Asia-China-Coin-Flat Handled Spade Money-Type 5, Three Hole Spades.

Holes in the handle and feet, round handle, round shoulders, and round feet-

two sizes are found. The larger size has the inscription兩*Liang* on the reverse; the smaller十二朱, *shi* *er zhu* (12 *zhu*).As the *Liang* unit of weight was divided into 24 *zhu*, clearly the two sizes represent denominations of a “one" and of a “half." They also have series numbers on the handle on the reverse. Like the Round Foot Spades, it is not definitely established which State issued them. Their find spots are in eastern Shanxi and Hebei. The mint names are cities that were occupied by both Zhong Shan and Zhao. All coins of this type are exceedingly rare.

Very rare Flat Handled Spade Money-Type 5, Three Hole Spades, Qián Fàn, 钱范 (money cast), obv. 安陽(陌) Anyang, length 16.6 cm / 6.54 in., width 5.7 cm. / 2.24 in. Ref.: Harthill 3.47. Rarity 1 for currency. This cast is possibly unique. Hence, rarity 0.



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