

30. Leo IV to Irene (775-802).

Leo IV (775-780).

Constantinople; 40 nummi.

D. O. Class 1 (776-778). No obverse legend.

Facing busts of Leo IV and Constantine VI, bearded and beardless respectively, each wearing crown and chlamys.

Facing busts of Leo III and Constantine V, each wearing crown and loros, between **B** and **A**; all above **M** between **X** and **N**, **A** beneath.



30.1.
D. O. 4.
3.65 gms. 180.
32.84.¹



30.2.*
D. O. 5.
1.85 gms. 180.
280.89.



D. O. Class 2 (778-780). No obverse legend.

Leo IV and Constantine VI enthroned facing, bearded and beardless respectively, each wearing crown and chlamys.

Facing busts of Leo III and Constantine V, wearing crown and loros, two pellets in left and right fields; all above **M** between **X** and **N**, **A** beneath.

30.3.
D. O. 6.
4.69 gms. 180.
122.86.



Syracuse; 40 nummi.

D. O. 8 (778-780). No obverse legend.

Leo IV and Constantine VI enthroned facing, bearded and beardless respectively, each wearing crown and chlamys.

Facing busts of Leo III and Constantine V, each wearing crown and loros; **CIK'** below.

30.4.
Sp. 338.
2.64 gms. 180.
482.95.



Constantine VI (780-797).

D. O. Class 1 (780-790). No obverse legend.

Facing busts of Constantine VI and Irene; the first wears a crown and chlamys and holds a globus cruciger, the second wears a crown with pinnacles and loros and holds a cross sceptre.

Facing busts of Constantine V, Leo III and Leo IV each wearing crown and chlamys, three pellets in each of right and left fields; all above **M** between **X** and **N**, **A** beneath.

30.5.
D. O. 6.
2.52 gms. 150.
334a.90.



D. O. Class 2 (792-797). No obverse legend.

Facing bust of Irene wearing crown with pinnacles and loros and holding a globus cruciger and cross sceptre.

Facing bust of Constantine VI wearing crown and chlamys and holding a globus cruciger, with cross and pellet in left field and pellet in right; all above M between X and N, A below.

30.6.
D. O. 7.
2.72 gms. 180.
935.04.²



30.7.
D. O. 7.
2.58 gms. 180.
21.83.



Irene (797-802).

D. O. 2 (797-802). ΕΙΡΗ ΠΗΒΑΣΙ.

Facing bust of Irene wearing crown with pinnacles, with cross between, and loros; and holding a globus cruciger and akakia.

M between X/X/X and N/N/N, A beneath.

30.8.
5.76 gms. 200.
190.87.



REFERENCES AND GENERAL NOTES

30.2. The coin, with its reduced flan and low weight, may be a half follis (see D. O., Volume 3, Part 1, p. 326 for Grierson's arguments in favour of such an interpretation). It lacks the B A on the reverse of the counterpart follis.

Constantine VI and Irene.

These rulers struck copper coins only in the form of Constantinople folles. Hence, the entries above are somewhat abbreviated.

¹ Spink Numismatic Circular, May 1987, list no. 3008.

² Coincraft, February 2004.