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Preface

This is meant to be a book for the ordinary collector, or for people just developing an interest in Roman Silver Coins. For this reason it has been made as simple as possible.

Such a reader, I believe, wants to know two things about his (or her) coin; which Emperor minted it and roughly how much it is worth. On the whole the obverse portrait will, therefore, be more important than the Allegorical figure - or whatever is on the reverse. Though comparatively few reverses are catalogued, I have tried to illustrate all the obverses I have seen for Imperial coins.

The Republican period has been a headache to catalogue - I feel that the usual way of listing by family name is extremely difficult for the non-expert, so I have tried a different method. Perhaps my readers will tell me if this is any better! I am sorry that I was unable to list every Republican coin. I only hope that the selection I have offered represents most of the coins that most collectors are likely to come across.

To ease identification for those who need to thumb through the whole book to find the coin they want, I have kept the illustrations as close together as possible, and relegated descriptive notes to the end of the book. Any coin with a bold Asterisk (*) after the value has further notes included in **Appendix I**. I have not discussed weights or purity of silver content: but I have made the illustrations as close as possible to life-sized (though size may vary between one specimen of the same coin and the next).

Important Note

In all cases the price given is for a coin in VF (Very Fine) condition. A crack across the flan, or a flan smaller than normal, or a coin being struck off-centre will very much affect the price. Plated coins will be worth much less, as will a coin which is "black" (probably through impurity of the metal).

Note also, that as one approaches 260AD and the descent of the Antoninianus into the realms of base metal coinage, a good silvered coin will be worth much more than one that is no longer well silvered.

Identification

The questionnaire on the following page is designed to help you identify your Roman Republican coins.

A coin is listed in the earliest category in which it falls. Thus **CRS178** with a ram on the reverse is listed under **GROUP 5** "Coins with notable Obverse type" not under **GROUP 6** "single animal". Unfortunately, there is a chance your coin may not be listed at all: because this is a catalogue containing the vast majority of coins that collectors will come across. It would need to be considerably larger in order to cover the vast array of all Roman Republican coins.

If your coin is not from the Republic, a full Index of both Roman Imperatorial and the Roman Empire (Imperial period) follows the questionnaire.

And if you still cannot find your coins, remember that it could be from Numidia or Mauretania in North Africa, which use Latin legends. Or, if the writing is Greek, certain coins of Caesareia in Cappadocia, of the province of Lycia, and of Amisus in Pontus can look very like Roman coins, especially when the legend is worn. It is not impossible it could even be Celtic British! Unfortunately none of these "foreigners" come within the scope of this catalogue.

Roman Republic Identification Questionnaire

Note that Groups 1 – 6 are all Denarii and usually 16 – 20mm in diameter.

Group	Description	Class	Number		
	The DIDRACHM period before 211BC		CRS1 - 8		
	From 211BC the UNNAMED coins, naming just Roma		CRS9 - 15		
Are there TWO HORSEMEN or a CHARIOT on the reverse?					
GROUP	1 The DIOSCURI (two horsemen) type		CRS16 - 49		

GROUP 1	CR310 - +9			
GROUP 2 The BIGA (chariot pulled by two horses/other creatures)				
	Obv: Helmeted head/Reverse: Biga of horses	Class 1	CRS50 - 89	
	Class 2	CRS90 - 95		
	CRS96 - 113			
	Obv: Non-helmeted head/Reverse: Non-horse Biga	Class 4	CRS114 - 116	
GROUP 3	The three-horse TRIGA		CRS117 - 118	
GROUP 4	The QUADRIGA (chariot pulled by four horses)			
	Obv: Helmeted head	Class 1	CRS119 - 150	
	Obv: Non-helmeted head, or different type	Class 2	CRS151 - 162	

Obverse Head has a notable Head-Dress, or something unusual?

GROUP 5	Obv: Head of ROMA	Class 1a	CRS163 - 172
	Obv: Similar (but different!) helmeted head	Class 1b	CRS173 - 181
	Obv: Two faces on Obv, or one on Obv and one on Rev	Class 2	CRS182 - 188
	Obv: Front-facing head	Class 3	CRS189 - 190
	Obv: Heads wearing various crowns, caps, or skins	Class 4	CRS191 - 201

The Obverse Head has nothing remarkable about it, turn to the REVERSE:

GROUP 6	Rev: Two or more human characters/trophies	Class 1a	CRS202 - 214
	Rev: Two or more animals	Class 1b	CRS215 - 218
	Rev: Animal plus human	Class 2	CRS219 - 229
	Rev: Single animal	Class 3a	CRS230 - 239
	Rev: Single human	Class 3b	CRS240 - 248
	Rev: Consists entirely of inanimate objects	Class 4	CRS249 - 272

Is the coin less than about 16mm in diameter?

