

Basic Detail Report



Vessel

Date

100-500 CE

Primary Maker

West Mexican Shaft Tomb

Medium

Ceramic and pigment

Description

Ceramic gadrooned tripod vessel, Colima shaft tomb culture. Burnished red slip with manganese dioxide (black) deposits. Vessel rests on three parrot supports. Vessel in the Form of a Gourd. Pumpkins and similar gourds were very important to the cultures of modern-day West Mexico who created ceramics mimicking their rounded, lobed shape. Theories about this vessel suggest that it may have symbolized or helped assure a plentiful harvest, what we know for certain is that its owner felt it was important enough to bring to their next life.

Dimensions

8 5/16 × 14 3/4 in. (21.2 × 37.5 cm)