Dis-Eur-Venus-Bulgaria-Stara Zagora-Neolithic-Ceramic Figurine Standing Female-5000 BCE



**Formal Label:** Bulgaria, Stara Zagora, Female Figurine

**Accession Number:**

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

**Geographical Area:** Stara Zagora, Bulgaria

**Cultural Affiliation:** Neolithic

**Medium:** **terracotta colored with charcoal and red ochre, Fe2O3.**

**Dimensions:**

**Weight:**

**Provenance:** Archaeological Museum in Stara Zagora

**Condition: Museum Replica**

**Discussion:** This figurine dates to the beginning of farming in central Europe and the red ochre geometric markings probably emulated the shape of tattoos or body paint. The production of ceramic figurines indicates that Stara Zagora was a sedentary society in which there was expendable time for producing ceramic amulets such as this presumably for individuals.

**References:**

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