GROUP 7 The Quinarii	Class 1	CRS273 - 283
The Sestertii	Class 2	CRS284 - 285

Alphabetical Index of Imperatorial and Imperial Coins

Issued in the name of:	CRS No.(s)	Issued in the name of:	CRS No.(s)
Aelius	459 - 460	Didius Julianus	517
Aemilian	681 - 683	Diocletian	725 - 731
Agrippina Senior	354	Domitia	423 - 424
Agrippina Junior	375 - 376	Domitian	414 - 422
Antonia	374		
Antoninus Pius	461 - 472	Elagabalus	565 - 573
Aquilia Severa	597	Eudocia	841
Arcadius	823 - 825	Eugenius	821 - 822
Augustus	299, 322 -	Faustina Senior	473 - 476
	346, 352		
		Faustina Junior	486-495
Balbinus	619 - 621	Flavius Victor	819 - 820
Basiliscus	854	Fulvia	314 - 315
Brutus	301 - 306		
		Galba	378 - 380
Caius Caesar	371	Galerius	738 - 741
Caligula	351 - 354	Galla Placidia	835
Caracalla	539 - 553	Gallienus	705 - 709
Carausius	721 - 724	Germanicus	353
Cassius	307	Geta	554 - 559
Claudius I	355 - 361	Gordian I	617
Cleopatra	317	Gordian II	618
Clodius Albinus	522 - 525	Gordian III	625 - 632
Clodius Macer	377	Gratian	795 - 801
Cnaeus Pompey	288		
Commodus	504 - 510	Hadrian	445 - 455
Constans 337 - 350AD	750 - 753	Herennia Etruscilla	659 - 661
Constans 408 – 411AD	831	Herennius Etruscus	662 - 666
Constantine I	743 - 745	Honorius	826 - 829
Constantine II	746 - 749	Hostilian	667 - 671
Constantine III	830		
Constantius I	736 - 737	Jotapian	653
Constantius II	754 - 765	Jovian	776
Constantius Gallus	768 - 769	Jovinus	833 - 834
Cornelia Supera	684	Julia Domna	538, 583 - 591
Crispina	511 - 513	Julia Maesa	598 - 602
crispina	011 010	Julia Mamaea	606 - 608
Decentius	767	Julia Paula	595 - 596
Diadumenian	563 - 564	Julia Soaemias	603 -605
Didia Clara	519	Julia Titi	413
		Julian II	770 - 775
		Julius Caesar	292 - 300
		o ando Odebai	272 000

Alphabetical Index of Imperatorial and Imperial Coins (continued)

Issued in the name of:	CRS No.(s)	Issued in the name of:	CRS No.(s)
Leo I	849	Plautilla	592 - 594
Lepidus	308	Plotina	441
Libius Severus	850	Pompey the Great	286 - 288
Licinius I	742	Postumus	714 - 718
Lucilla	501 - 503	Procopius	794
Lucius Verus	496-500	Pulcheria	840
		Pupienus	622 - 624
Macrianus	719		
Macrinus	560 - 562	Quietus	720
Magnentius	766		
Magnus Maximus	816 - 818	Sabina	456 - 458
Manlia Scantilla	518	Salonina	710 - 713
Marcian	847 - 848	Saloninus	700 - 704
Marciana	442	Septimius Severus	526 - 539
Marcus Aurelius	477 - 485	Severus III (see Libius Seve	erus)
Mariniana	693	Severus Alexander	574 - 582
Mark Antony	308 - 321	Sextus Pompey	289 - 291
Matidia	443 - 444		
Maximianus Herculeus	732 - 735	Theodosius I	809 - 815
Maximinus I	609 - 612	Theodosius II	836 - 839
Maximus 235 – 238AD	615 - 616	Tiberius	349 - 350
Maximus 409 – 411AD	832	Titus	405 - 412
		Trajan	431 - 440
Nero	362 - 370	Trajan Decius	654 - 658
Nero Claudius Drusus	372 - 373	Tranquillina	633
Nerva	425 - 430	Trebonianus Gallus	672 - 676
Octavia	316		
Octavian (see Augustus)		Valens	784 - 793
Orbiana	609	Valentinian I	777 - 783
Otacilia Severa	643 - 646	Valentinian II	802 - 808
Otho	381 - 384	Valentinian III	842 - 846
		Valerian I	685 - 692
Pacatian	652	Valerian II	693 - 699
Paulina	613 - 614	Vespasian	396 - 404
Pertinax	514 - 516	Vitellius	385 - 390
Pescennius Niger	520 - 521	Volusian	677 - 680
Philip I	634 - 642		
Philip II	647 - 651	Zeno	851 - 853

