left side view, head turned back, rotated 90° clockwise with reference to the man (the back part of its

²⁷³⁹ I would like to thank Nota Dimopoulou Rethemiotaki and Athanasia Kanta for the permission to include in my thesis the unpublished pieces **A.1–20**. I would also like to thank Maia Pomadère for the permission to handle the piece **A.21**.

²⁷⁴⁰ According to the museum's inventory book. According to van Effenterre 1980, 561, footnote 84, the piece is mentioned in Daux 1965, 1004. However, the prism which is reffered to there seems to come from sontages made from P. Demargne and O. Pelon in 1964 at the Malia Palace. According to this text, the seal was found in a late MM context in the northwestern sector of the Palace (near the Megaron III 7).

hindquarters is missing).

(c) Walking Bovine (?), right side view, head turned back (part of the front legs is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

A.4 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2296 Pl. 130

'Crete/Possibly from the Seal Cutter's Workshop at Malia'

Steatite, light olive green to ochre

Rectangular seal faces; two unengraved (?) Flat profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves

SF. 0,50 pres.×1,00 (init. ca. 1,50 [?]);

SH. 0,30; H. 1,00

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; workmanship cannot be estimated

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, sharp edges

One profile and small part of (a), (b) (unengraved), and (c) (unengraved) preserved (a) Standing Man in profile (?), right side view (only his left arm and leg are preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

A.5 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S2408 Pl. 130

'Crete/Knossos, Monastiriako' (1970) Soft stone (?) or paste (?) (scratched by 3); evenly matt beige

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear, broad, and deep grooves around the seal faces, seal faces clearly set off; one stringhole somewhat offset from the centre

SF. 1,40 pres./1,40 pres./1,10 pres.×1,00 (init. ca. 1.50)

Filed, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Moderately abraded

Small parts of (a) and (b) and approximately one third of (c) missing

(a) Two Line combs, left-facing, arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their plain sides. Between them, a

Pair of Centred-circles.

(b) Two Line Ks arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their plain sides. Between the arms of each K, a Blob.

(c) Line comb, left facing. Above it, a Row of Centred-circles and a Blob.

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A.6 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., S3000

Pl. 130

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, translucid ochre

Rectangular seal faces

Flat profile; broad interfacial edges; no grooves; on one profile, no stringhole

SF. 1,40×1,10/1,00/0,60 pres.; SH. 0,30; H. 0,65 pres.

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks, stringhole channel unfinished (half of it executed), open along (b)

Approximately the half of the profiles, the largest part of (a) and (b), and the half of (c) preserved

- (a) Walking Man in profile, right side view, no front arm. Above him, a broad horizontal *J*.
- (b) Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXIII. The motif is unfinished.
- (c) Fragmentary unidentifiable motif XXIV. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

A.7 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met173

Pl. 130

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite (?)

Flat seal faces, one round, two ellipsoidal Convex profile (?)

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) $0,90 \times 0,80/0,90 \times 0,80/0,80 \times 0,80$

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Areas of light damage

- (a) S-whirl of Leaves with stalk, left-facing.
- (b) Four-armed whirl of 'Beaked' busts, left-facing.

(c) 'Fern branch'. Around it, a Border. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism (?)

A.8 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met174 *Pl. 130*

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, greenish yellow

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile (?)

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown, parallel to the longer dimension of the seal faces [?]) $1,70\times1,00$

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship Areas of light damage

- (a) *Head of a 'ram'*, the edges of the horns turning outwards. On either side of its face, an outwards curving *Line*.
- (b) Z-whirl of Busts of a 'snake', left-facing. In front of one animal, a Wedge; behind it, an inwards curving Line. Behind the other animal, a Two-armed whirl, left-facing. The animals have open mouths.
- (c) Two "Ram's heads", one with a loop on its top, arranged with regard to reflection symmetry, the line of symmetry being located between their undersides. Between them, "Breasts".

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

A.9 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met179 *Pl. 130*

'Crete/Malia, Vrachasi'

Steatite, greenish

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex (?)

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown, parallel to the longer dimension of the seal faces [?]) $1,25\times1,05$

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Damage to the interfacial edge (a)–(b), damage also to (a) and (b)

(a) Man in profile, left side view, open mouth, one bent arm extended in front and up, quadrifurcated hand, seated on a Stool. In front of him, an Unidentifiable motif XXVII.

- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back, open mouth, spikes as front legs.
- (c) Two "Saw branches" arranged with regard to 180° rotational symmetry such that the axis of rotation is located between their plain sides. Between them, a "Column", toothed on the long sides.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

A.10 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met187 *Pl. 130*

'Crete/Mesara'

Steatite (?); black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex (?)

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown, parallel to the longer dimension of the seal

faces [?]) 1,40×0,90/1,05/1,05

Areas of light damage

Filed, drilled; good workmanship

Moderately to considerably abraded

Motifs partly worn away

- (a) Row of double Centred-circles.
- (b) Cross pattern of Centred-circles. Near it, a Line (?).
- (c) Grid.

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A.11 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met188 *Pl. 130*

'Crete/Siteia, Lastros'

Steatite, ash greyish chestnut brown

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Slightly concave profile (?) (due to wear),

initially possibly somewhat convex

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown, parallel to the longer dimension of the seal

faces [?]) 1,30×1,20/1,20/1,05

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; on (a) and (b), hasty workmanship; on (c), hollow

'cup sinkings'; moderate workmanship

Considerably abraded, motifs partly worn away

Damage to the profiles and on the seal faces (a) 'Fir branch' (?) and "Saw branch" (?) arranged the one next to the other.

(b) Unidentifiable device XLII.

(c) Two *Heads of a dog/lion* (?), one with open mouth, arranged the one above the other. The image is unfinished (?). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

A.12 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met193

Pl. 131

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, yellowish white

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile (?)

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown, parallel to the longer dimension of the seal faces [?]) $1,30\times1,00$

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; linear, tentative engraving; poor workmanship Workshop fresh, unfinished, file marks Part of one profile and of (b) and (c) on their interfacial edge missing

- (a) Oval-shaped Wheel.
- (b) Cross-legged *Bovine*, left side view, head up. Around it, a *Border band* (part of it is missing).
- (c) Oval-shaped "Ship's wheel" (?), central 'cup sinking' (one corner is missing).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

A.13 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met194

Pl. 131

'Crete/Malia, Vrachasi'

Gable-shaped (?)

Steatite (?); black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile (?)

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) $1,50\times1,40/1,30/1,30$

Cut freehand, drilled (?); deep intaglios; tentative engraving; moderate workmanship

Moderately abraded (?), motifs partly worn away (?)

Areas of light damage

- (a) Legless frontal woman, head in left side view.
- (b) Legless human figure in profile, right side view, one arm extended in front and down. Its hand holds a Vessel without handles (?) which is situated in front of

it. In front of the figure, an 'Arrow' b (?) rotated 180° with reference to it. Next to the arrow, an *Unidentifiable vessel* (?) (parts of it are missing).

(c) Crouching *Agrimi*, left side view, no front legs. In front of it, a *Spiked blob* (?). Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

A.14 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met195

Pl. 131

'Crete/Mesara'

Steatite, yellowish olive green

Flat elongated ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile (?); grooves

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown, parallel to the longer dimension of the seal faces [?]) 1,70×0,90/0,80 pres./0,90

Cut freehand; deep intaglios which on (a) are also rounded; attentive, dexterous work; good workmanship

Small parts of the motif on (a) worn away Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Cross-legged *Agrimi*, right side view, head down.
- (b) Seated *Waterfowl*, right side view, downwards curving beak, toothed back, vertically hatched body. Above its back, a *Stemless paisley*. In front of its neck, a short "Saw branch".
- (c) *Fish*. Around it, a ladder band *Border*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

A.15 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met1059

Pl. 131

Steatite (?)

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile (?)

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown, parallel to the longer dimension of the seal faces [?]) $1,30\times0,90$

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; hasty work; moderate workmanship

Areas of light damage

- (a) Head of a 'ram', inwards curving horns.
- (b) Cross pommée with three 'Papyrus flowers' and one Unidentifiable motif XXXVII as angle supplements.

(c) *Four-armed whirl*, left-facing, central 'cup sinking', one arm configured as a wheat stalk.²⁷⁴¹

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

A.16 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met1069

Pl. 131

Steatite (?)

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile (?)

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown, parallel to the longer dimension of the seal faces [?]) 1,95×1,50

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; tentative engraving; moderate workmanship Moderately abraded, motifs on (b) partly worn away

Damage to the interfacial edges as well as the seal faces

- (a) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back, open mouth. Above its rump, a *Wedge*.
- (b) *Star pommée*, central 'cup sinking'. Around it, a *Border*, toothed on the outer side (parts of it are missing).
- (c) Standing Man in profile (?), right side view, one arm extended in front. In front of him, a vertical "Bulb branch" (?), two toothed sides. Behind the figure, a larger and a smaller Blob, arranged the one above the other. Behind and in front of the man, fractions of unidentifiable motifs (?).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

A.17 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met1079

Pl. 131

Steatite

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces Somewhat convex (?); grooves

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) $1,25\times1,10/1,25\times1,10/1,20\times1,10$

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; good workmanship

Motif on (c) partly worn away (?)

Areas of light damage

(a) Man in profile, bent 90° at the waist, left

²⁷⁴¹ For the type, see 'Wheat stalk'.

side view, head down, one arm extended down. His hand touches the edge of a triangular *Vessel without handles*.

- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, right side view, head up.
- (c) Four-armed whirl disc spiral, left-facing, central 'cup sinking'.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

A.18 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met1119

Pl. 131

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite, black

Flat compressed ellipsoidal seal faces

Somewhat convex profile (?)

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) $1,40\times0,90/0,90/0,95$

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; hasty engraving; moderate workmanship

Considerably abraded, motifs partly worn away, especially on (c)

Areas of light damage

- (a) Scorpion (?), tail to the right.
- (b) Crouching *Dog/lion*, left side view, head turned back, no front legs, toothed backside of the neck.
- (c) Swastika, left-facing (?) toothed inner sides of the outer arms (only parts of three arms are preserved).

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

A.19 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met1228

Pl. 131

'Crete/Sykia'

Steatite

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile (?); grooves

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown) 1.40×1.00

Cut freehand, drilled; deep intaglios; confident engraving; attentive work; good workmanship

Areas of light damage

- (a) Standing *Man in profile*, right side view, open mouth.
- (b) 'Spider' b, legs forming a Z, outer side of the edges of the legs toothed. In the field, two Wedges and a curved Line. The image

is laid out slightly diagonally on the seal face.

(c) S-whirl of Protomes of a quadruped, left-facing. The animals have sunken heads and one front leg each.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

A.20 Heraklion, Arch. Mus., Met1252

Pl. 131

'Crete/Malia'

Steatite

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile (?)

SF. (positioning of the stringhole unknown, parallel to the longer dimension of the seal faces [?]) $1,10\times0,85$

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-manship

Areas of light damage

- (a) Head of an 'ox'. On either side of its face, a Bar. The lower parts of the bars slope inwards such that their combination encloses the head in a V.
- (b) 'Pole' slung with 'String vessels'. Above it, a horizontal Bar.
- (c) Swastika, left-facing, toothed inner sides of the outer arms.

Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism

A.21 Pl. 131*2742

Crete/Malia, Quartier Δ , Building Π

Context: LM I Steatite, black

Flat ellipsoidal seal faces

Convex profile; clear, deep grooves around

the seal faces

SF. 1,00×0,80; SH. 0,15; BL. 1,05

Cut freehand; deep intaglios; good work-

manship

Almost workshop fresh

On (a), break under the motif

(a) Seated/squatting Frontal 'Gorgo woman', hair, eyes, ears, open mouth, breast, arms raised either side of the head, three fingers

 2742 One of the four seals found in sondages in the building Π mentioned in EFA 2009 and Evely 2008, 97?

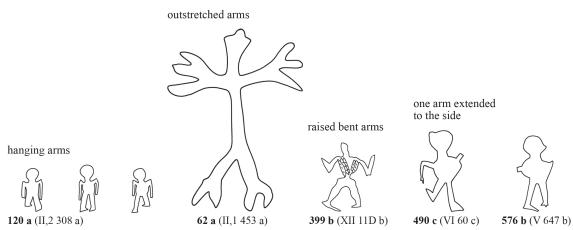
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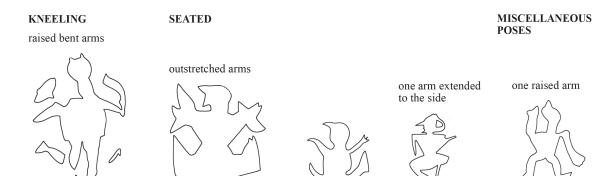
- (b) Seated/lying *Dog/lion*, right side view, open mouth, teeth, hatched nape.
- (c) *Pithos/jar*. On either side, a *'Snake' b*. Malia/Eastern Crete Steatite Prism



Motif 1: Frontal man

STANDING





540 a (IX 5 a)

Motif 2: Man in profile

STANDING/WALKING

593 b (VIII 7 b)

head straight, hanging chevron-shaped arms



14 b (I 414 b)



2 a (V Suppl. 3 22 a)





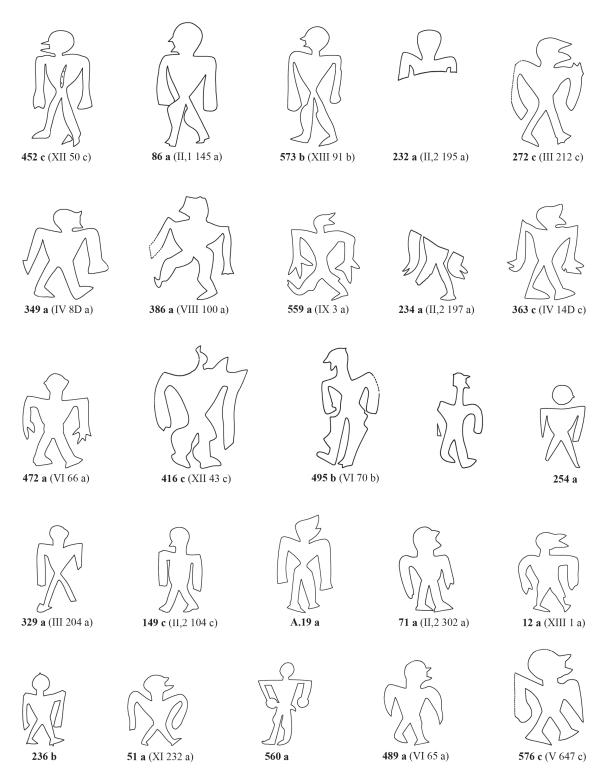
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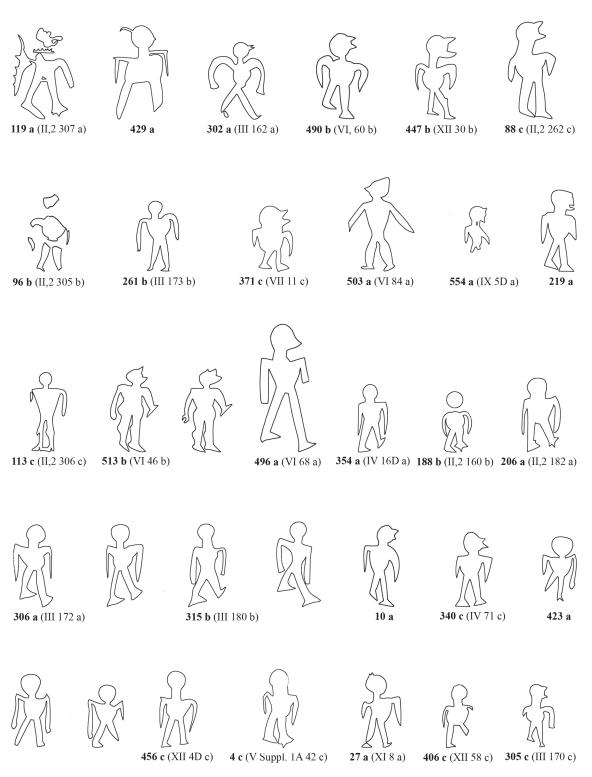
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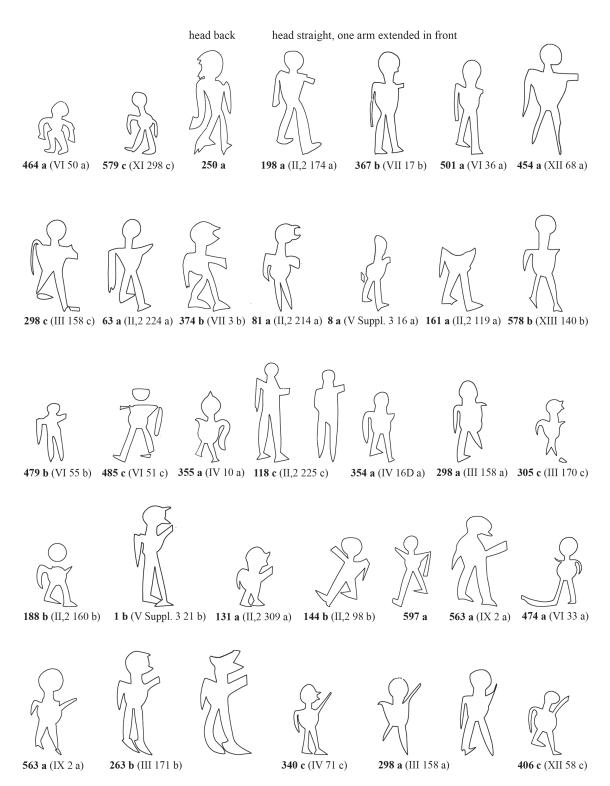


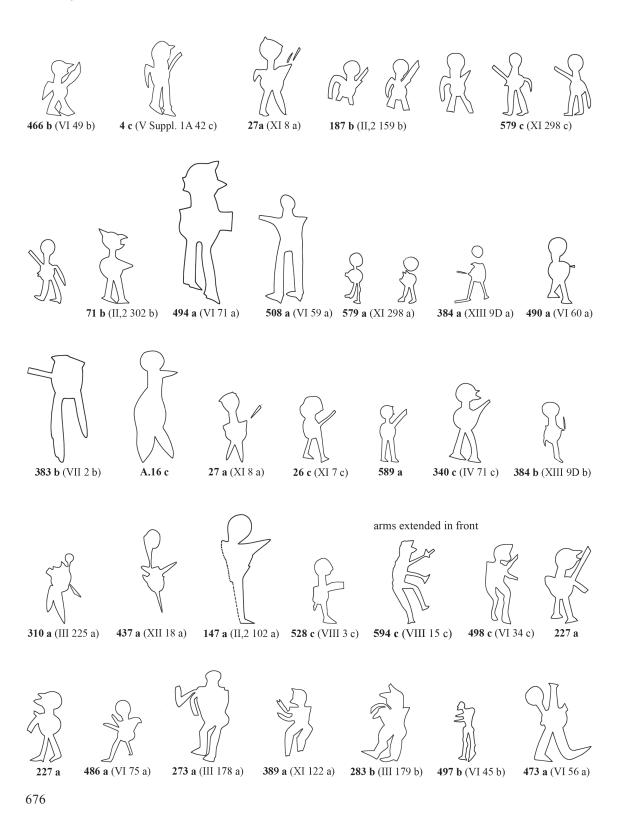
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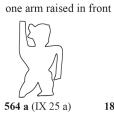








one arm extended in front and the other to the back **16 b** (I 426 b) one arm raised to the back











no front arm or very small front arm

















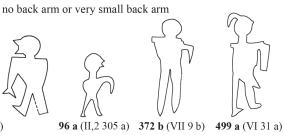




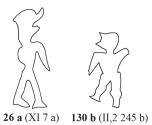


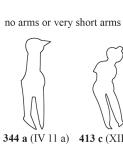


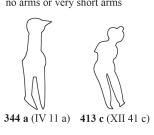
































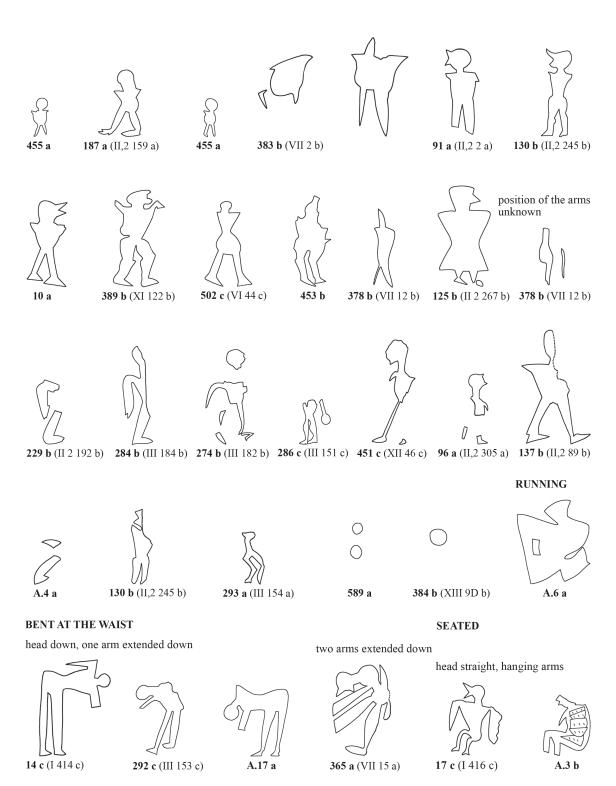


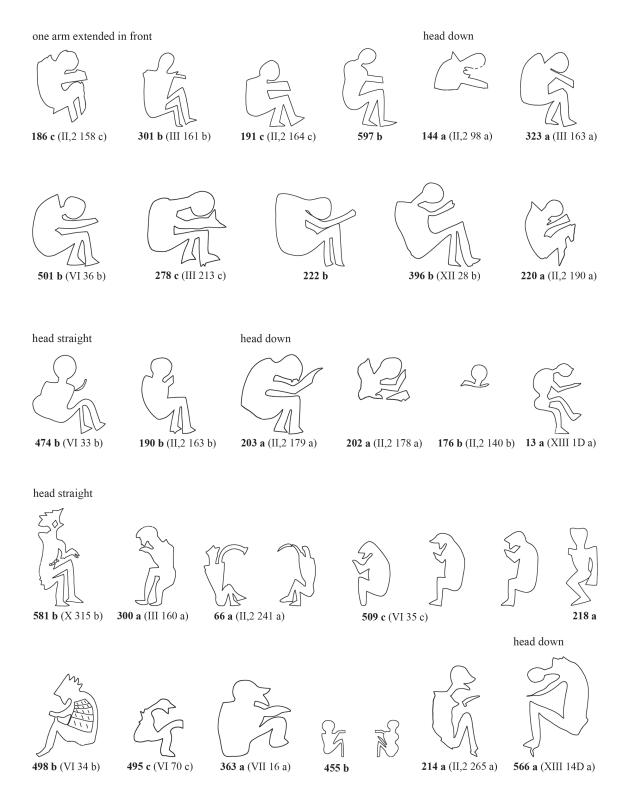
485 a (VI 51 a) **96 a** (II,2 305 a)

