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Pre-form Blade

Mexico, before 16th century

Obsidian

height 19.1 cm; 7 1/2 in.

Provenance:

Collection of Salomon Hale (1897-1964);
thence by descent.

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Obsidian was carved into stone weapons in central Mexico from the Olmec period onwards. This pre-form blade is perhaps Aztec, but without finer finishing processes it is not possible to know the precise culture of origin.

Comparanda:



New York, Metropolitan Museum of Art,
00.5.1046.



New York, Metropolitan Museum of Art,
00.5.1044.