



LARGE PLATE

Egypt
Early Dynastic Period/Old Kingdom, 3150-2182 BC
Banded Alabaster
Height 27 cm

The large dish has thin walls, the exterior is convex with a slightly flattened base. The rim of the dish is curved inwards with the upper part slightly rounded and on the interior of the base is a circular groove.

Vases that were part of funerary equipment like this example, first appeared around the third millennium BC. Cylindrical vessels, with or without rope decoration, have been found since the Predynastic Period.

PROVENANCE

Former private collection France; private collection Germany, acquired in 2009 at Drouot

LITERATURE

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