305 c (III 170 c)

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235 b (II,2 198 b)

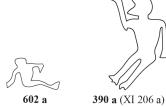


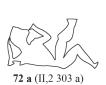


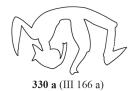




PERFORMING THE CRAB









Motif 3: Woman in profile

STANDING

head straight, one arm raised in front



A.3 a





498 a (VI 34 a)

one arm raised in front and one to the back



head up



BENT AT THE WAIST

head down one arm extended in front



463 a (XIII 80 a)

Motif 4: 'Man with semicircular body' STANDING/WALKING

head straight, two arms extended in front



547 a (IX 11 a)

one arm extended in front



5 c (V Suppl. 1A 43 c)





no arms







61 a (II,2 219 a)



61 a (II,2 219 a)



5 b (V Suppl. 1A 43 b)



2 b (V Suppl. 3 22 b)



85 a (II,2 233 a)



303 c (III 218 c)



681



173 a (II,2 137 a)

SEATED

one arm extended in front





no arms



Motif 5: Frontal 'Gorgo woman' SEATED/SQUATTING



Motif 6: Frontal 'ape' SEATED/SQUATTING

Motif 7: 'Ape' a in profile RUNNING











Motif 8: 'Ape' b in profile STANDING

Motif 9: 'Deer' STANDING

Motif 10: Agrimi STANDING

closed mouth, head straight











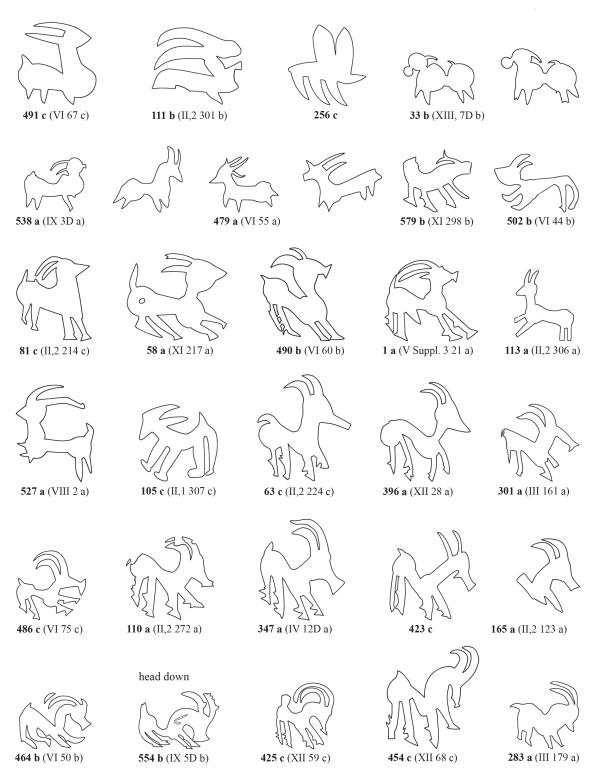




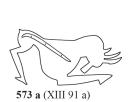




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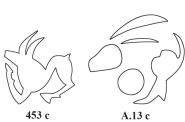


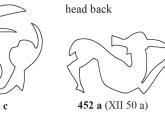




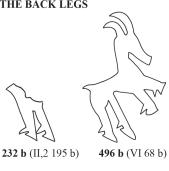


STANDING ON THE BACK LEGS

















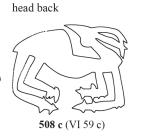




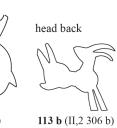
SEATED/LYING (INVERSION)



388 c (X 36 c)









Motif 11: 'Goat'

Motif 12: 'Sheep'

CROUCHING

STANDING







219 с



427 c (XII 35 c)



294 a (III 191 a)



CROUCHING

Motif 13: Bull STANDING

Motif 14:Bovine STANDING

head straight



499 b (VI 31 b)



372 a (VII 9 a)



170 b (II,2 132 b)



269 c (III 177 c)





231 a (II 2 194 a) **190 b** (II,2 163 b)





179 a (II,2 145 a)



27 c (XI 8 c)



201 c (II,2 177 c)





177 a (II,2 143 a)



440 b (XII 92 b)



57 c (X 322 c)



224 a



198 c (II,2 174 c)



318 a (III 195 a)



head down



361 b (VII 253 b)



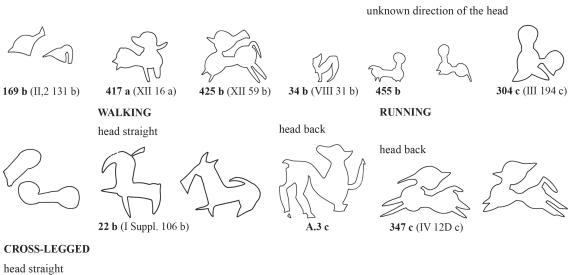
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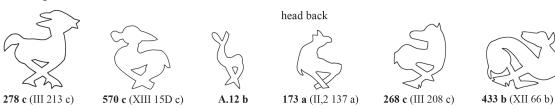
531 a (VIII 19 a)



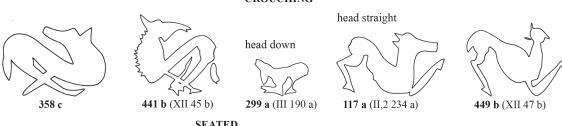
169 b (II,2 131 b)



head up



CROUCHING

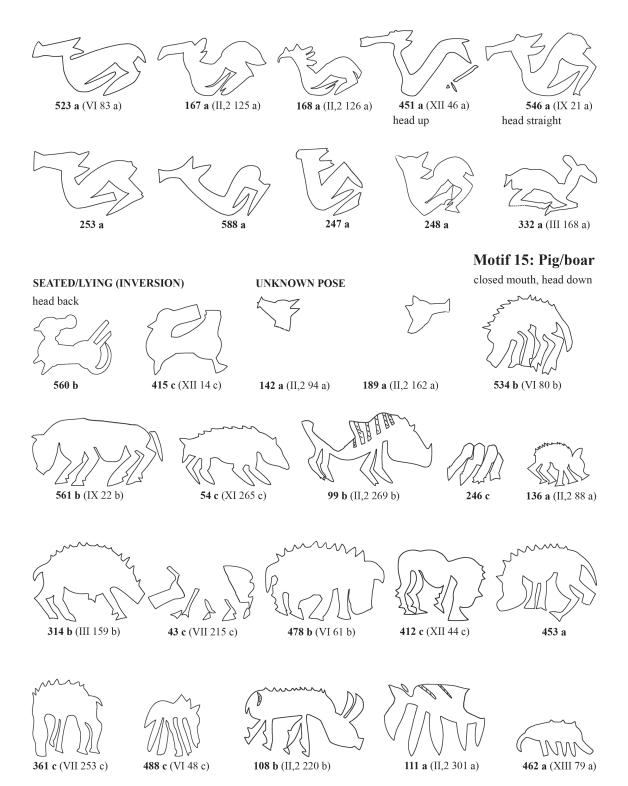


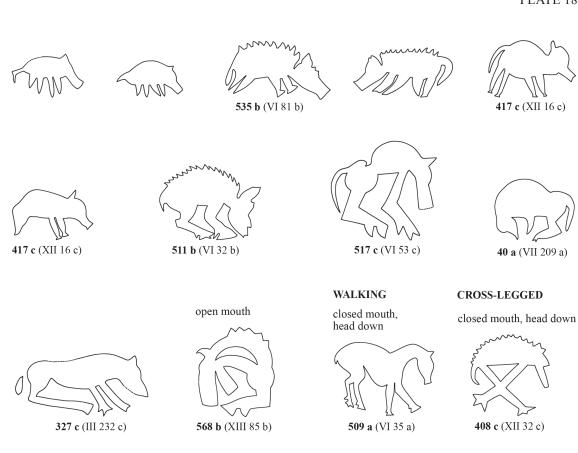
SEATED

head straight

head back **566 b** (XIII 14D b) **356 b** (IV 72 b) **74 b** (II,2 304 b) **228 c** (II,2 191 c) **230 b** (II,2 193 b) **164 a** (II,2 122 a)

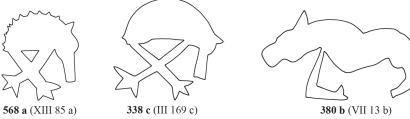


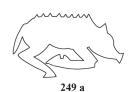




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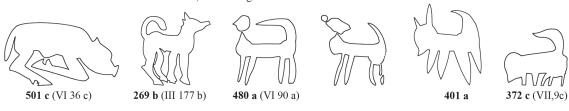
closed mouth, head down

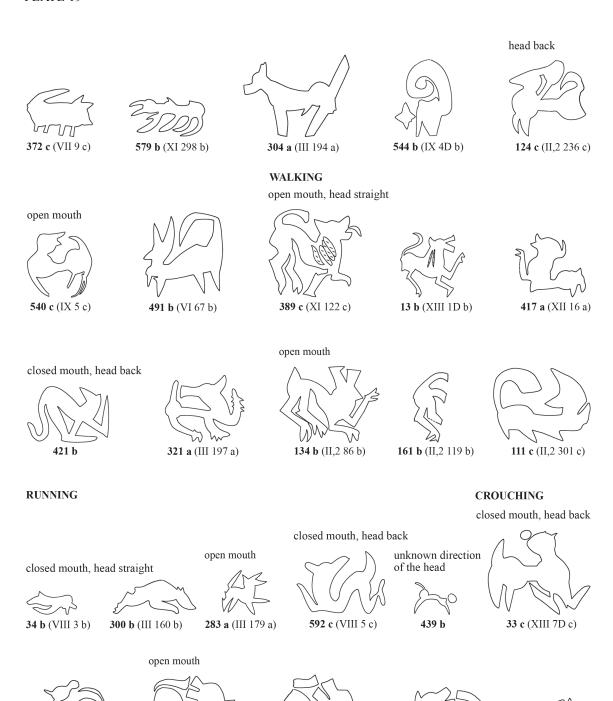




Motif 16: Dog/lion STANDING

closed mouth, head straight





535 a (VI 81 a)

313 a (III 189 a)

331 a (III 167 a)

39 a (VII 207 a)

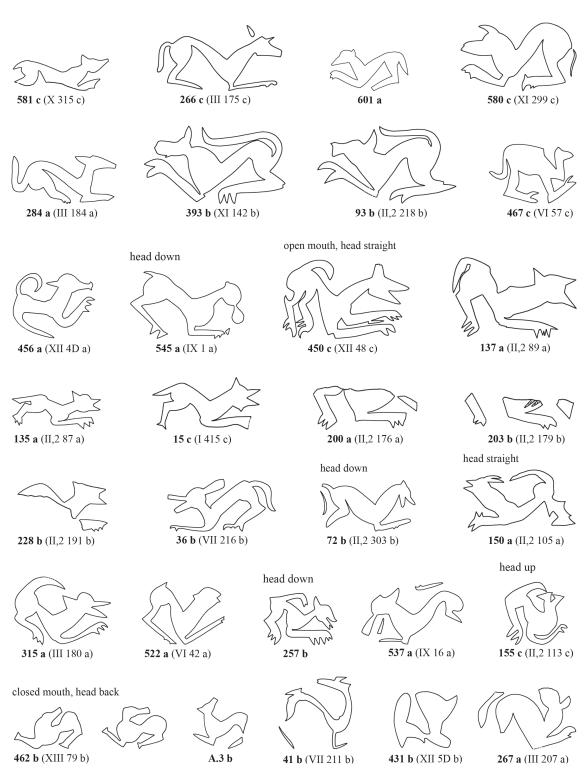
564 b (IX 25 b)

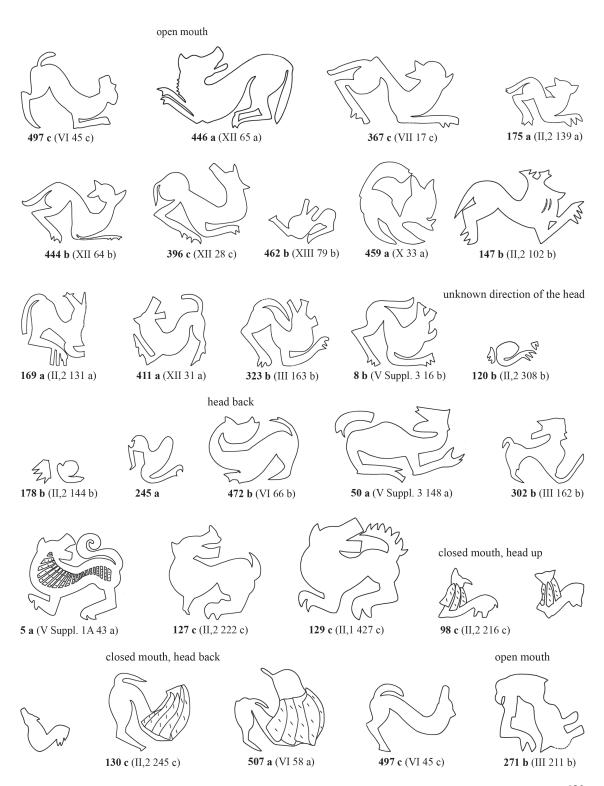
closed mouth, head up **14 a** (I 414 a) **65 b** (II,2 238 b) **70 a** (II,2 298 a) 369 a 419 a open mouth **301** c (III 161 c) 562 a **347 b** (IV 12D b) closed mouth, head back **27 b** (XI 8 b) **58 b** (XI 217 b) **24 c** (VIII 6 c) **481 b** (VI 54 b) **7 b** (V Suppl. 1A 56 b) open mouth **42 a** (VII 206 a) **122 a** (II,2 297 a) 590 b 1 c (V Suppl. 3 21 c) 219 b closed mouth, head up W **406 b** (XII 58 b) **305 b** (III 170 b) **20** c (I 419 c) A.17 b A.16 a head down open mouth closed mouth head straight (

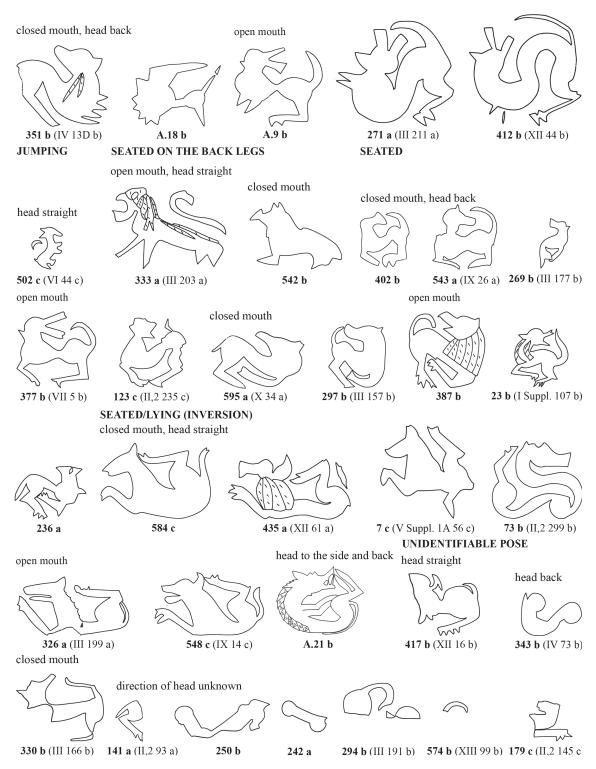
293 b (III 154 b)

299 a (III 190 a)

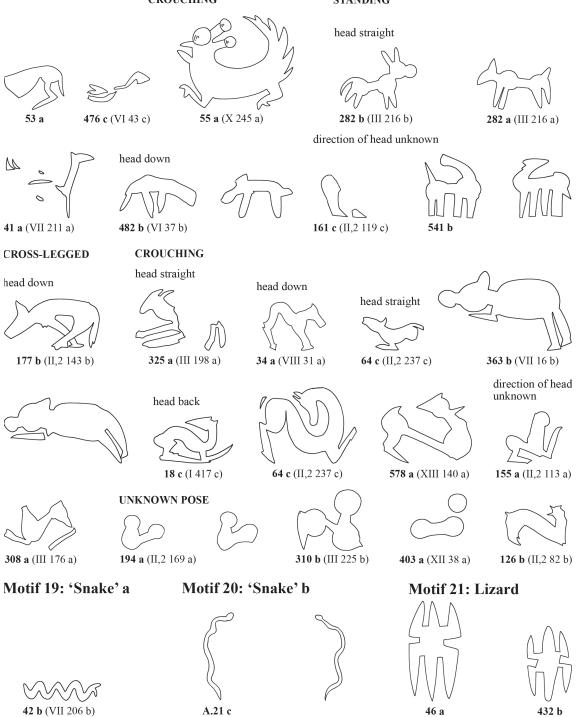
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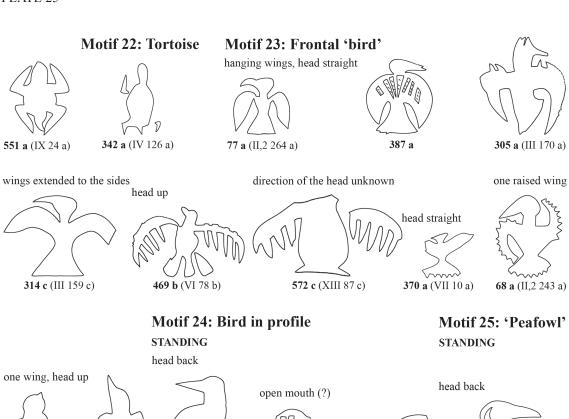


