

Jade
(Nephrite)

17.368

S.I.1308

Chinese,

Chou dynasty, Western

Squared hollow cylinder of the type ts'ung; short projecting collar at top and base; interior has circular boring marks and irregular median ridge; mottled orange, yellow, reddish and dark brown; decoration: channeled and incised, vertical grooves on sides, bands, grooves and circles on corners. (Scattered chips and small surface defects.) Box.

.113 in height. (4-7/16")

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.060 in width. (2-3/8")

4.5 cm diameter of opening (1 3/4")

1. Bought from Seaouke Yue, of Shanghai, in New York. For price, see Original Miscellaneous List, p. 296.
2. Original attribution: Hsia. See further, S.I.1308, Appendix VIII. Excavated from Loyang in Honan.
3. Sp. G. is 2.990. Nephrite.
4. (I. M., 1946) Chou dynasty.
5. (T. Lawton, 1978) Western Chou.

6. (JMurray, 1982). For a discussion of the tall tsung with segmented-band decor, a type found in the late Neolithic jade inventory in eastern China, see folder sheet 16.410.

Unlike the other tall tsung with segmented decor in the Freer collection, the tsung 17.368 does not exhibit the same slight taper in width from top to bottom. Furthermore, the incised circles that appear between the horizontal bands in each of the five registers are cut more deeply and prominently. For the present, it seems best to leave the dating unchanged rather than reattribute the piece to the Neolithic period along with the other tsung.