

Leo III, Artavasdus and Constantine V

29. Leo III, Artavasdus and Constantine V (717-775)

Leo III (717-741)

Constantinople 40; 20 and 10 nummi

DOC Class 1 (717-718)



DOC 24; MIB 25; 6.81 gms; EBCC 28.1; 404.92

DOC Class 1 bis (718-720)



DOC - ; MIB 24; 4.40 gms; EBCC 28.2; 1943.13



DOC - ; MIB 24; 2.89 gms; EBCC - ; 2562.19



DOC (n. a.); MIB 26;
2.66 gms; EBCC 28.7; 1944.13

DOC Class 2 (circa 725-732)



DOC 30a; 5.17 gms; EBCC - ; 2575.19



DOC 31a; 2.86 gms; EBCC 28.3; 253.88



DOC 31a; 2.28 gms; EBCC 28.4; 405c.92



DOC 33; 3.29 gms; EBCC 28.8; 179.87



DOC 35; 1.43 gms; EBCC - ; 2637.20

DOC Class 3 – see Artavasdus

DOC Class 4 (732-741)



DOC 39a; 2.70 gms; EBCC 28.5; 178.87



DOC 39b; 3.66 gms; EBCC 28.6; 2047.14

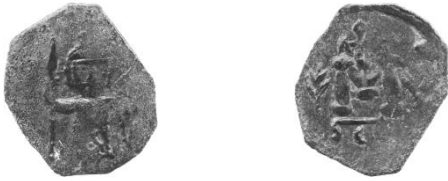


DOC 41a; EBCC 28.9; 1.96 gms; 1528.11

Leo III, Artavasdus and Constantine V

Syracuse 40 nummi

DOC Class 1 (717-720)



DOC 52; MIB 30; Sp. 297;
2.02 gms; EBCC 28.10; 488.95

DOC Class 2 (720)

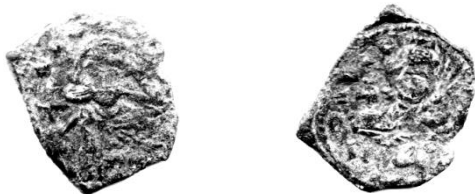


DOC (53); Sp. 317; 1.61 gms; EBCC - ; 2339.18*

DOC Class 3 (721-730)



DOC (54a); Sp. 318;
4.64 gms; EBCC 28.11; 64.84



DOC (54a); Sp. 318;
3.29 gms; EBCC - ; 2341.18

DOC Class 4 (731-741)



DOC 55; Sp. 319; 2.28 gms; EBCC 28.12; 53.84



DOC 55; Sp. 321; 2.62 gms; EBCC 28.13; 491.95

Artasvasdus (742-743)

Constantinople 40 and 20 nummi



DOC 36 (Leo III);
3.10 gms; EBCC 28.14; 405.92

20 nummi



DOC (37a) (Leo III)
1.78 gms; EBCC - ; 2351.18*

Constantine V (741-775)

Constantinople 40 and 20 nummi

DOC Class 1 (circa 741-751)



DOC 6b; 3.39 gms; EBCC 29.1; 1475.10



DOC 9; 1.31 gms; EBCC 29.4; 1985.13

DOC Class 3 (751-769)



DOC 11; 2.67 gms; EBCC - ; 2252.17



DOC 11; 1.70 gms; EBCC 29.2; 17.83

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DOC Class 4 (769-775)



DOC 13; 3.01 gms; EBCC 29.3; 209.88



DOC 14; 2.39 gms; EBCC 29.5; 349.90

Syracuse 40 and 20 nummi

DOC Class 1 (751-775)



DOC - ; Sp. 330A;
3.52 gms; EBCC 29.6; 359u.90



DOC - ; Sp. 331;
2.36 gms; EBCC 29.7; 492.95

DOC Class 2 (751-775)



DOC 19a; Sp. 333;
3.70 gms; EBCC 29.8; 489.95



DOC 19a; Sp. 333;
3.59 gms; EBCC 29.9; 49.84



DOC 19c; Sp. 333;
2.10 gms; EBCC 29.10; 490.95

20 nummi (751-775)



DOC 20; Sp. 336;
1.40 gms; EBCC 29.11; 1378.08

Ravenna (circa 741-750)



DOC (n.a.); Ercolani-Cocchi 249;
1.10 gms; EBCC - ; 2629.20

Notes on post-EBCC coins

2575.19: Medium size follis. From the collection of the English conservator Ernest Joseph Weaver Hawkins (1905-1993). In 1963 Hawkins became Assistant Field Director and Research Associate at Dumbarton Oaks. He led the initiative to re-examine the apse mosaic of Hagia Sophia in 1964; see *Mosaics of Hagia Sophia Istanbul: the Fossati Restoration and the Work of the Byzantine Institute* published by DO in 1998, p. 33 footnote on Hawkins.

2562.19: Only the second and (as here) third officinae are noted for the follis. A specimen now forms part of the DO collection but the officina is not known to me.

2339.18: Sear (1529A) lists the coin as unique (Spahr collection – subsequently sold by Naville in London in early 2018) but, while still rare, four other specimens are recorded as sold by CNG in the last 10 years or so. See also the Berk-England sale (1989), lot 293. The suggestion in the latter that the coin may be associated with the coronation of Constantine V in 720 seems to me to be plausible in view of the explicit Constantine legend on the reverse.

2351.18: Very rare. Possibly the only examples thus far noted are the two (one from each officina) in DOC (for Leo III) – both from the Athens Agora excavations.

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2629.20: Given by Ranieri to Constantine V and this seems to have been generally accepted. Given the limited time available for the issue (as the Lombards appeared to strike coins from 750), however, an attribution to Leo III seems at least as plausible.