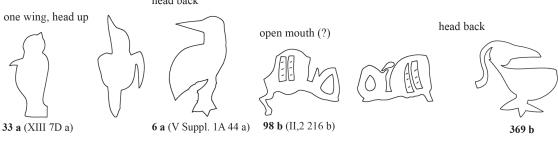


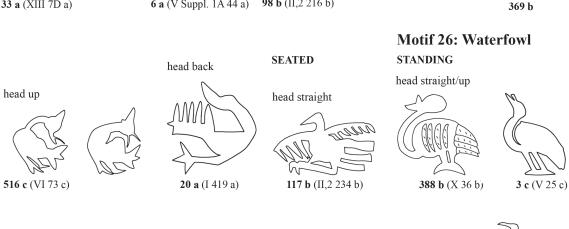


Motif 17: 'Minoan dragon' Motif 18: Unidentifiable quadruped CROUCHING STANDING







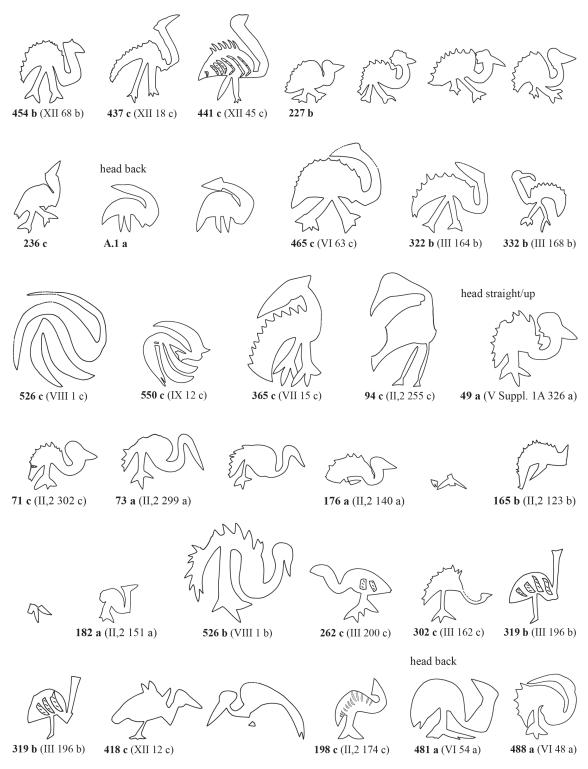


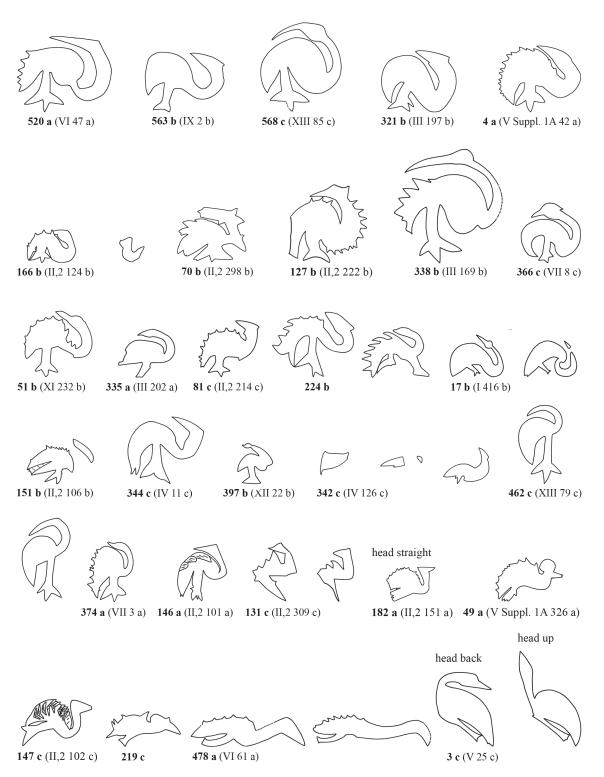


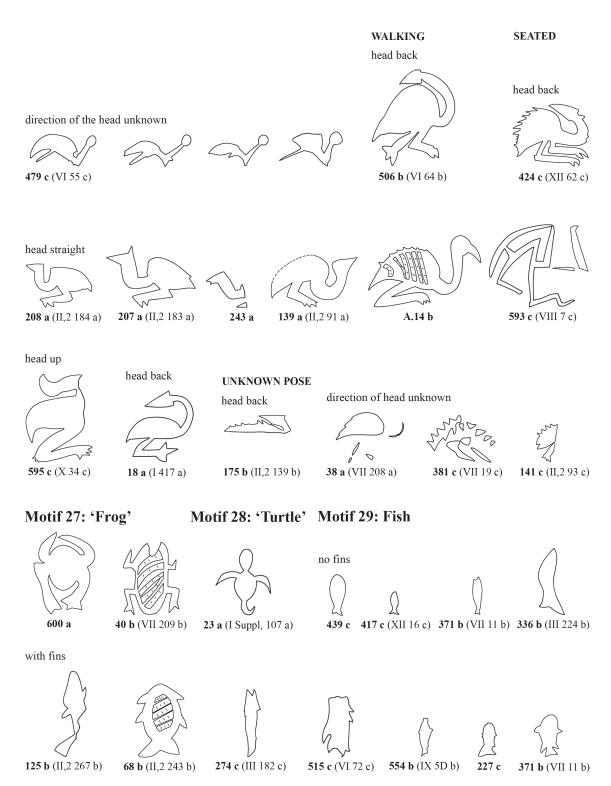


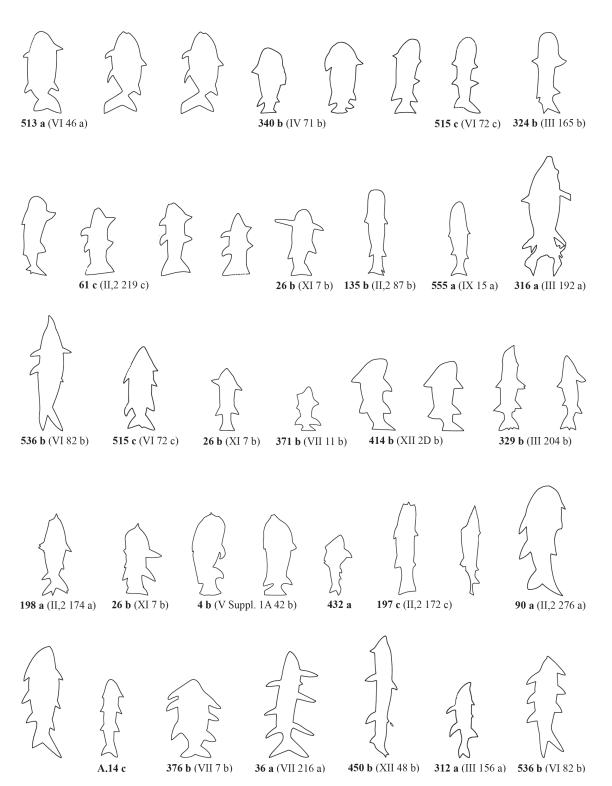




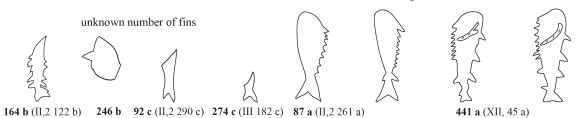




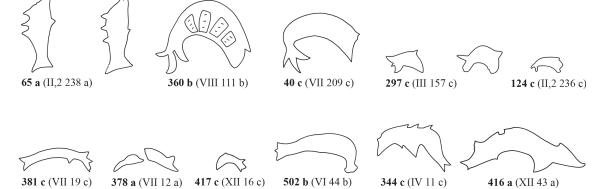




Motif 30: Fish/dolphin with dentated back



Motif 31: Dolphin

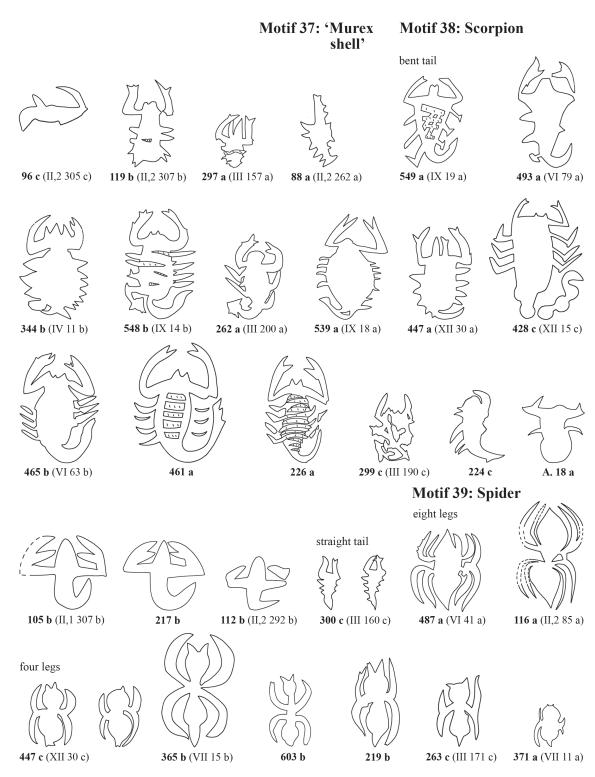


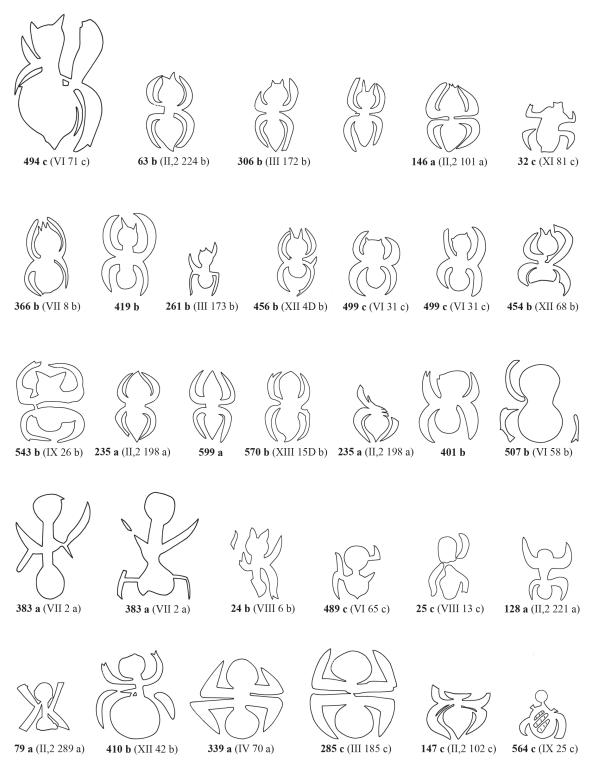
Motif 32: Octopus Motif 33: 'Squid' a Motif 34: 'Squid' b

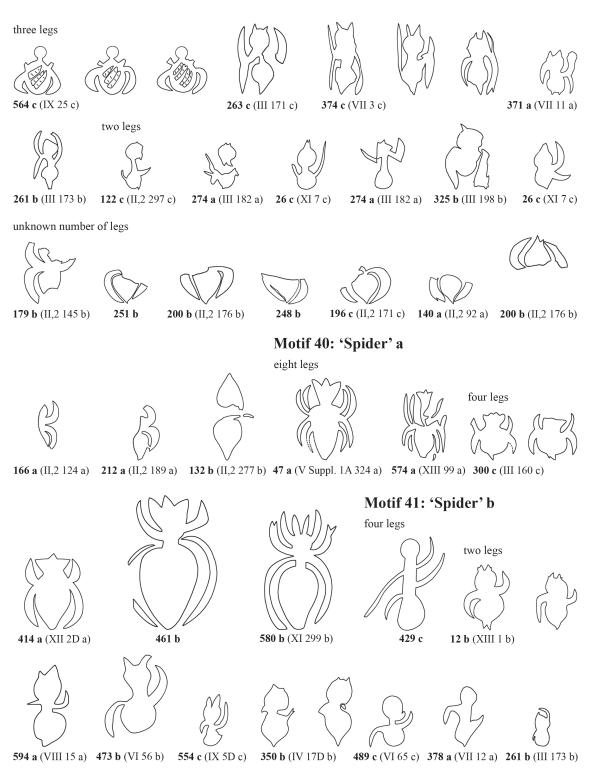


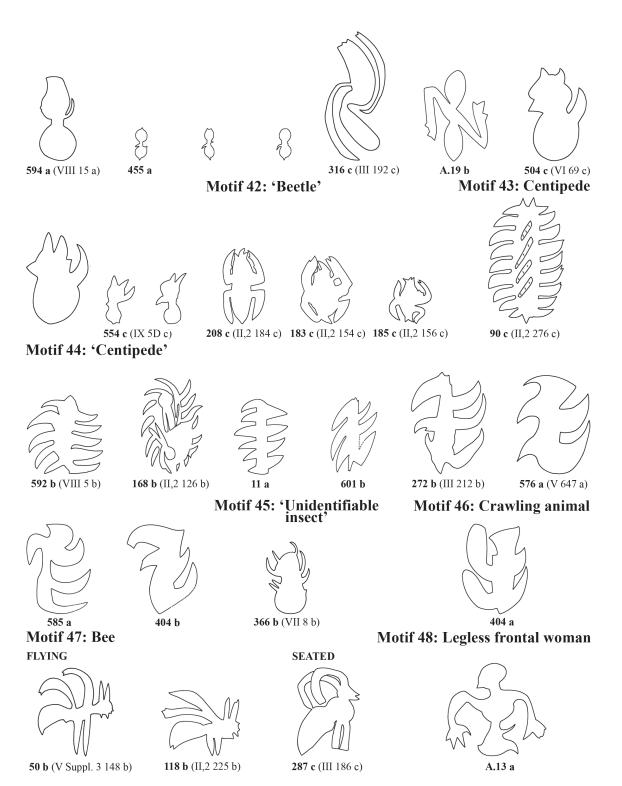
Motif 35: Shrimp/prawn Motif 36: Crab



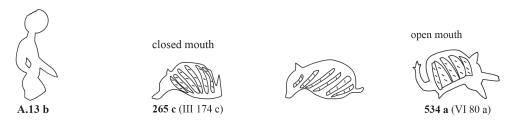




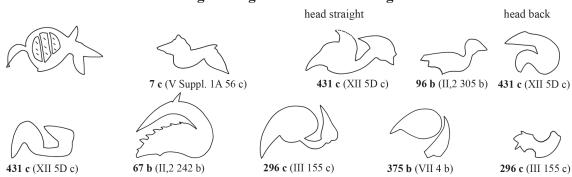




Motif 49: Legless human figure Motif 50: 'Legless boar' in profile



Motif 51: Legless dog/lion Motif 52: Legless waterfowl



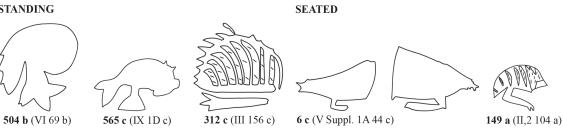
Motif 53: Headless ruminant



Motif 55: Headless dog/lion



STANDING



Motif 57: Torso of a kid







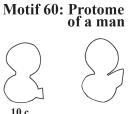




Motif 58: Torso of a dog/lion Motif 59: Torso of a waterfowl







Motif 62: Protome of a bovine





415 c (XII 14 c)

375 b (VII 4 b)

Motif 61: Protome of a horned ruminant





394 c (XI 143 c)



338 a (III 169 a)

head straight



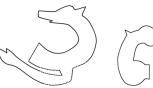


head back



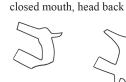
Motif 63: Protome of a dog/lion

open mouth



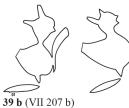






330 c (III 166 c)





closed mouth, head straight



583 a



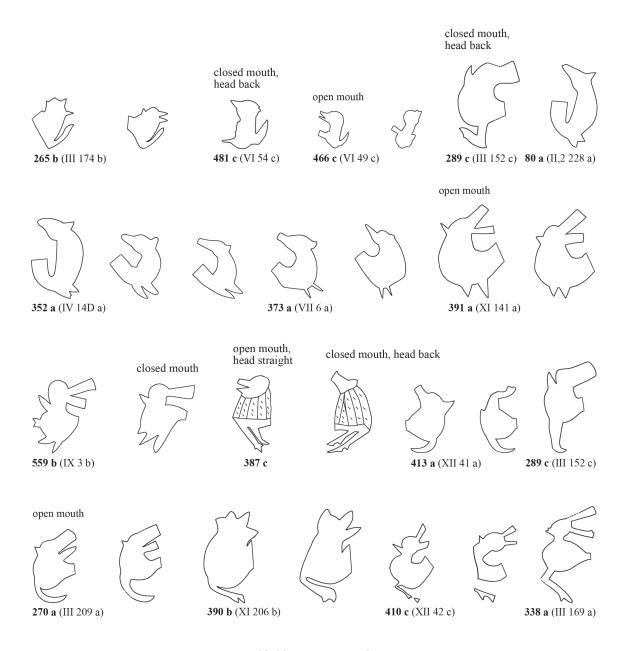
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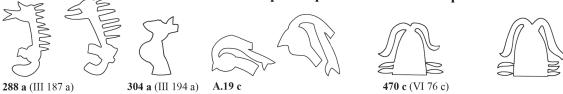


115 c (II,2 78 c)





Motif 64: Protome of a Motif 65: Protome of an 'ellipse guadruped'



Motif 66: Protome of a bee Motif 67: 'Beaked' bust closed mouth **50 b** (V Suppl. 3, 148 b) **391** c (XI 141 c) **84 c** (II,2 232 c) **73** c (II,2 299 c) **204** b (II,2 180 b) **480** c (VI 90 c) **481** c (VI 54 c) **458 b** (XII 29 b) **82 b** (II,2 274 b) **480** c (VI 90 c) **215 a** (II,2 295 a) 225 b **566 c** (XIII 14D c) **565 b** (IX 1D b) **540 b** (IX 5 b) **408 b** (XII 32 b) A.7 b open mouth

Motif 68: 'Beaked bust with ponytail'

20 b (I 419 b)



Motif 69: Bust of a bovine

458 c (XII 29 c)

Motif 70: Bust of a dog/lion

open mouth, head straight

269 c (III 177 c) 286 b (III 151 b) 271 b



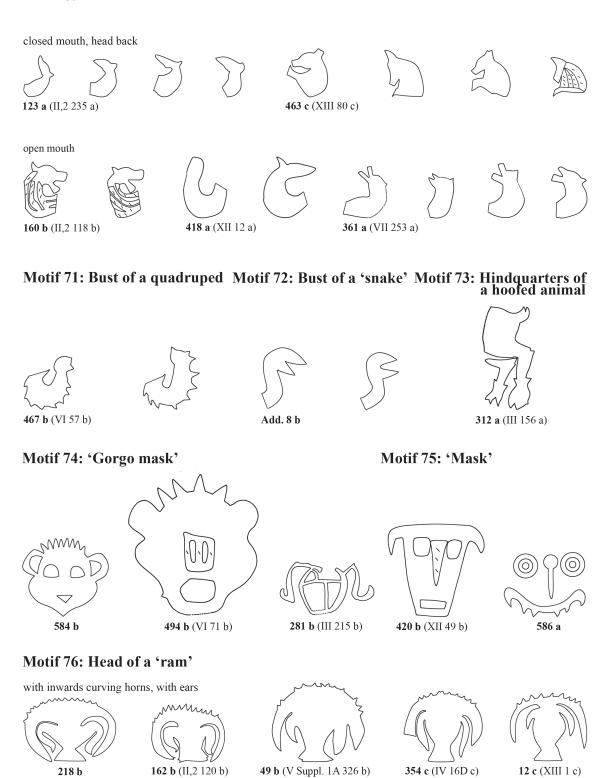


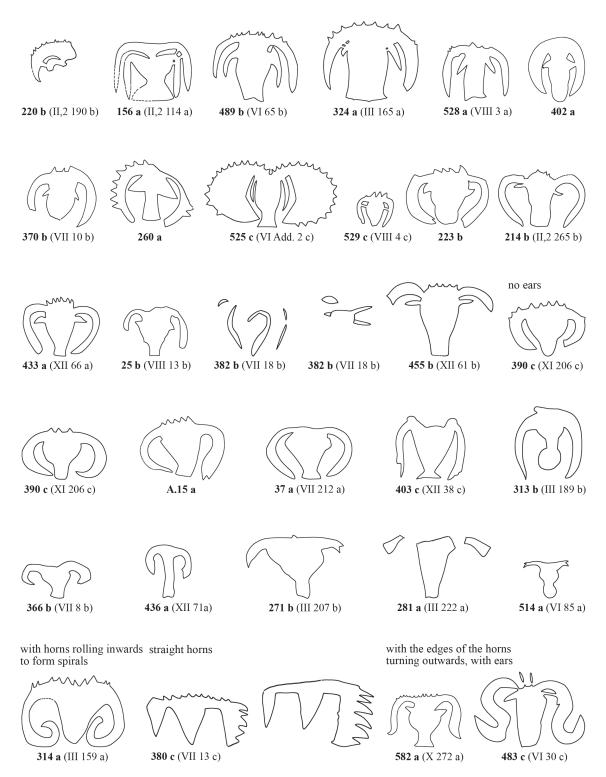


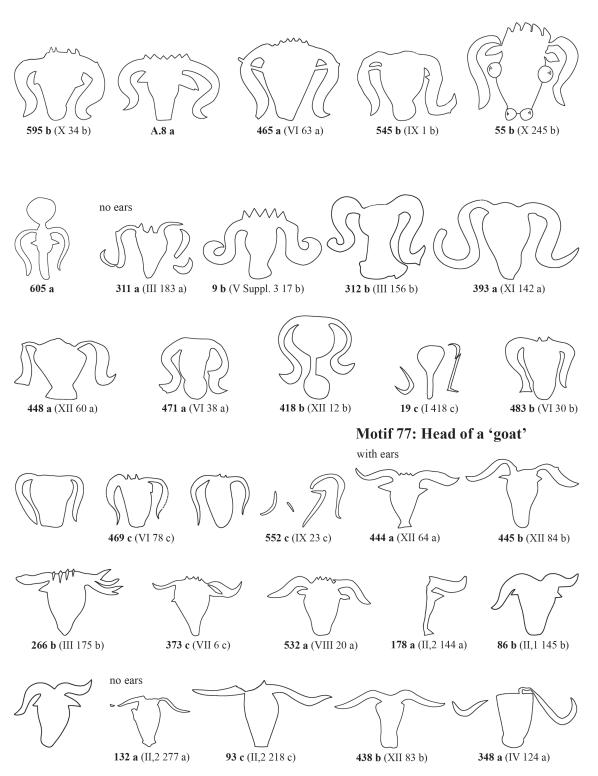
closed mouth, head back



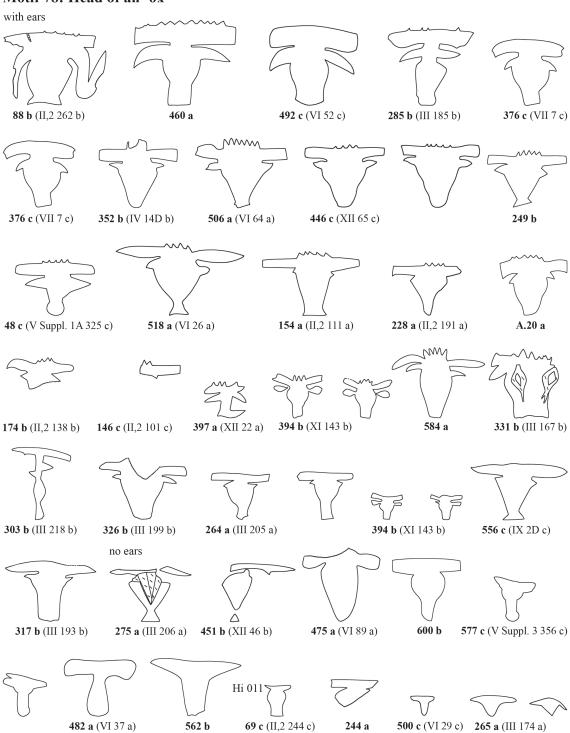
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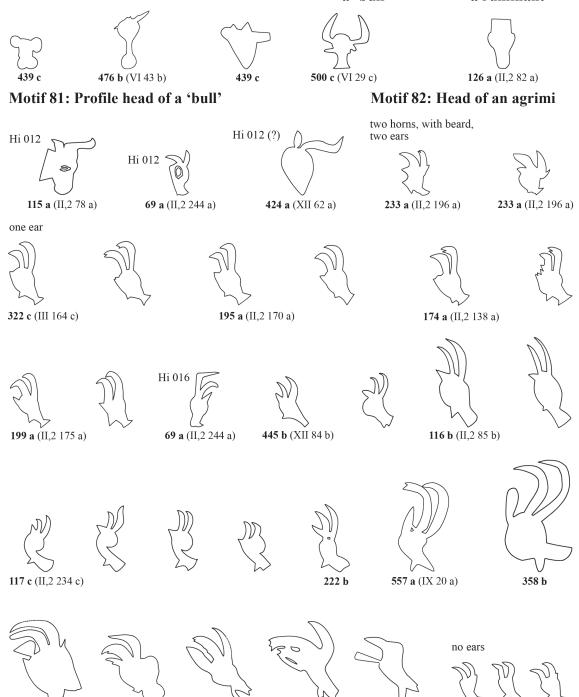
Motif 78: Head of an 'ox'



Motif 79: Head of Motif 80: Frontal head of a 'bull'

565 c (IX 1D c)

257 a

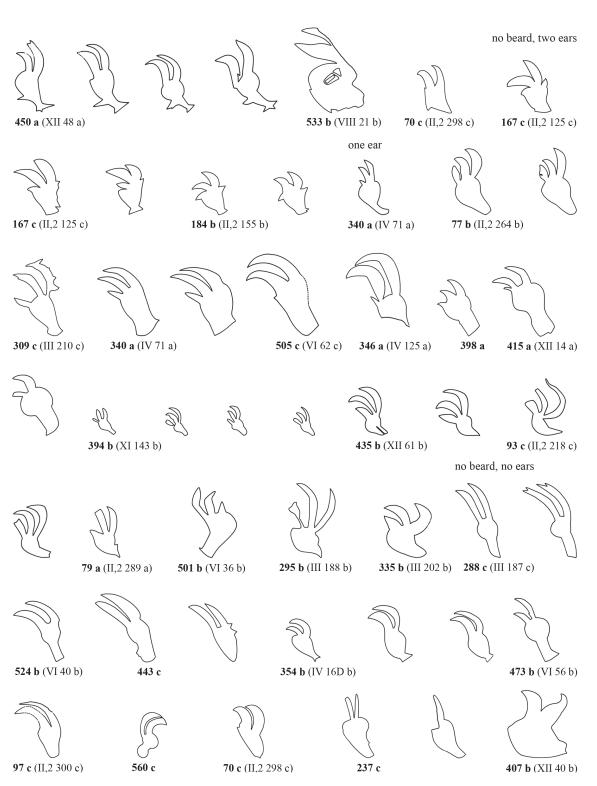


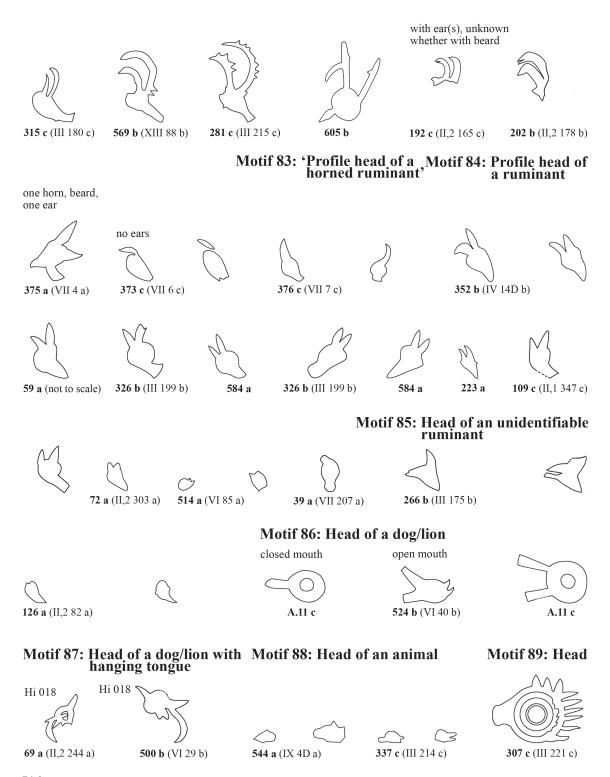
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223 a

