A000-Eur-Czech Rep-Venus from Petřkovice, Silesia-18,000 BCE

 

Figs. 1-2. **Eur-Czech Rep-Venus from Petřkovice, Silesia-18,000 BCE**

**Case No.: 1**

**Accession No.**

**Formal Label: Eur-Czech Rep-Venus from Petřkovice, Silesia-18,000 BCE**

**Display Description:**

The **Venus of Petřkovice** ([Czech](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czech_language): *Petřkovická venuše* or *Landecká venuše*) is a [Venus figurine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Venus_figurines), a [mineral](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mineral) [statuette](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statue) of a nude female figure, dated to about 23,000 [BCE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_Era) ([Gravettian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gravettian) [industry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archaeological_industry)), which was found within the current city limits of [Ostrava](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ostrava) (Ostrava-Petřkovice), [Silesia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silesia), the [Czech Republic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czech_Republic). It is now in the Archeological Institute, [Brno](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brno).

It was found by archaeologist Bohuslav Klima on 14 July 1953. It was found beneath  a   mammoth molar at the ancient settlement of  mammoth hunters. Many stone artifacts and skeletal fragments were found nearby.

The statue is a headless torso of a body of a woman carved from iron ore ([hematite](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hematite)). Uniquely, the absence of the head appears to be the author's intention. Also, unlike other prehistoric Venus figurines, it shows a slender young woman or girl with small breast.[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Venus_of_Pet%C5%99kovice#cite_note-2)

**LC Classification:**

**Date or Time Horizon:**

**Geographical Area:**

**Map:**

**GPS coordinates:**

**Cultural Affiliation:**

**Media:**

**Dimensions:** 4.5 x 1.5 x 1.4 cm

**Weight:**

**Condition: professional cast resin replica of Venus from Petřkovice, Silesia**

**Provenance:**

**Discussion:**

**References:**

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 [Ice Age Art: Arrival of the Modern Mind](http://www.britishmuseum.org/whats_on/exhibitions/ice_age_art.aspx?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=Biog&utm_campaign=Ice%2BAge%2BArt)