A000-Eur-Bulgaria-Stara Zagora-Bust with Punctures-Ceramic-6th Millennium BCE-Neolithic 

Case No.: 1

**Accession Number: A000**

**Formal Label: Bulgaria** Neolithic Ceramic Idol 6th Millennium BCE

**Display Description:** These Stara Zagora heads are unique and represent the differentiation of communities as they expressed their singular artistic and mythological ideas in ceramics (Gaul 1948).

**LC Classification:**  GN776.B9

**Date or Time Horizon:** 6th Millennium BCE

**Geographical Area:** Stara Zagora, Bulgaria



Fig. 2. Map of location of Stara Zagora, Bulgaria. From http://latitude.to/lat/42.42604/lng/25.63356

GPS coordinates: 42º25'33.74" N 25º38'0.81" E



Fig. 3. Neolithic House, Stara Zagora regional Historical Museum, Bulgaria. http://www.getmetravelled.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Neolithic-Dwellings-Museum\_Stara\_Zagora\_Bulgaria.jpg

**Cultural Affiliation:** Neolithic.

**Medium:** Original, ceramic; replica is made of a ceramic material and painted with special varnish and paint.

**Dimensions: H** 51 mm; W 44 mm. **Weight: 14 gm**

**Provenance:** This is a restored reproduction. The original is in the Stara Zagora regional Historical Museum

**Condition:** Museum replica.

**Discussion:**

The original wasfound in the ruins of a Neolithic settlement in the region of Stara Zagora,.

**References:**

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