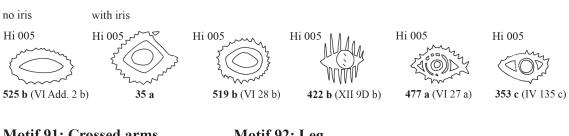
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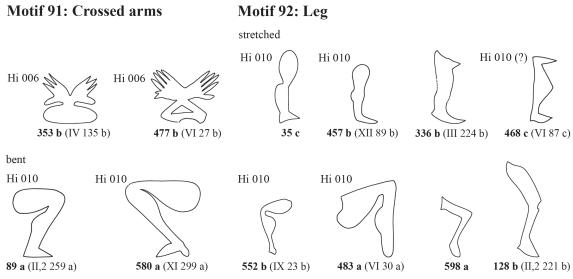
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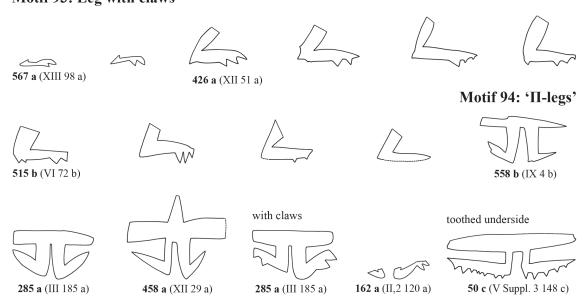


Motif 90: Eye



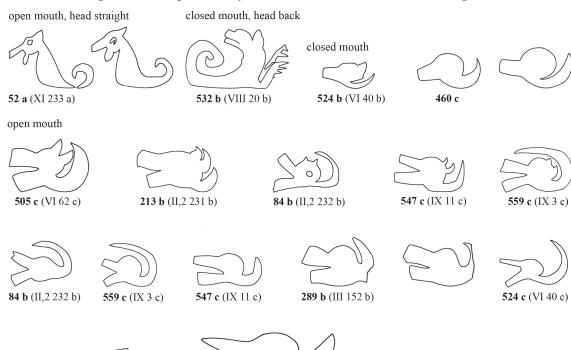


Motif 93: Leg with claws



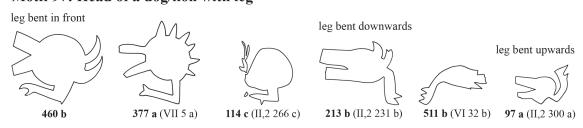
Motif 95: 'Dog/lion with spiral body'

Motif 96: Head of a 'dog/lion with hook'



Motif 97: Head of a dog/lion with leg

473 c (VI 56 c)

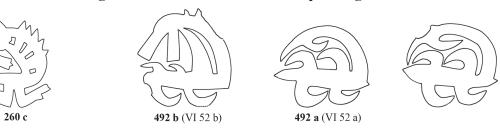


494 c (VI 71 c)

413 c (XII 41 c)

402 c

Motif 98: 'Boar with π -legs' Motif 99: 'Boar with centipede legs'



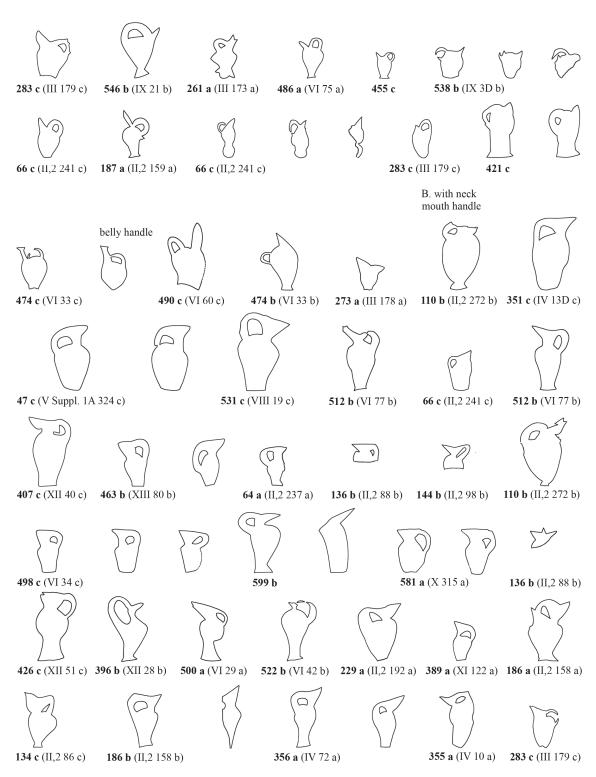
Motif 100: 'Crawling boar' Motif 101: 'Centipede with Motif 102: 'Spider with muzzle' **213 a** (II,2 231 a) **97 b** (II,2 300 b) **68 c** (II,2 243 c) **296 b** (III 155 b) Motif 103: Vessel without handles B. with neck A. no neck **594** c (VIII 15 c) **310 a** (III 225 a) 602 a **270** c (III 209 c) 558 a (IX 4 a) A.17 a A.13 b Motif 104: Jug A. no neck mouth handle **293** c (III 154 c) **160 a** (II,2 118 a) **98 a** (II,2 216 a) **538 b** (IX 3D b) **324** c (III 165 c) **324 c** (III 165 c) **334 a** (III 201 a) **263 a** (III 171 a) **518 b** (VI 26 b) **546 b** (IX 21 b) **518 b** (VI 26 b) **306 c** (III 172 c) 585 с

512 b (VI 77 b)

583 b

585 b

546 b (IX 21 b)



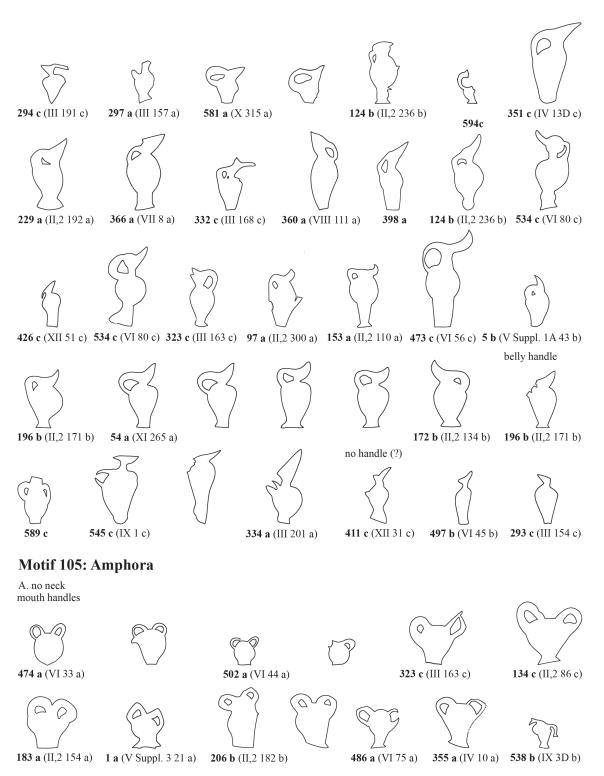
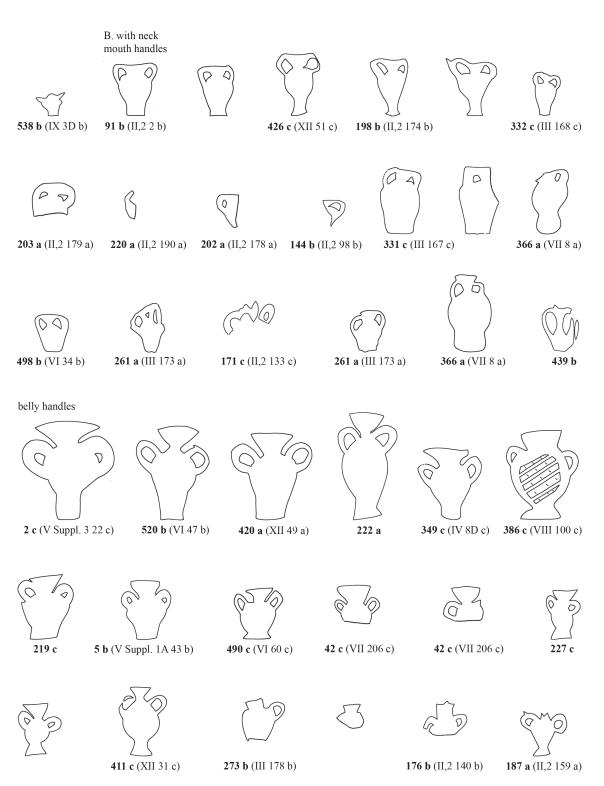
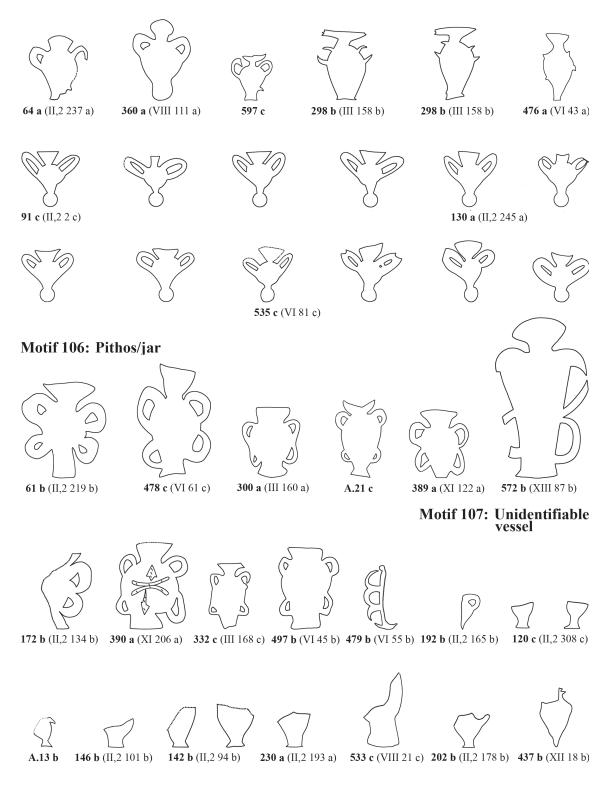
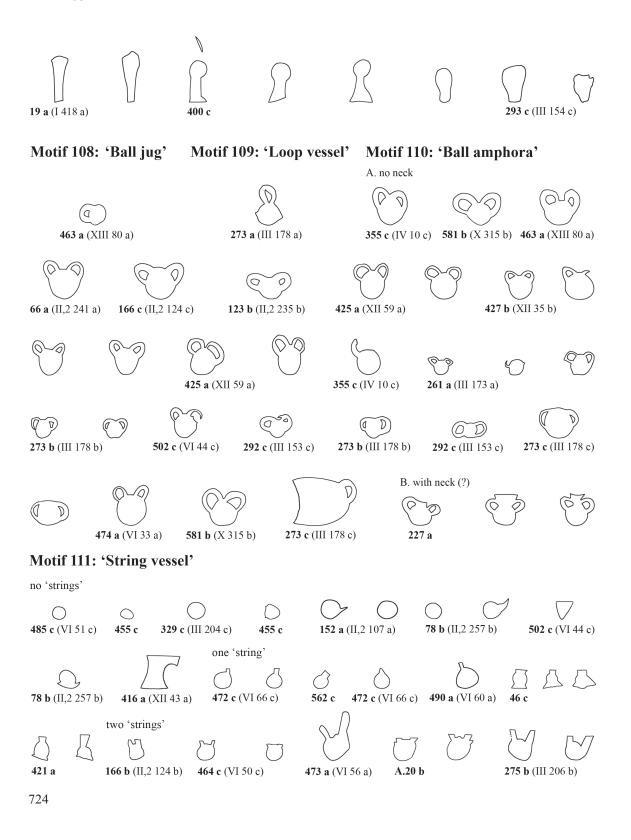


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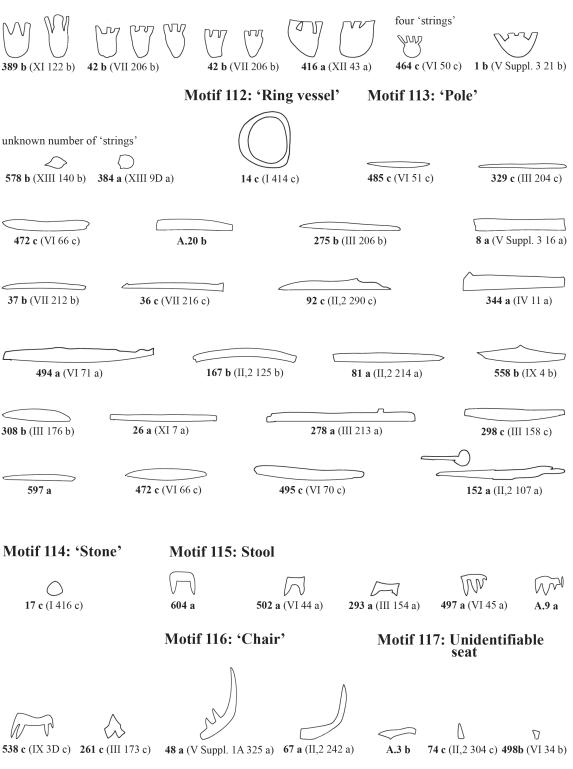






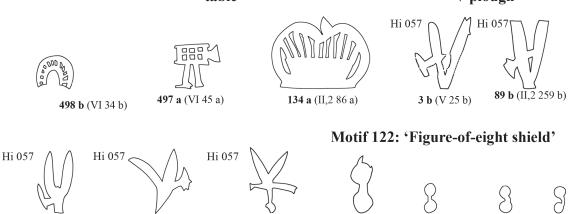
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8 a (V Suppl. 3 16	a) 37 b (VII 212	b) 36 c (VII 216 c)	92 c (II,2 290 c)	464 c (VI 50 c)	344 a (IV 11 a)
576 b (V 647 b)	490 a (VI 60 a)	494 a (VI 71 a) 81	a (II,2 214 a) 26 a	(XI 7 a) 63 a (II,2	224 a) Add. 1 b
218 a 278 a	(III 213 a) 444 c (2	XII 64 c) 298 c (III	158 c) 318 c (III 195 c)	182 b (II,2 151 b)	582 b (X 272 b)
449 a (XII 47 a)	579 a (XI 298 a)	596 c 496 c (VI	(68 c) 597 a	246 a	501 a (VI 36 a)
516 a (VI 73 a)	367 b (VII 17 b)	553 b (IX 13 b)	450 b (XII 48 b)	579 a (XI 298 a)	122 b (II,2 297 b)
25 a (VIII 13 a)	541 c 355	5 c (IV 10 c) 405	308 b (III 176	b) 240 a	304 b (III 194 b)
346 c (IV 125 c)	219 a	152 a (II,2 107 a)	508 a (VI 59 a)	118 a (II,2 22:	5 a) 588 b
50 c (V Suppl. 3 14	18 c) 562 c	1 b (V Suppl. 3 21 l	261 c (III 173 c)	71 b (II,2 302 b)	554 a (IX 5D a)
490 a (VI 60 a)	464 c (VI 50 c)	472 c (VI 66 c)	78 b (II,2 257 b) 167	b (II,2 125 b) 4	95 c (VI 70 c)
\(\sqrt{\text{113 c}} \tag{\text{II,2 306 c}} \)	458 c (XII 29 c)	398 b	378 c (VII 12	2 c) 558 b (IX 4 b)	502 c (VI 44 c)
164 b (II,2 122 b)	three 'strings' 166 b (II,2 124 b	511 c (VI 32 c)	64 b (II,2 237 b)	464 c (VI 50 c)	66 b (II,2 241 b)



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Motif 118: 'Kiln' Motif 119: 'Gaming Motif 120: Harp Motif 121: 'Key sistrum' /'plough'

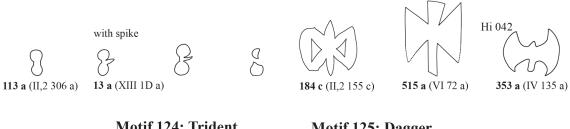


434 c (XII 72 c)

Motif 123: Double axe

13 a (XIII 1D a)

490 c (VI 60 c)

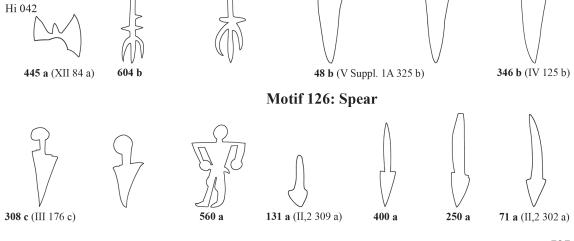


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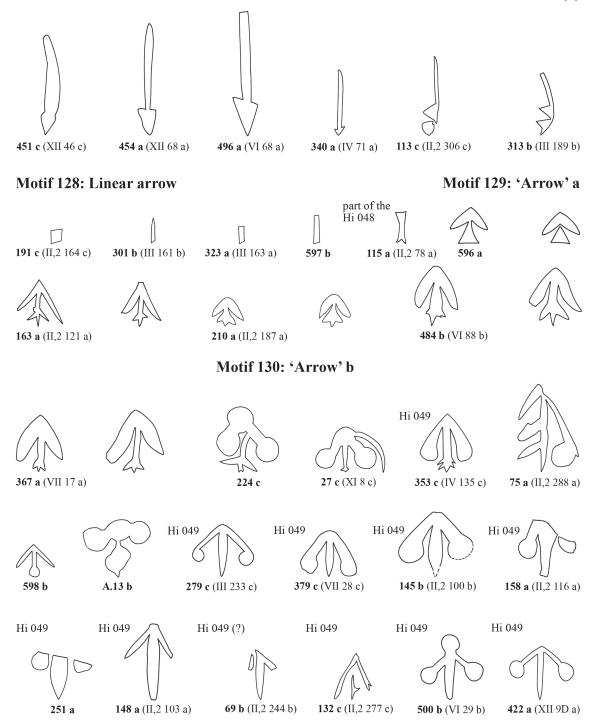
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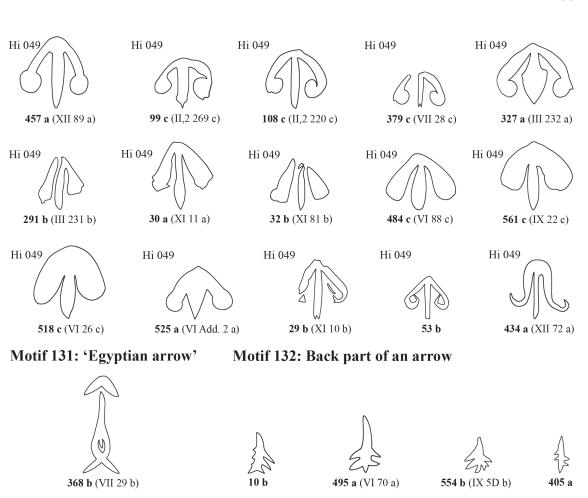
457 c (XII 89 c)

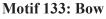
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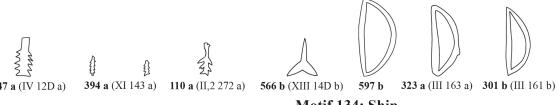


Motif 127: 'Spear with double blade' (?)



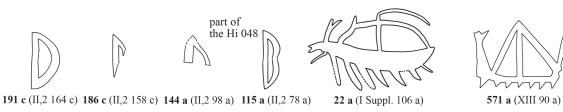


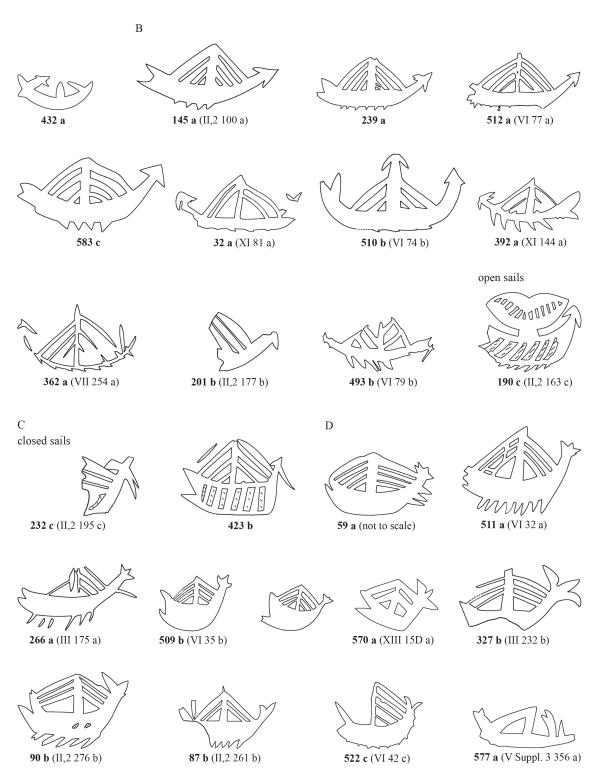


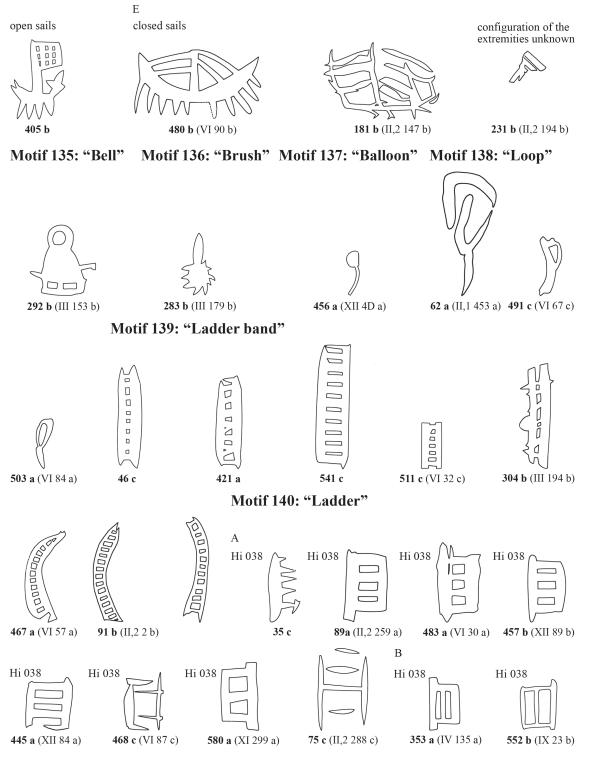


Motif 134: Ship

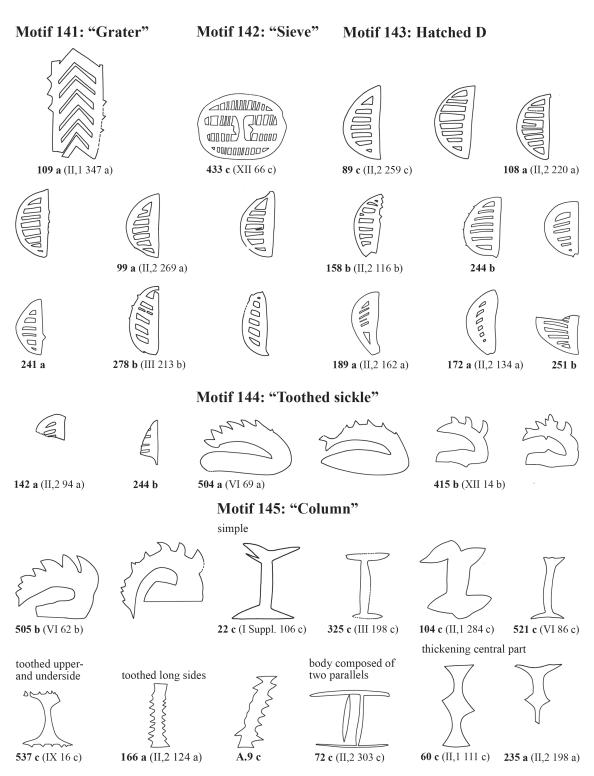
closed sails







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Motif 146: "Dumbbell"

