

123-A. 2000-year-old Chinese Lacquer

These are said to have been excavated in the 1930s from a tomb at Ch'ang-sha in central China and date to the late Chou or early Han Dynasty 400 to 100 B.C. "Eared cups" of this form occur in metal, ceramic, and jade as well as lacquer. These particular examples were probably in good condition when excavated but were then allowed to dry out too quickly.

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