Motif 147: "Ship's wheel"













543 c (IX 26 c) **75** c (II,2 288 c) **67** c (II,2 242 c) **534 c** (VI 80 c) **94 b** (II,2 255 b) **429 b**

A.12 c

Motif 148: "Ram's head"













Motif 150: "Horns of consecration"

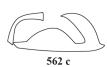
Motif 151: "Horn bar"













Motif 152: "Γ-bar"

Motif 153: "T-bar"





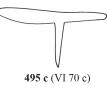
457 c (XII 89 c)











Motif 154: "Breasts"

Hi 034

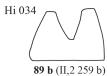




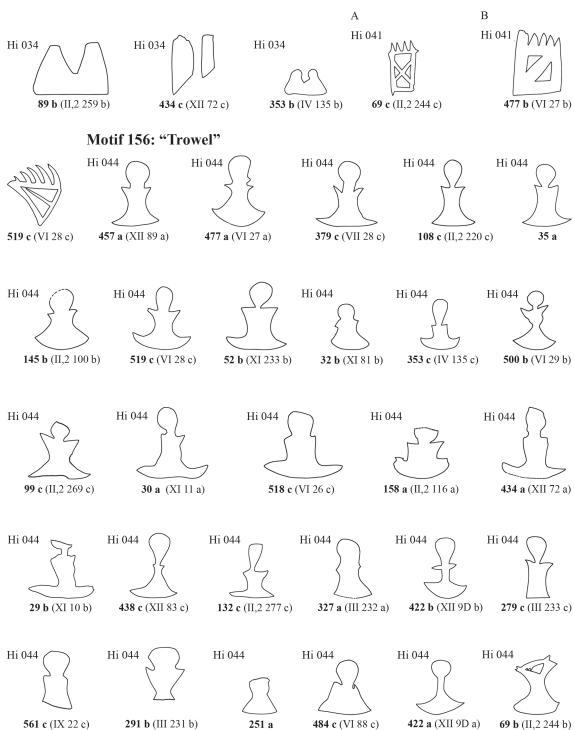






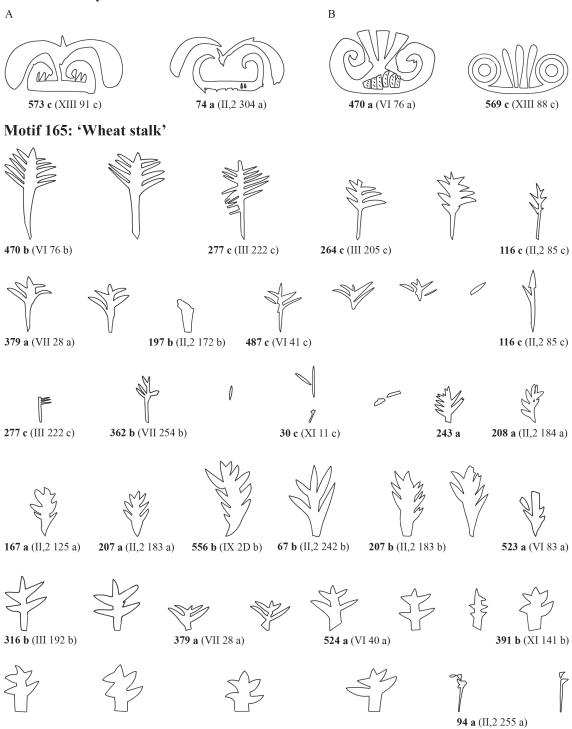


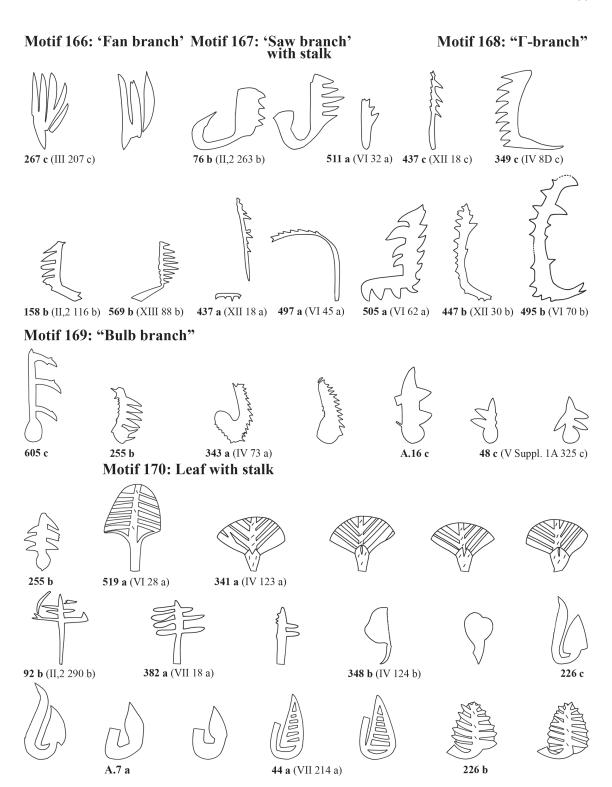
Motif 155: "Textile"



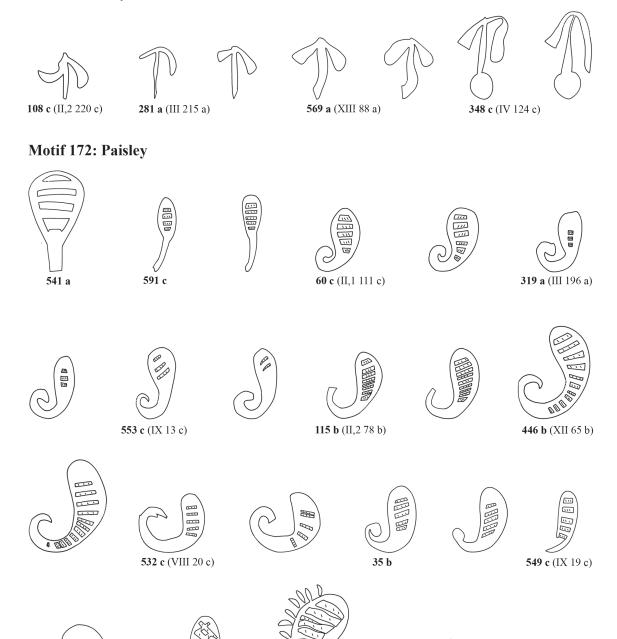
Motif 157: "Bottle" Hi 056 T Hi 056 ______ Hi 056 Hi 056 Hi 056 5 c (V Suppl. 1A 43 c) 3 b (V 25 b) 457 c (XII 89 c) 525 a (VI Add. 2 a) 89 b (II,2 259 b) 69 b (II,2 244 b) 434 c (XII 72 c) Motif 158: "Pin" **Motif 159: Ground-line** Hi 062 **69 a** (II,2 244 a) **372** c (VII 9 c) 541 b 455 b **374 b** (VII 3 b) Motif 160: Parallel ground- Motif 161: Branch with leaves lines (?) **361 c** (VII 253 c) **579 c** (XI 298 c) **544 b** (IX 4D b) **364 a** (VII 30 a) Motif 162: 'Papyrus flower' with spray 223 c **379** c (VII 28 c) **477 a** (VI 27 a) **468 a** (VI 87 a) Motif 163: Lily with 'base' a В **280 a** (III 223 a) **368 a** (VII 29 a) **262 b** (III 200 b) **510 a** (VI 74 a)

Motif 164: Lily with 'base' b





Motif 171: 'Ivy leaf' with stalk

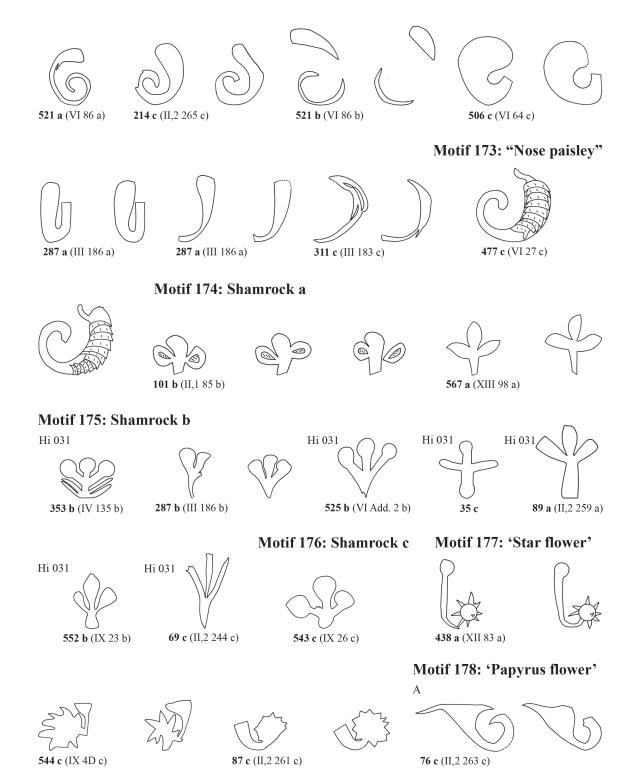


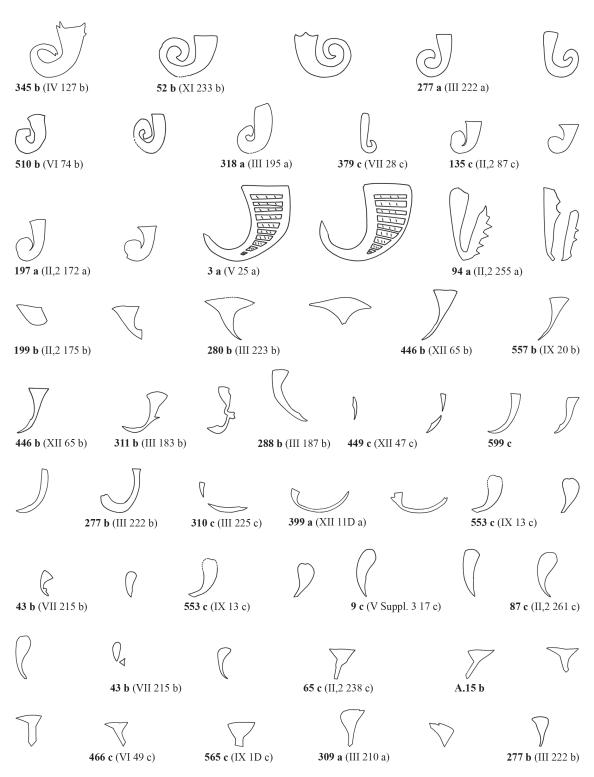
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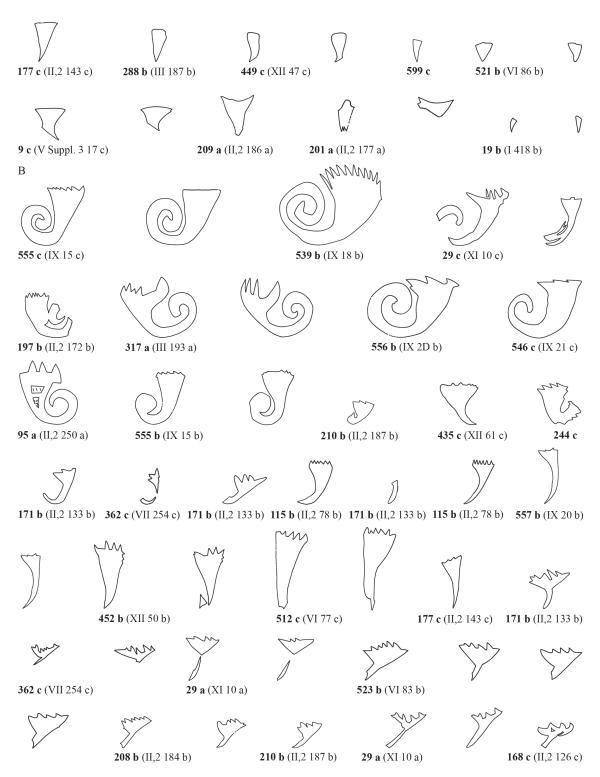
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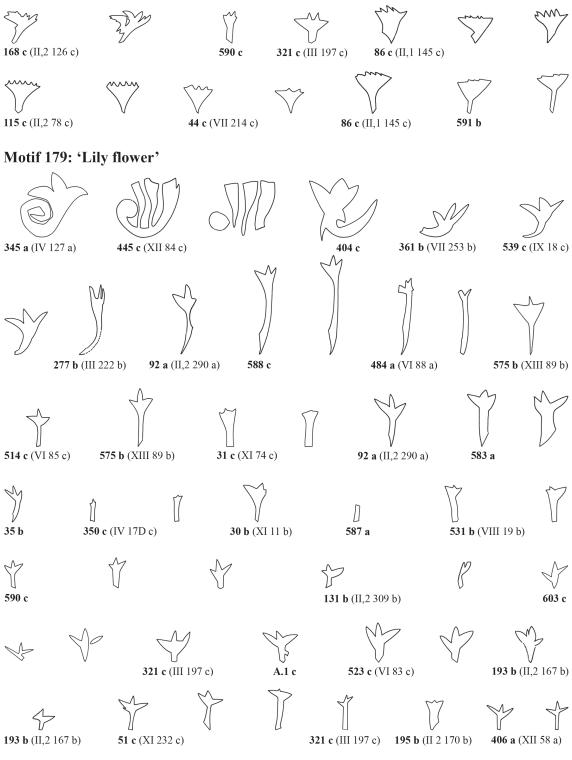
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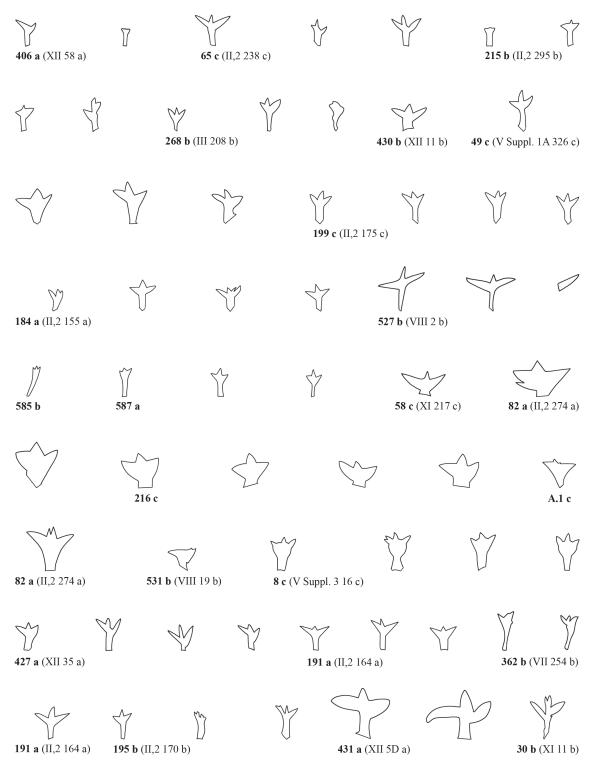
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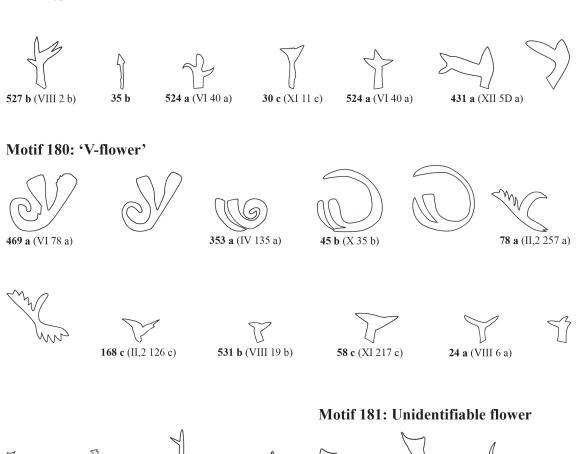


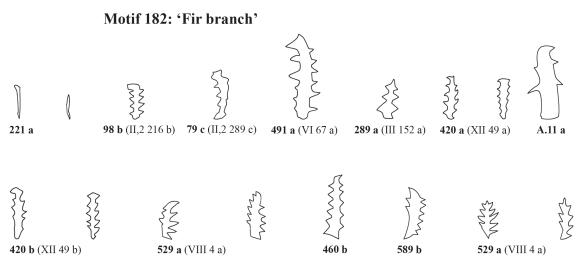










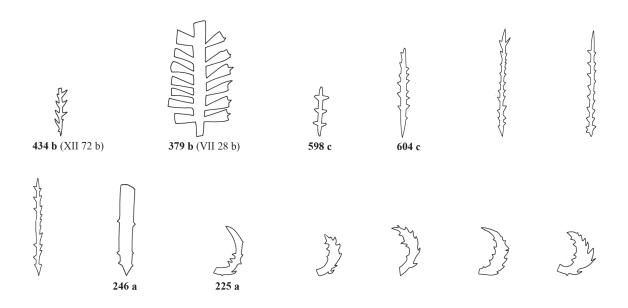


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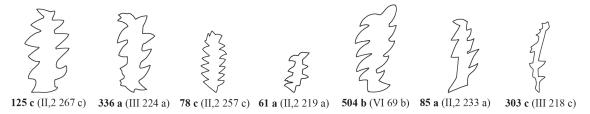
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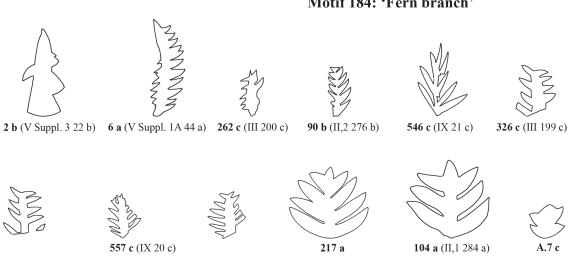
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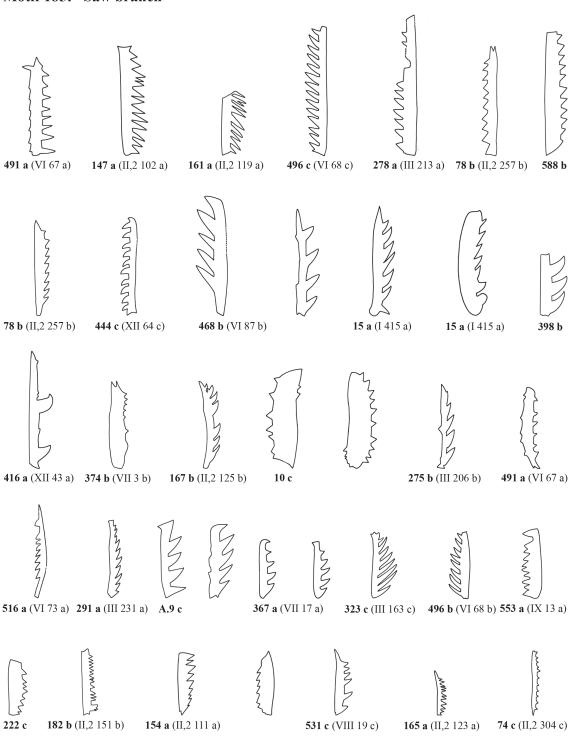
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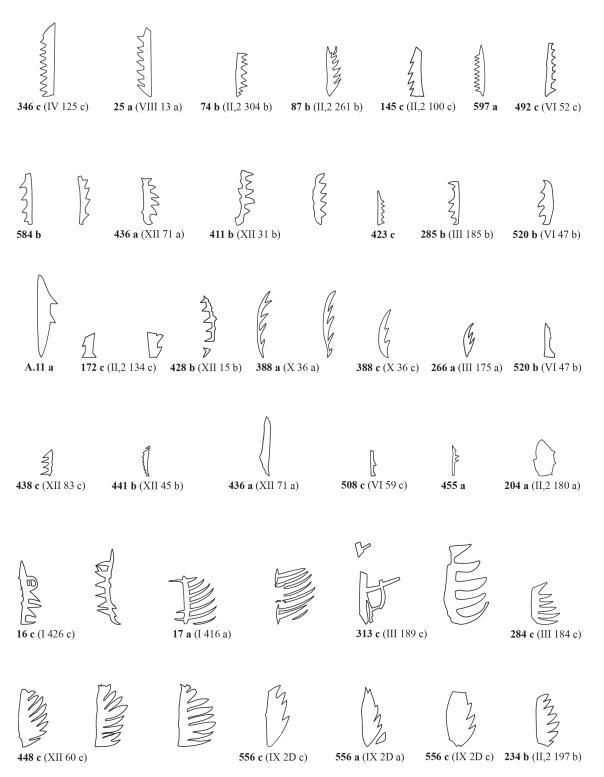


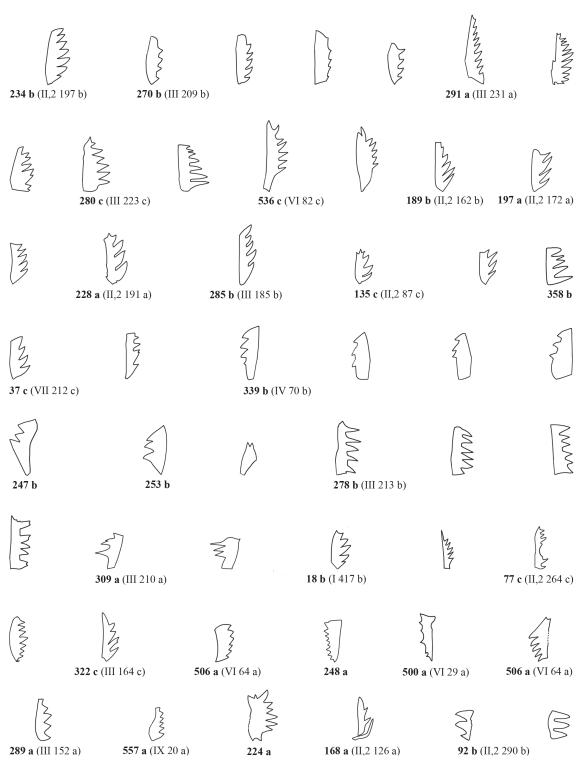
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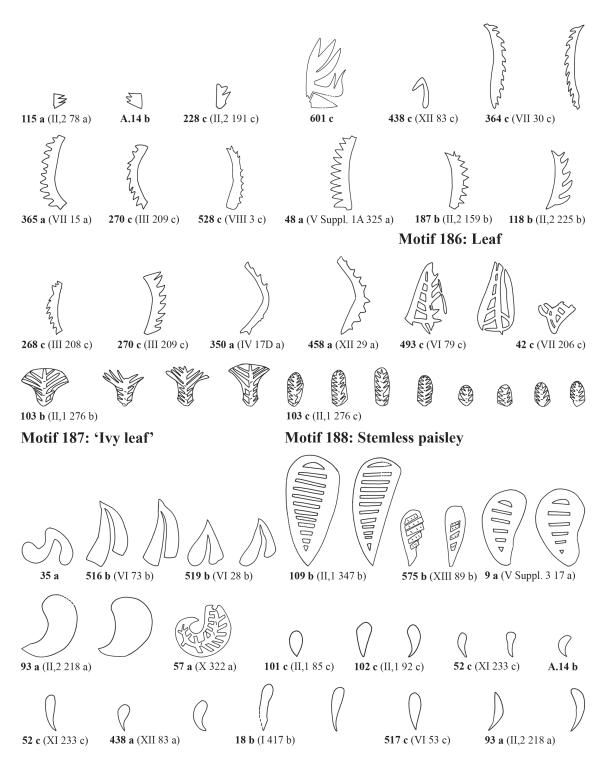


Motif 185: "Saw branch"





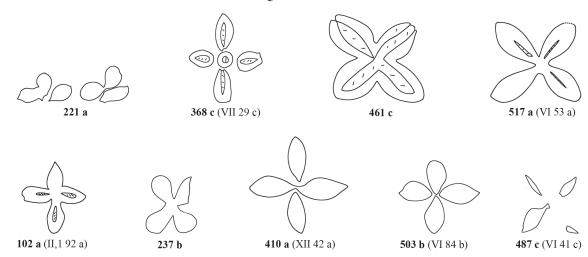


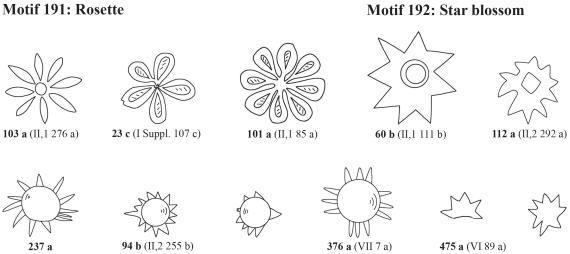


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Motif 189: Trefoil

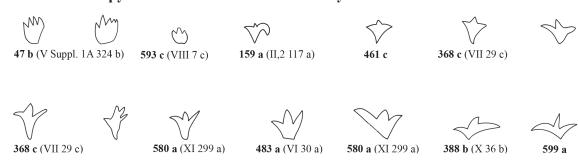
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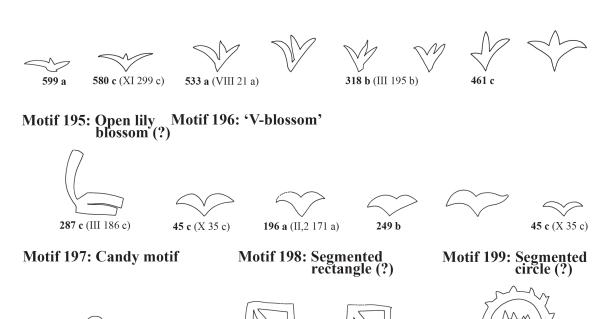


Motif 193: 'Papyrus blossom'

Motif 194: 'Lily blossom'



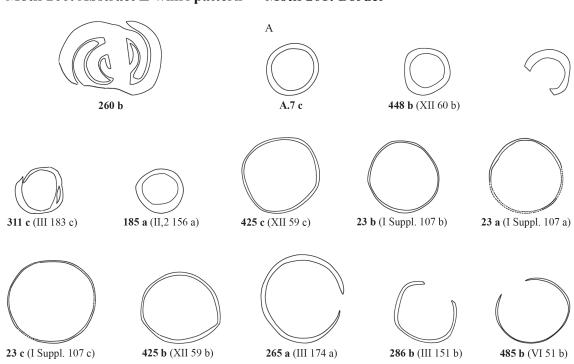
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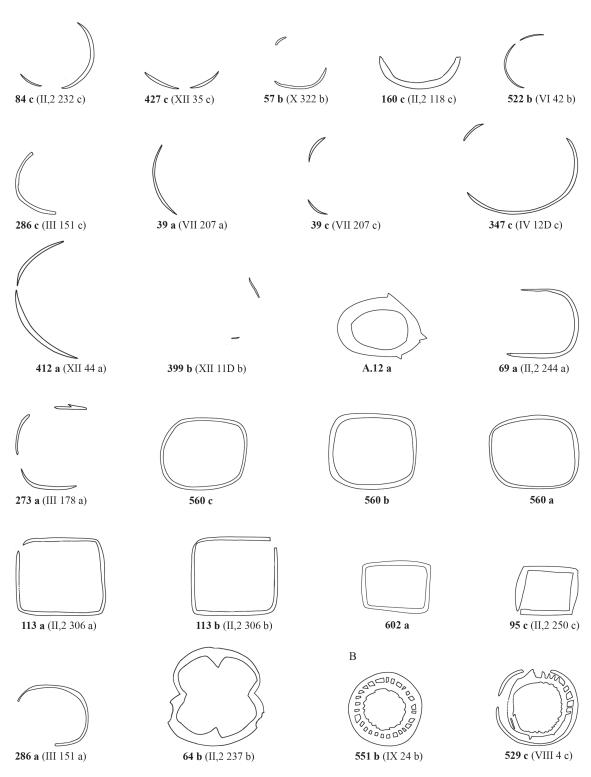


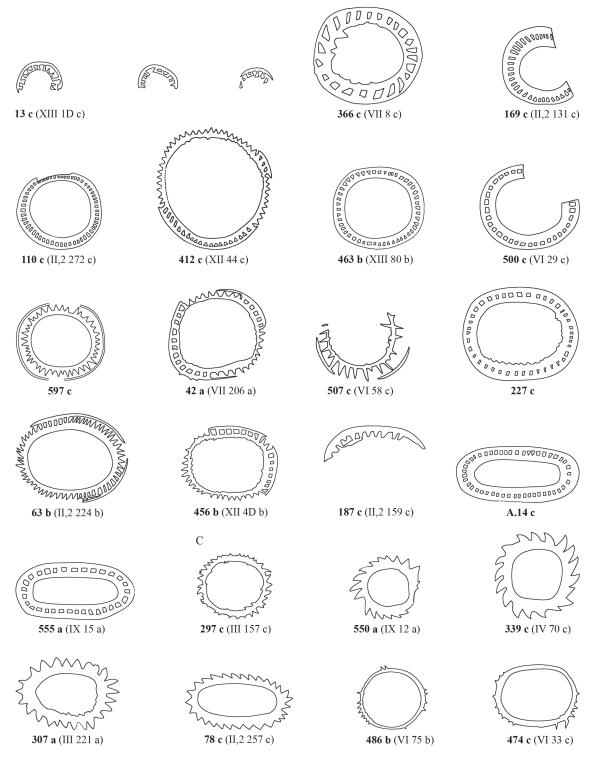
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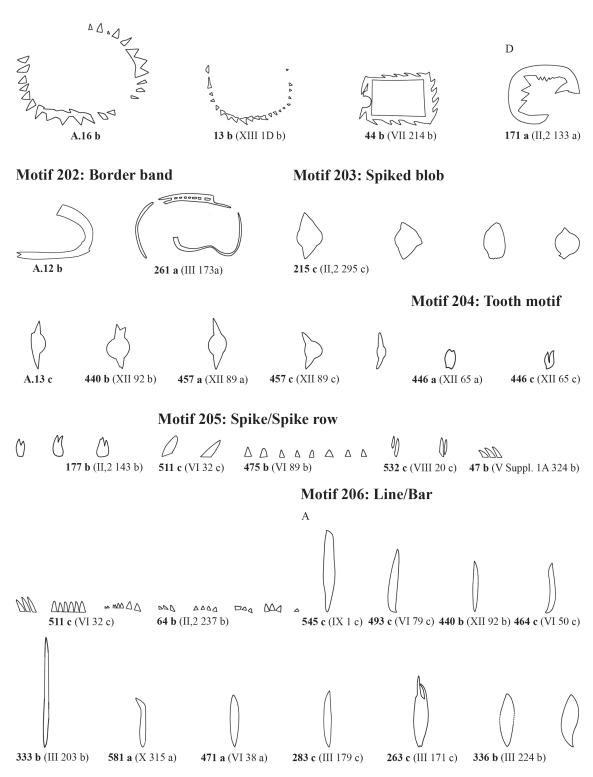
Motif 200: Abstract Z-whirl pattern Motif 201: Border

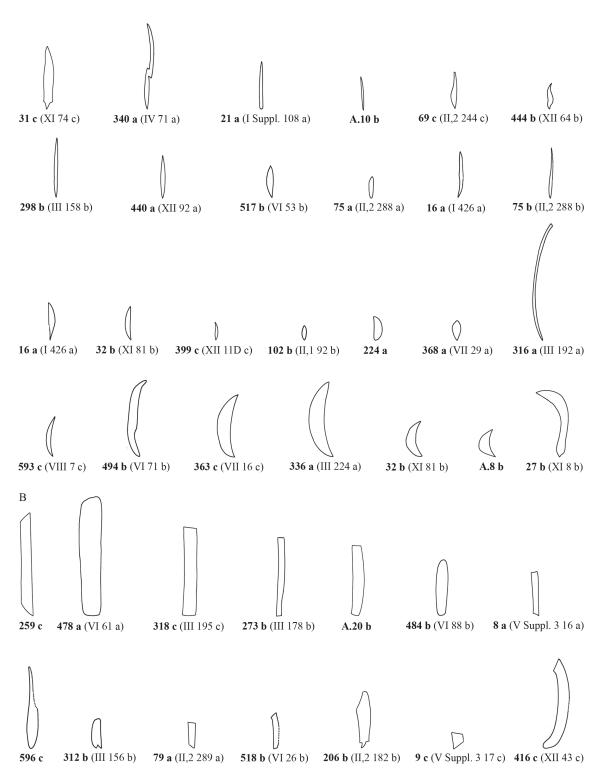
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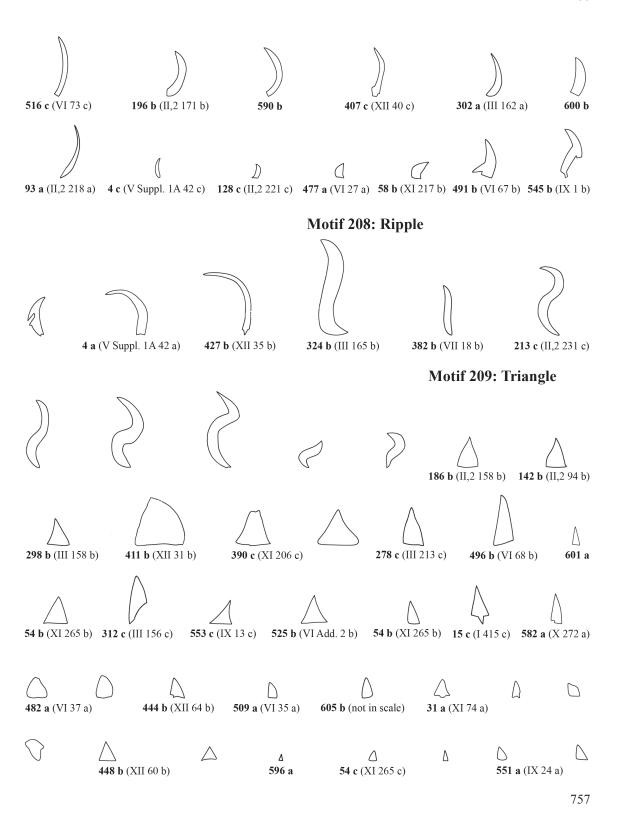


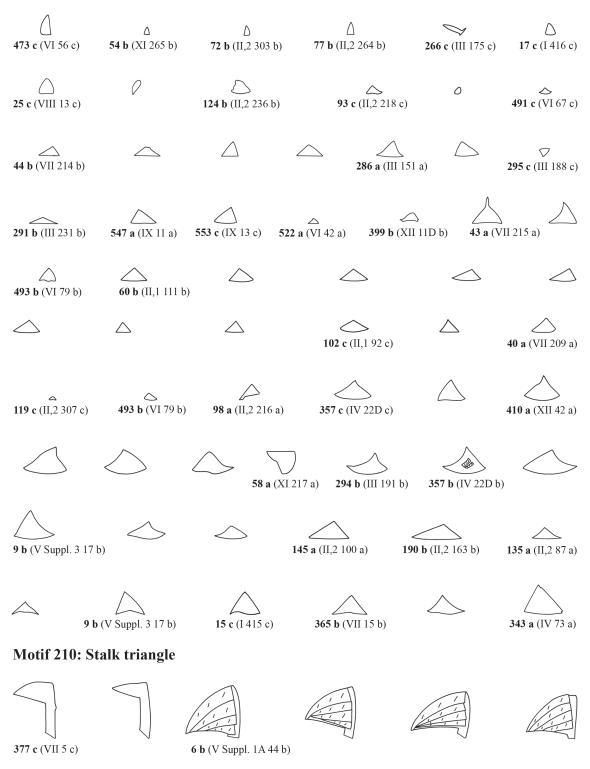




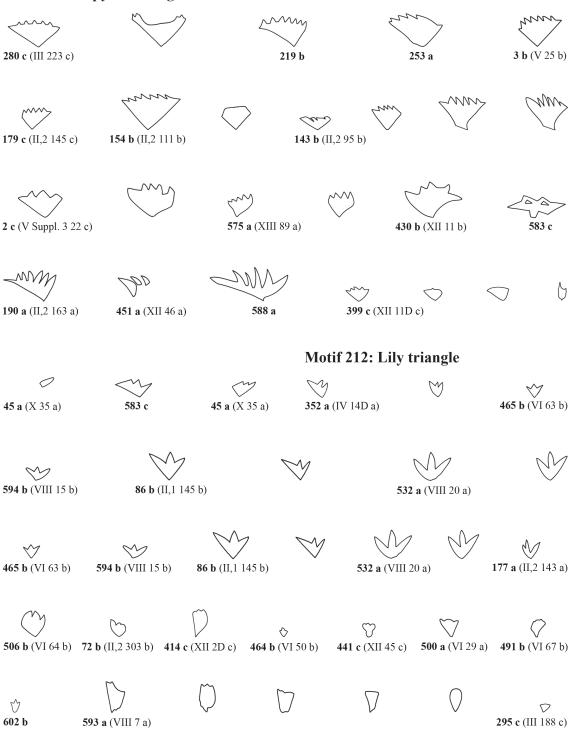
Motif 207: Wedge



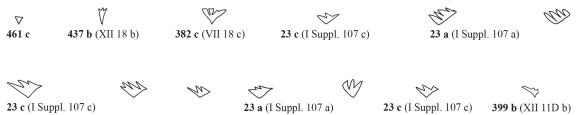




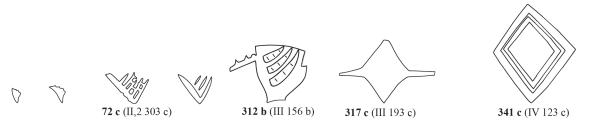
Motif 211: Papyrus triangle



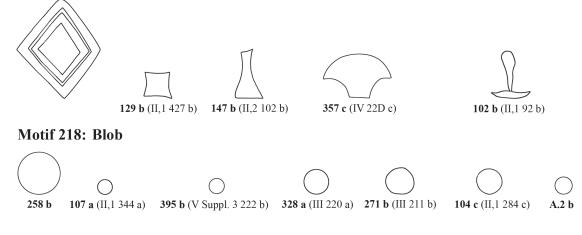
Motif 213: Hatched triangle



Motif 214: Lozenge



Motif 215: Trapezium Motif 216: Fan motif Motif 217: Inverted T



Motif 219: Disc Motif 220: Circle



Motif 221: Ellipse







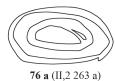




Motif 222: Grain ellipse

























Motif 223: Lunette







279 c (III 233 c)















536 c (VI 82 c)







Motif 224: C-spiral







102 b (II,1 92 b)



357 c (IV 22D c)



45 c (X 35 c)











Motif 225: Coil spiral











Motif 226: Centred-circle













Motif 227: Centred-lunette

























Motif 228: Chevron









































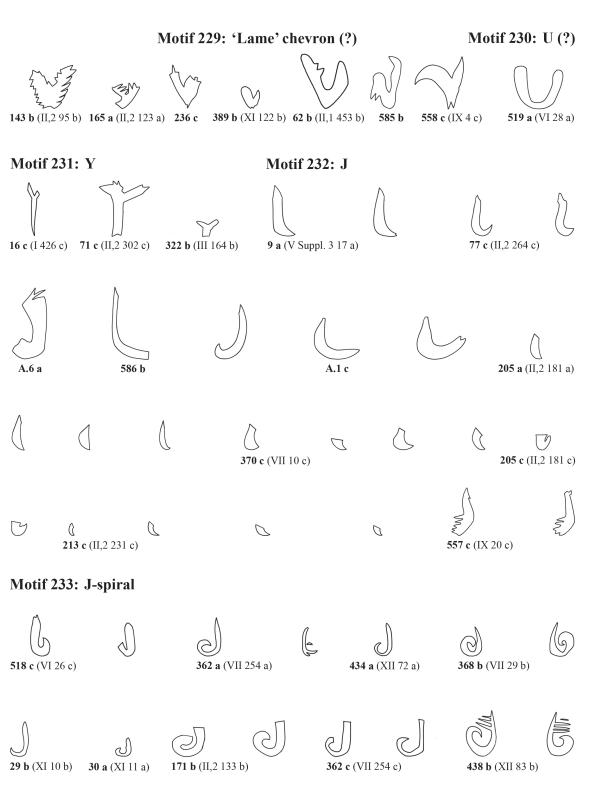




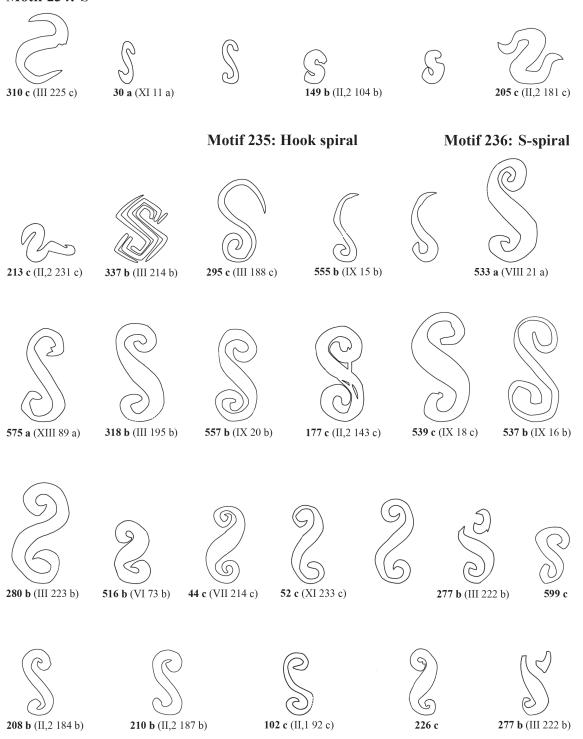


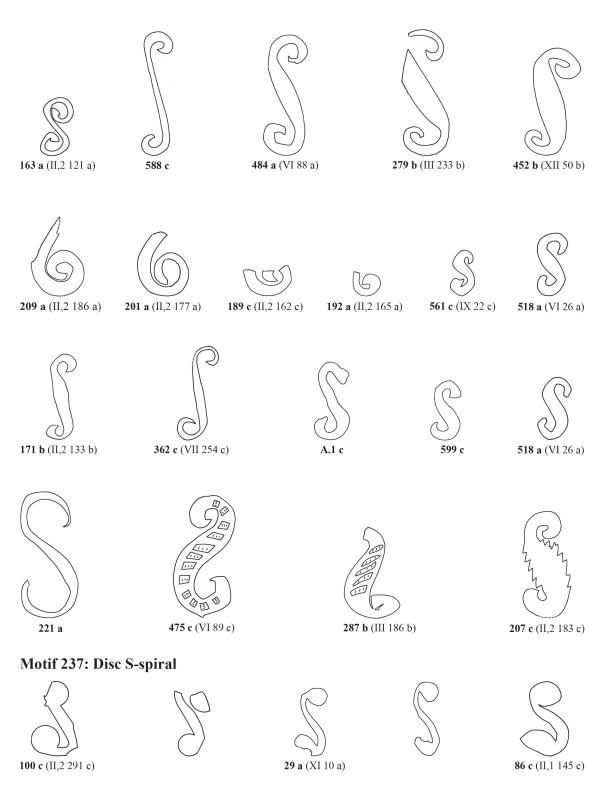


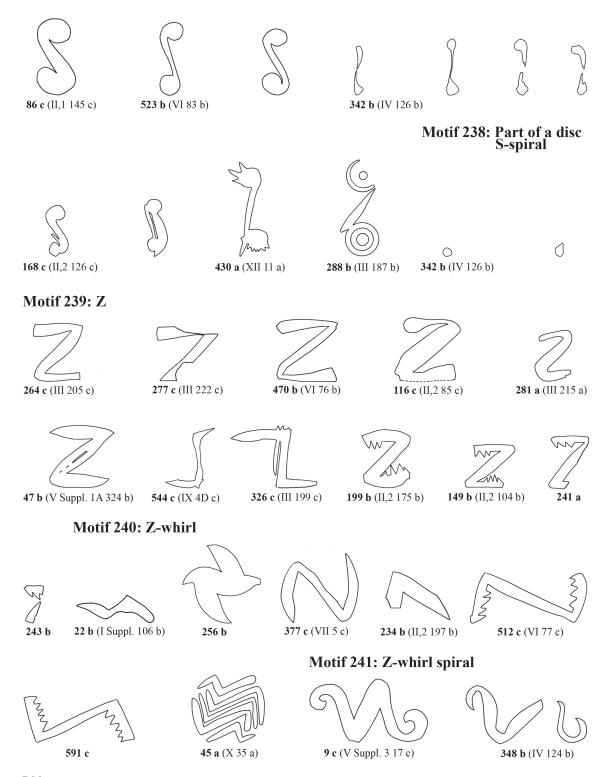
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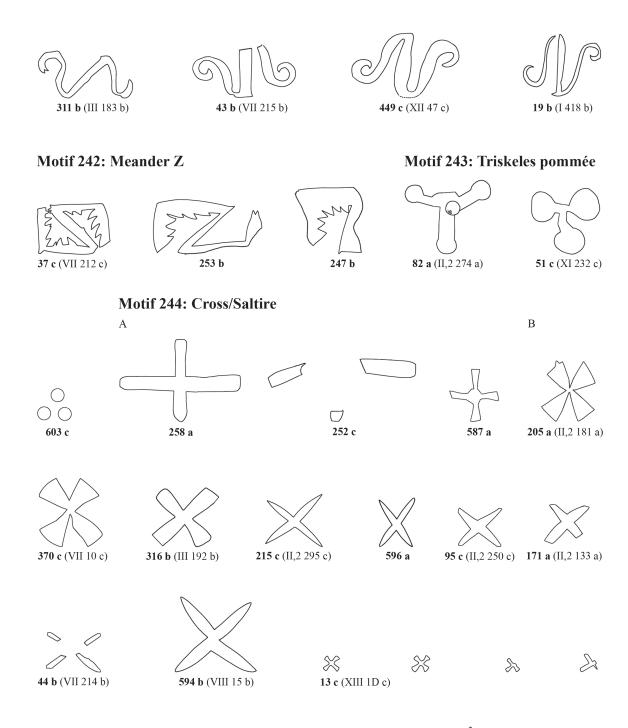


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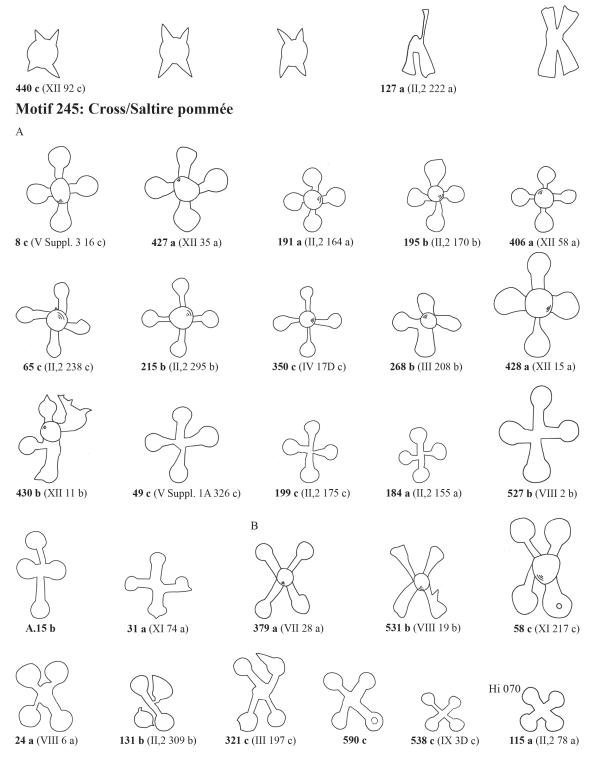




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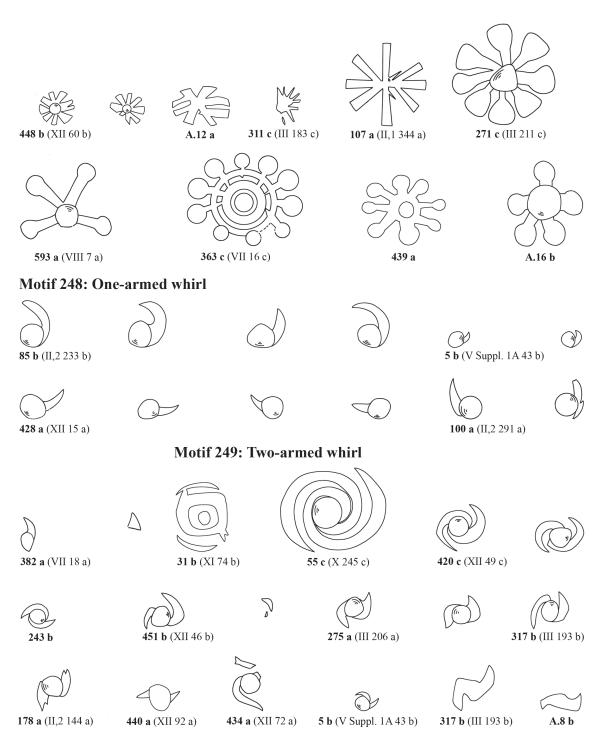
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327 a (III 232 a)



Motif 246: Star

Motif 247: Star pommée



Motif 250: Three-armed whirl Motif 251: Four-armed whirl A 402 c **420 c** (XII 49 c) **492** c (VI 52 c) **537 c** (IX 16 c) **482 c** (VI 37 c) **81 b** (II,2 214 b) **492** c (VI 52 c) **565 a** (IX 1D a) В **125 a** (II,2 267 a) **547 b** (IX 11 b) Motif 252: Four-armed whirl disc spiral Motif 253: Swastika A.17 c **407 a** (XII 40 a) 11 c **303 a** (III 218 a) **335** c (III 202 c) **578** c (XIII 140 c) **205 b** (II,2 181 b) A.20 c **108 a** (II,2 220 a) **99 a** (II,2 269 a) **158 b** (II,2 116 b) **89** c (II,2 259 c) **172 a** (II,2 134 a)

249 с

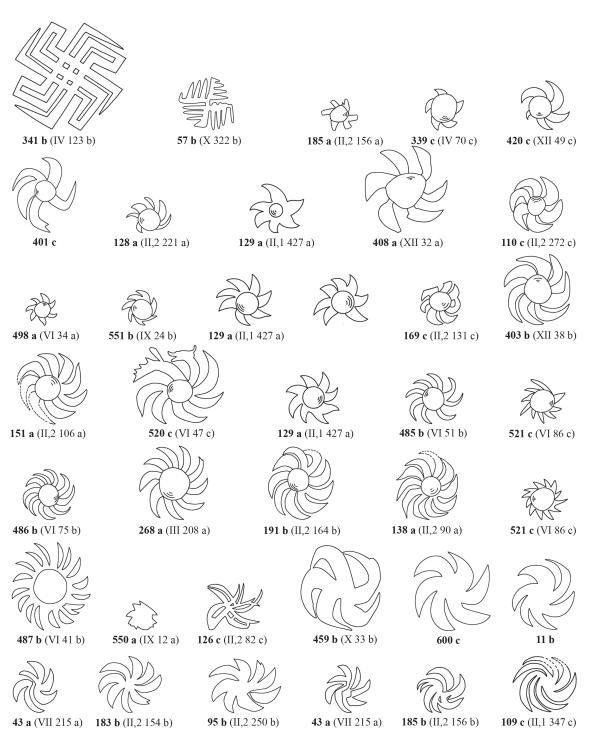
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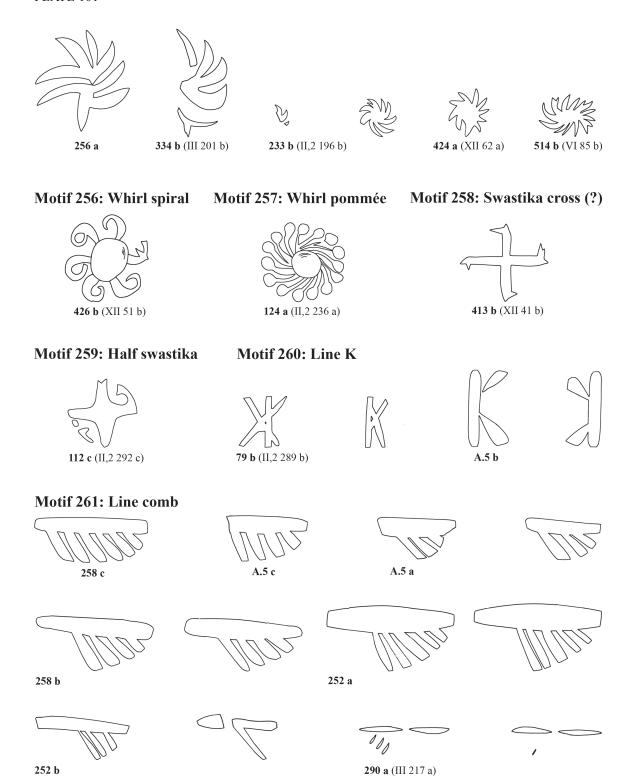
A.18 c

195 c (II,2 170 c)

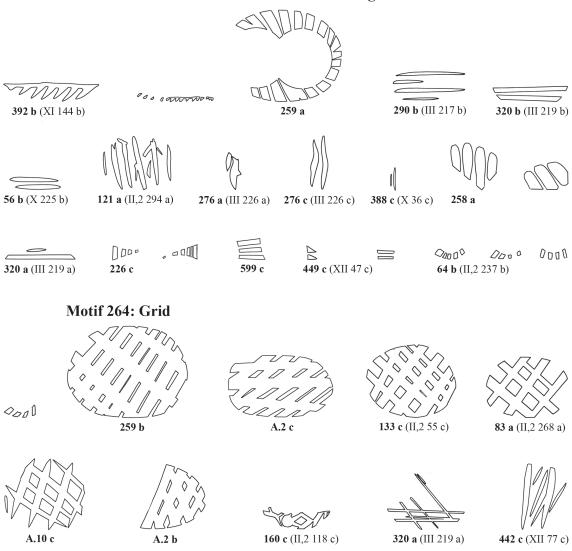
143 a (II,2 95 a)

Motif 254: Comb swastika Motif 255: Whirl

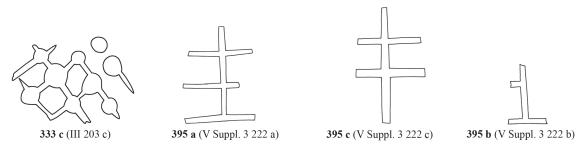




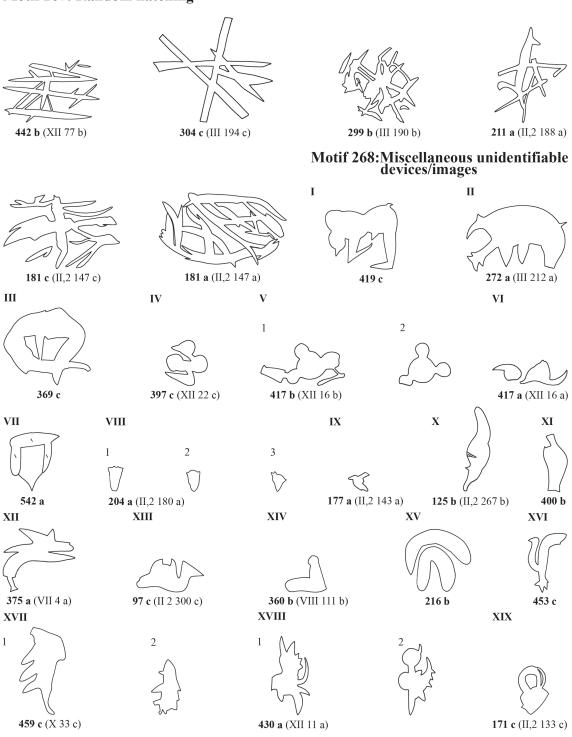
Motif 262: Radial hatching Motif 263: Parallels

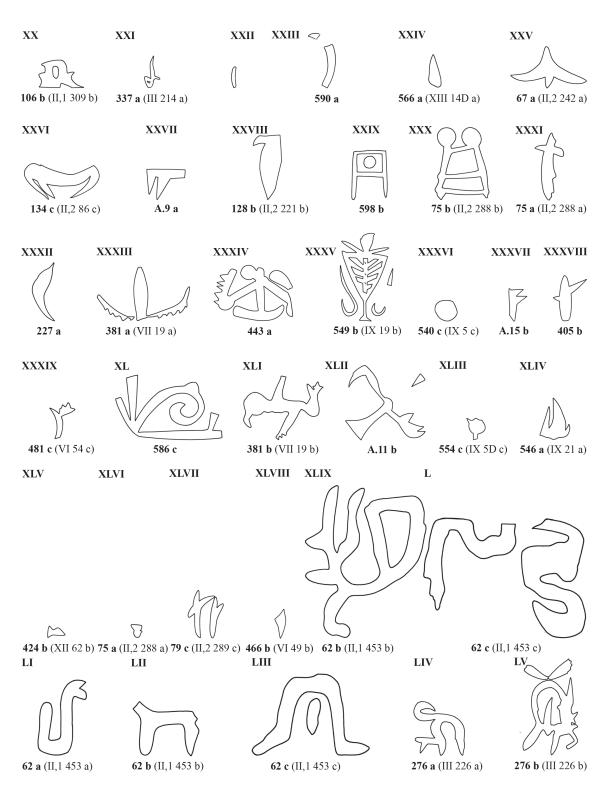


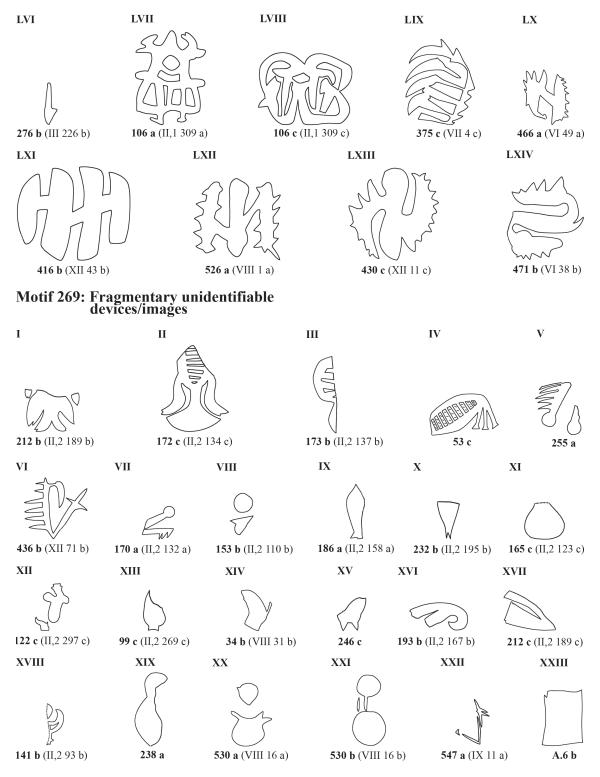
Motif 265: Disc grid Motif 266: Simple grid

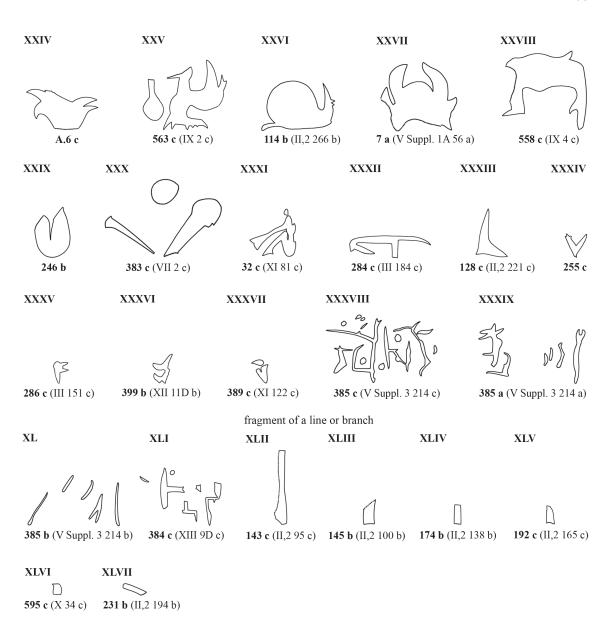


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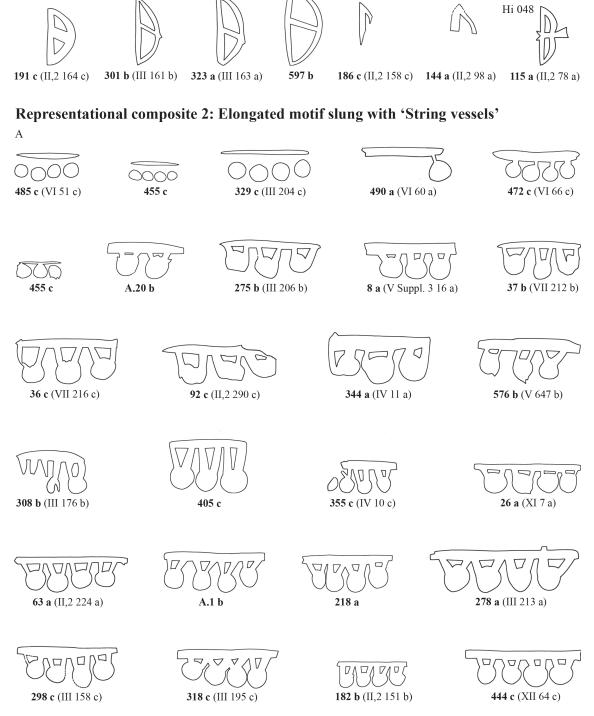


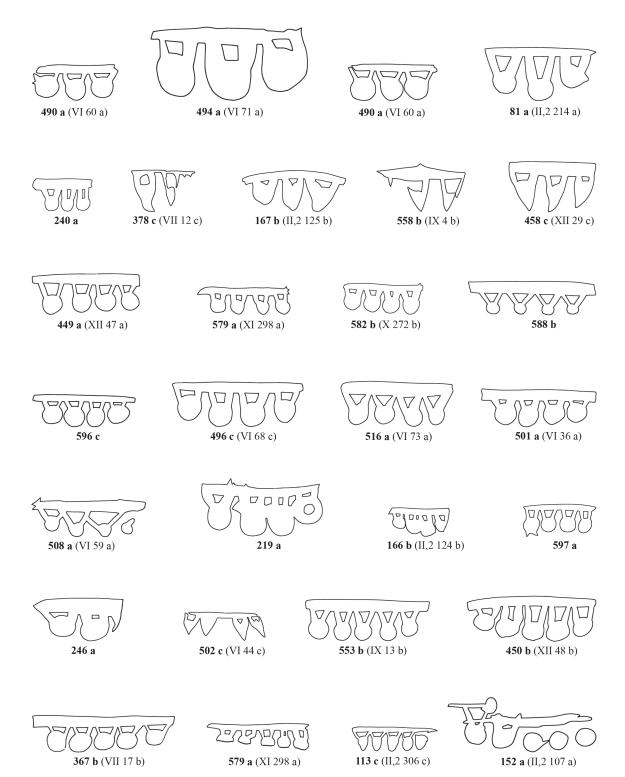


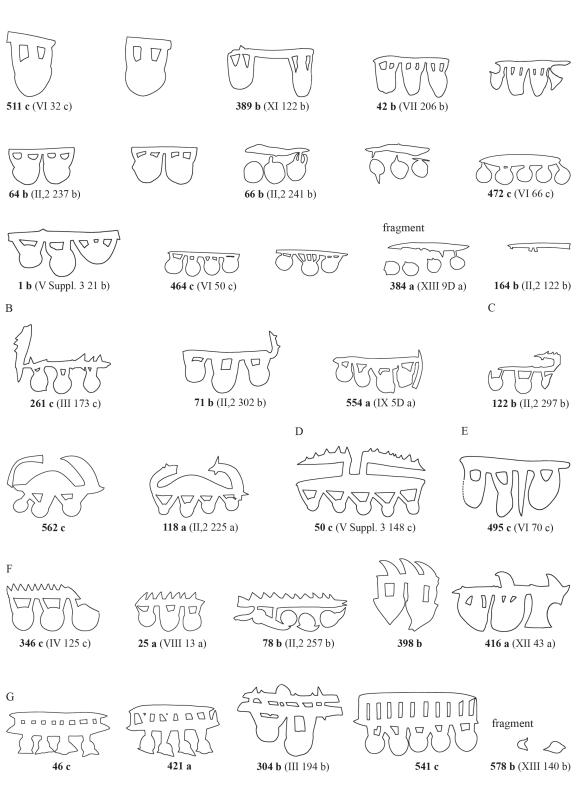




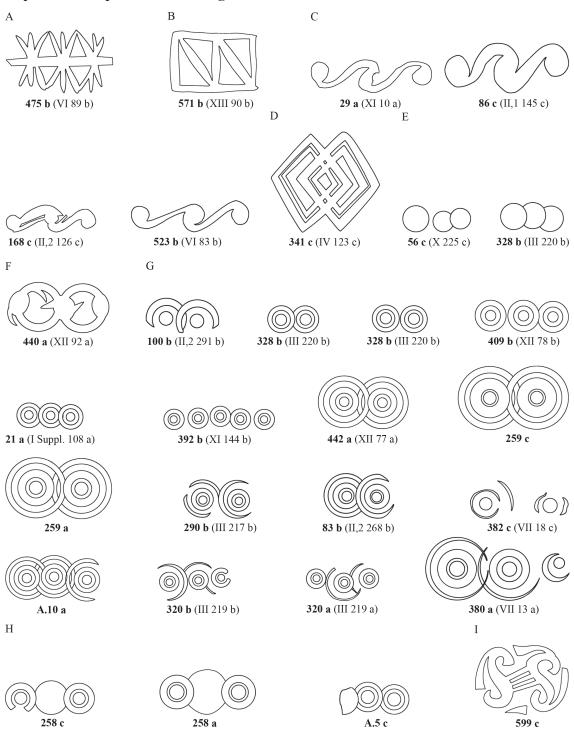
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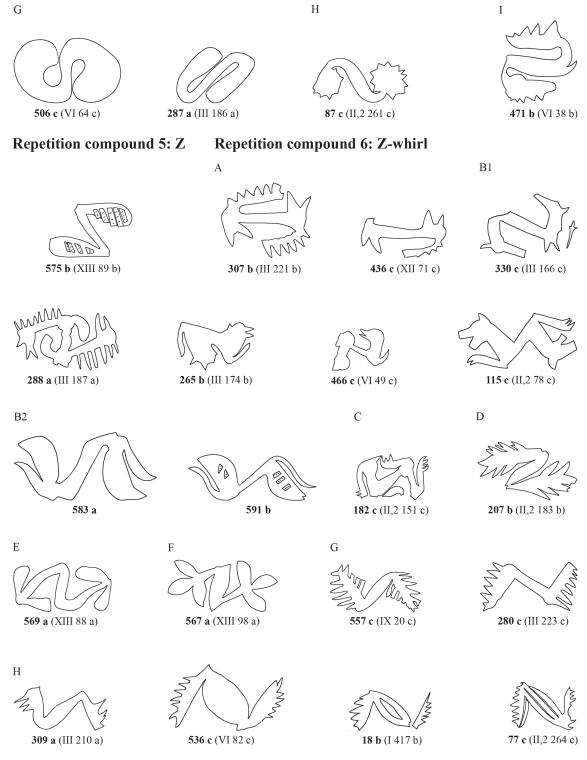




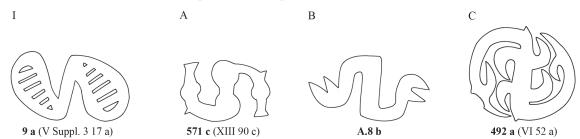
Repetition compound 1: Running ornament/Pair – Row



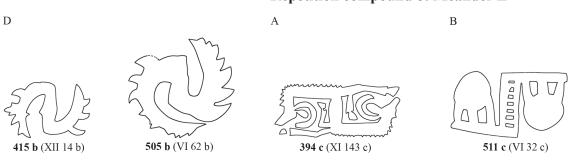
Repetition compound 4: S-whirl Repetition compound 2: Ellipse Repetition compound 3: Lunette A **109 b** (II,1 347 b) **393** c (XI 142 c) 402 c В **390 b** (XI 206 b) 218 с **270 a** (III 209 a) **410** c (XII 42 c) **80 a** (II,2 228 a) **391 a** (XI 141 a) **352 a** (IV 14D a) **373 a** (VII 6 a) C D A.19 c **296 a** (III 155 a) **418 a** (XII 12 a) **160 b** (II,2 118 b) Е 467 b (VI 57 b) **44 a** (VII 214 a) 226 b **A.**7 a

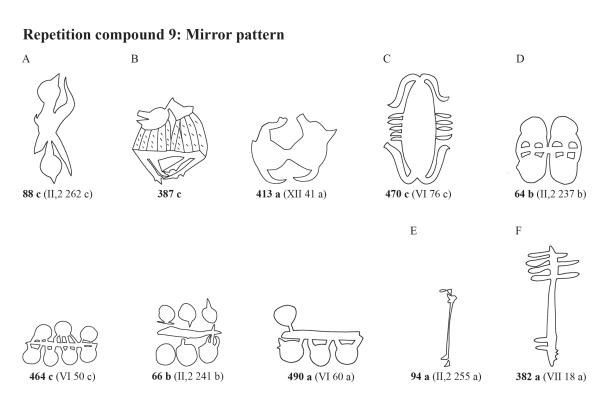


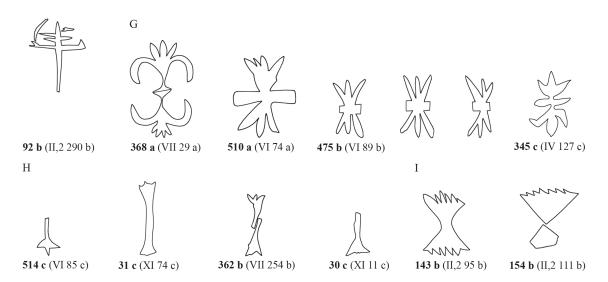
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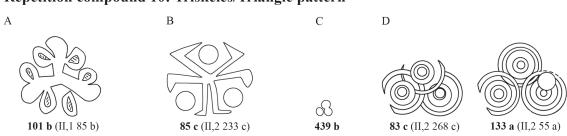
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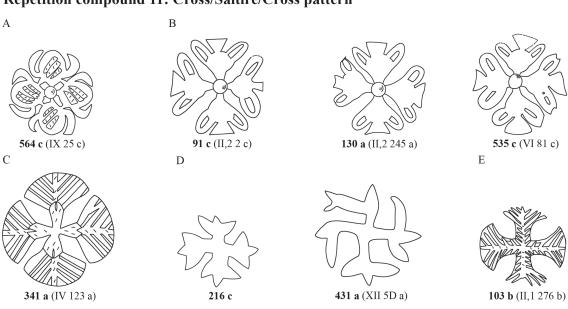


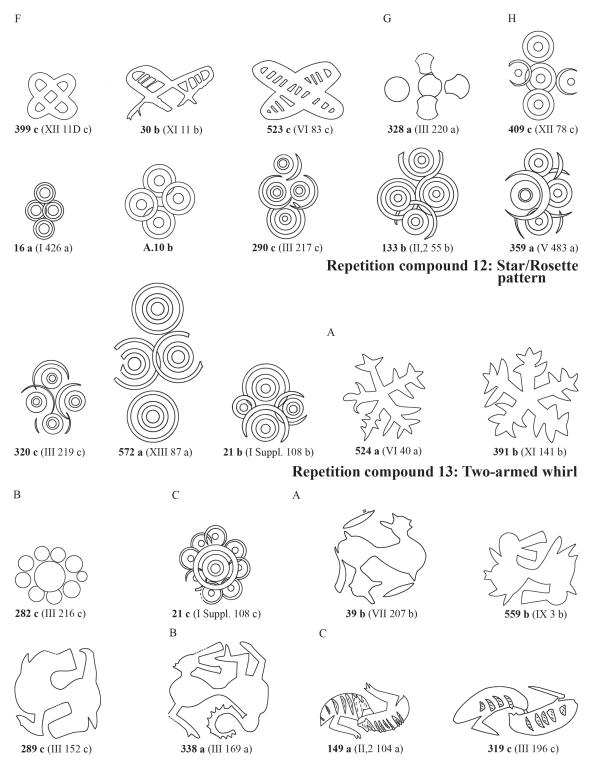


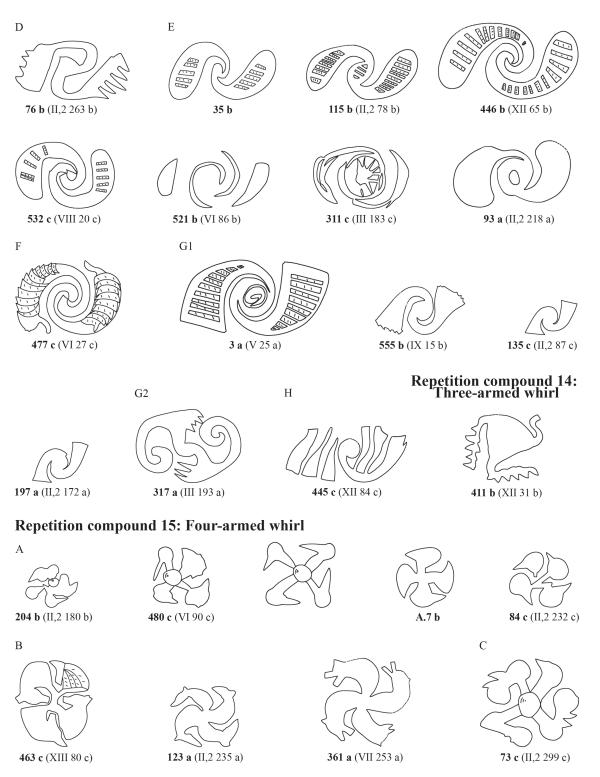
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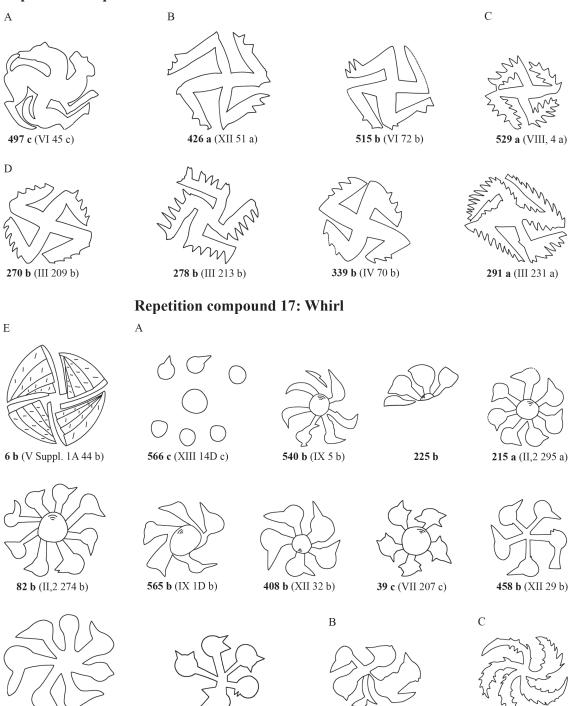
Repetition compound 11: Cross/Saltire/Cross pattern







Repetition compound 16: Swastika



20 b (I 419 b)

481 c (VI 54 c)

225 a

391 c (XI 141 c)

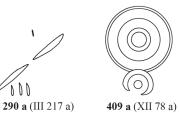
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Repetition compound 19: Miscellaneous repetition compounds

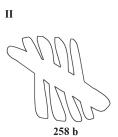


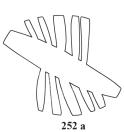
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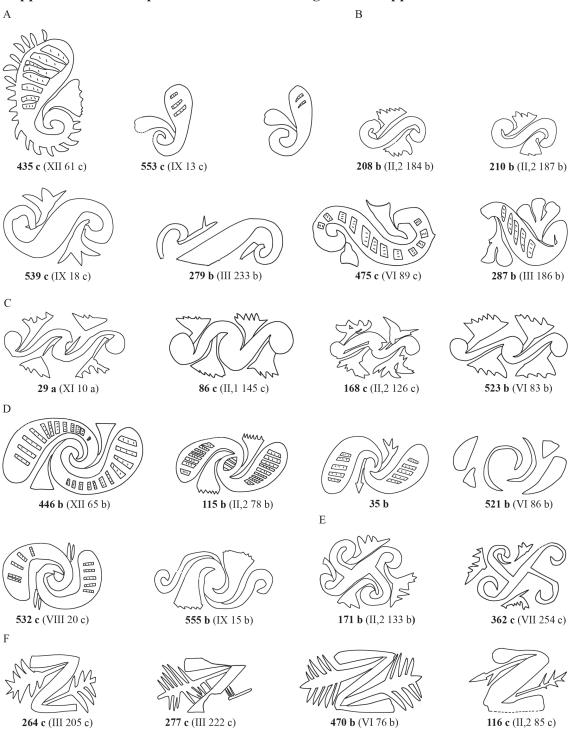


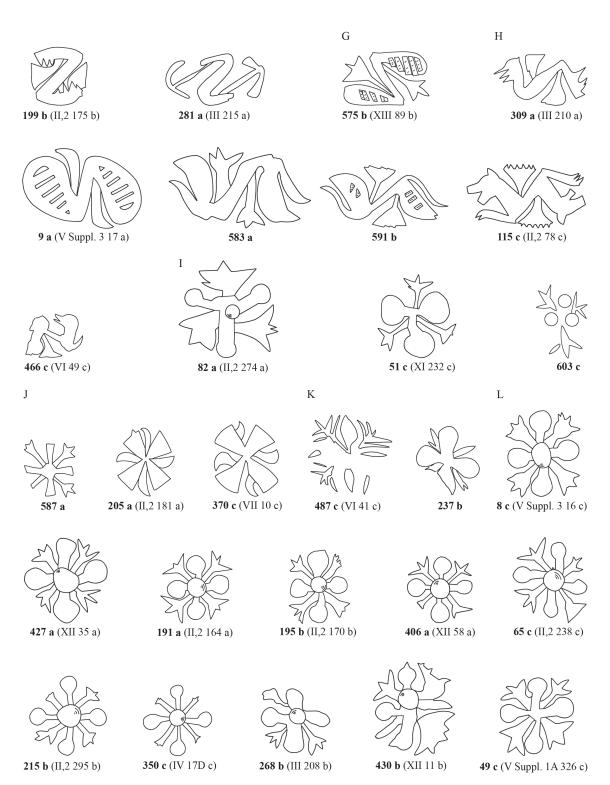


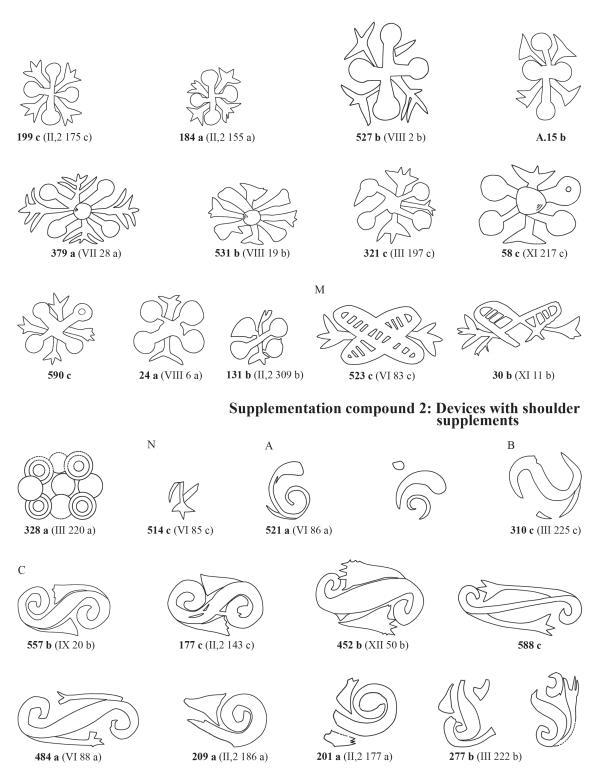


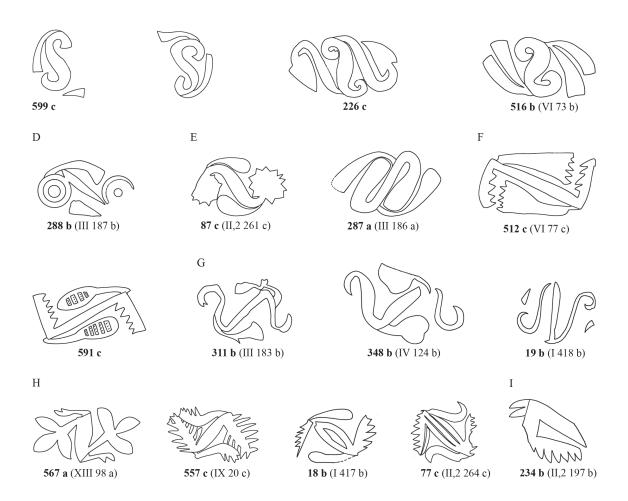
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Supplementation compound 1: Devices with angle/curve supplements





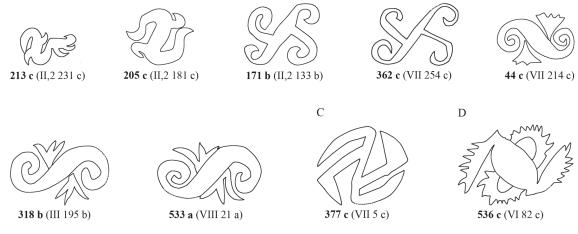




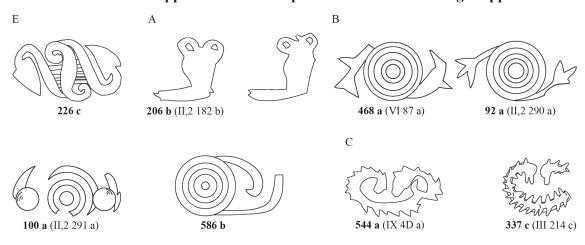
Supplementation compound 3: Devices with body supplements

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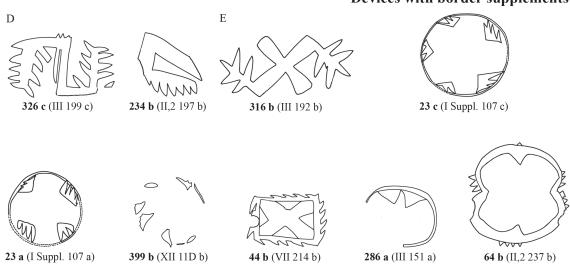
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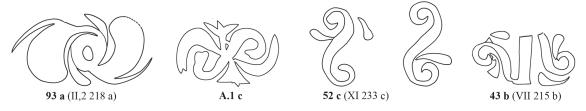
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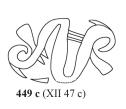


Supplementation compound 5: Devices with border supplements



Supplementation compound 6: Devices with more than one pair of supplements



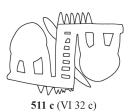










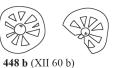


Border compound 1: Wheel

Border compound 2: Framed devices











D



171 a (II,2 133 a)

В





C





44 b (VII 214 b)

185 a (II,2 156 a)

160 c (II,2 118 **c**)

57 b (X, 322 b)

C-spiral roof compounds











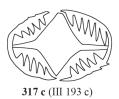
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30 c (XI 11 c)

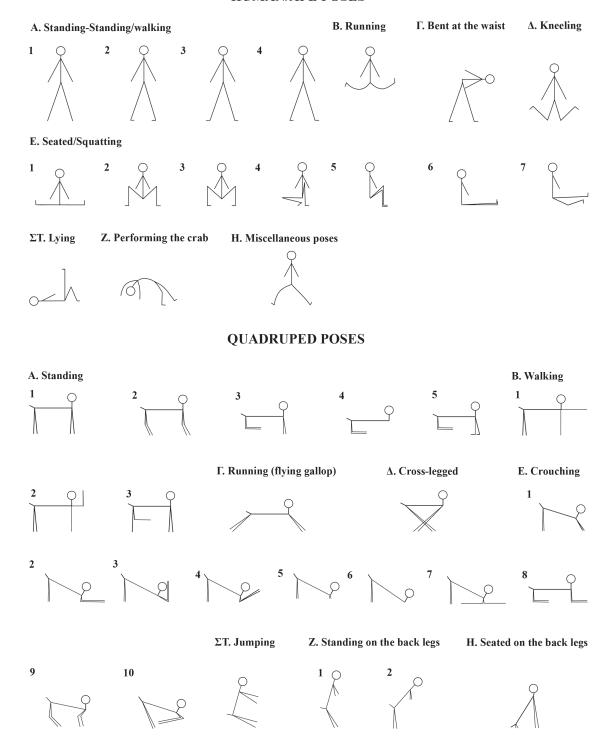


Miscellaneous composite devices



502 b (VI 44 b)

HUMAN/APE POSES



Θ. Seated

I. Seated/lying (inversion)















BIRD POSES

A. Standing



2

3



B. Walking

Γ. Seated

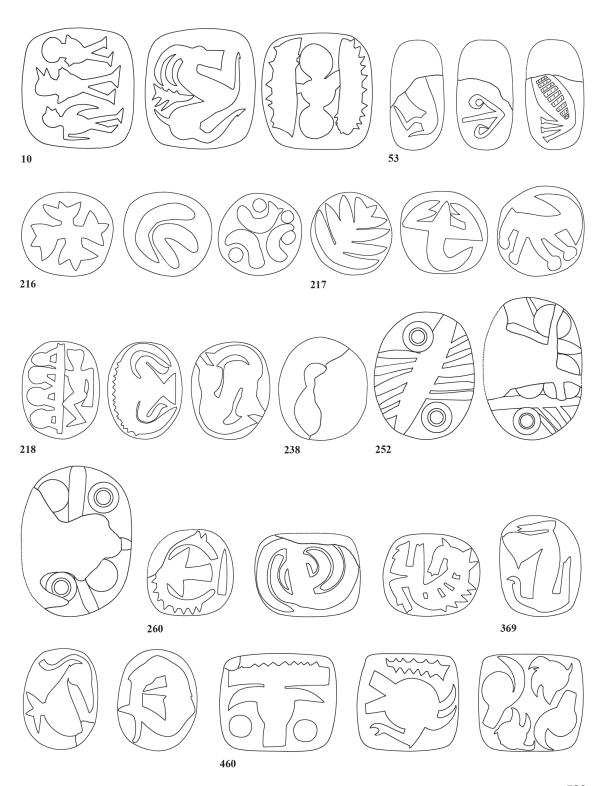
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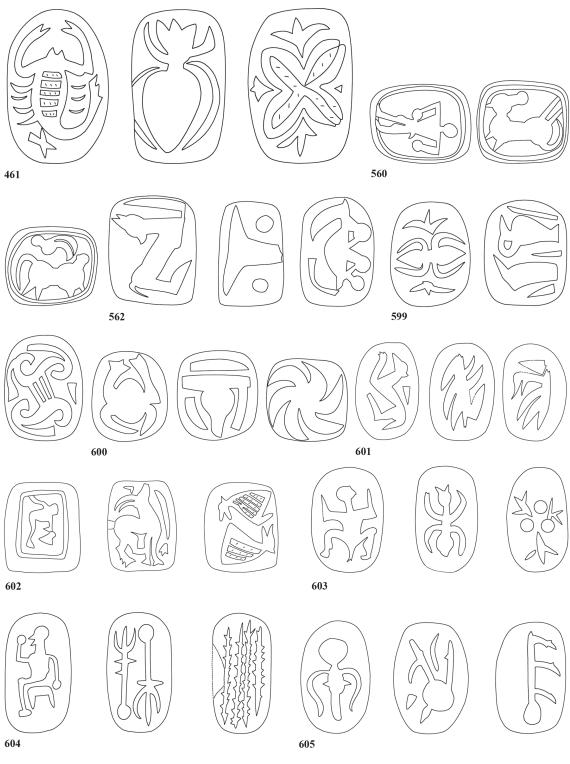
A. Flying











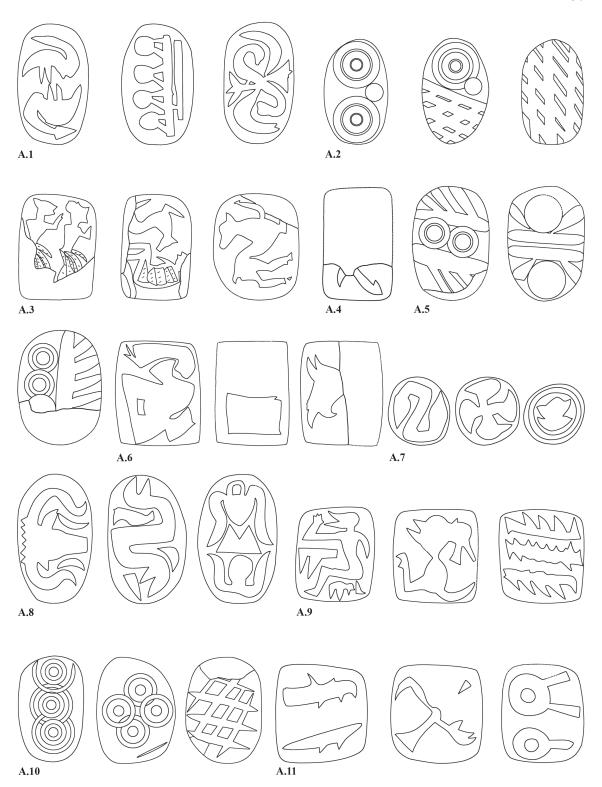
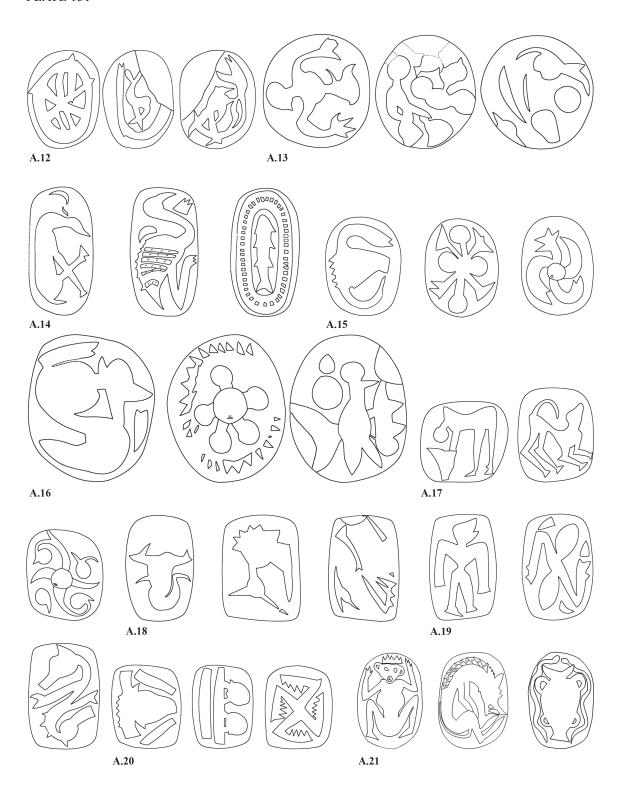


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