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The DIDRACHM period before 211BC



CRS1: 280 - 276BC (Probably minted at Metapontum). Obv: Head of Mars VF £550/\$990



CRS2: 269 - 266BC. Obv: Hercules Rev: Wolf and twins **VF £550/\$990 ***



CRS3: 265 - 242BC. Obv: Head of ?Diana or possibly ?Roma **VF £600/\$1080**



CRS4: 241 - 235BC. Obv: Head of Mars VF £650/ \$1170



CRS5: 234 - 231BC. Obv: Head of Apollo VF £550/ \$990



CRS6: 230 - 226BC. Obv: Head of Mars VF £600/ \$1080



CRS7: 225 - 212BC Didrachm or "Quadrigatus". Obv: "Janiform" head of Dioscuri Rev: Jupiter in quadriga (four horse chariot) VF £275/\$495



CRS8: 217 - 214BC Drachm or "Half-quadrigatus". Obv: as CRS7 VF £375/\$675

The Un-Named coins of the "Denarius" period, from 211BC



CRS9: The DENARIUS. Obv: Head of Roma. Rev: The Dioscuri (Castor & Pollux) This was tariffed at 10 asses until 123BC when it was retariffed at 16 asses. VF £35/\$63 *



CRS10: The Half-Denarius known as the Quinarius. Rev: as CRS9 VF £50/\$90



CRS11: Sestertius (or Quarter-Denarius). Rev: as CRS9 VF £90/\$162

The Un-Named coins of the "Denarius" period from 211BC (continued)



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CRS12: The Victoriate. 211 - c170BC Obv: Head of Jupiter. Rev: Victory crowning a trophy. Valued at 3/4 denarius. It was revived in c 101BC, becoming the model for the Quinarius (half-denarius) VF £35/ \$63 *



CRS13a: Denarius c189 - c170BC Obv: Helmeted head of Roma Rev: Diana in a biga VF £35/\$63 *



CRS13b: Denarius c157 - c156BC Obv: as CRS13 Rev: Victory in a biga **VF £30/\$55**

There are just a few later un-inscribed denarii, as CRS14 and CRS15; but very soon most coins were to be named. During a transitional period some coins of Reference Numbers CRS9, CRS10, CRS12 and CRS13 began to be marked with symbols or letters and monograms. For example, CRS15a (below right) is identical to CRS9 but now has an "M based" monogram under the horses. We do not know enough about these coins to be able to attribute them to individuals. Fully named coins, however, were soon to follow.



Please note that many dates given in catalogues for this period are prefixed by 'c', meaning 'Circa', and that they are tentative! I omit the 'c', but the dates remain tentative!

The Named Coins of the Roman Republic

These begin with a large number of "Head of Roma/Dioscuri" and "Head of Roma/Chariot" coins; but later we find a wonderful variety of designs. The latter I intend to list by type, rather than alphabetically by the family name or the magistrate, as I think this will make it easier for the collector to identify a coin.

Note that 'I' and 'J' are both written as I. The 'U' and 'V' are both written as 'V'.

Note, also, that two, three, or even four letters may be tied together or "ligate". Thus & PUR, and AF ANTE

GROUP 1: Coins of the "Dioscuri" type (As CRS9) with the name written, usually below the horses; but sometmes above the horse, or behind the Head of Roma on the obverse. **Values: CRS16 - 161, generally all £30/\$55 - £40/\$72 in VF.** Some coins with interesting designs, or higher values, have been illustrated.



CRS18: VF £30/\$55 - £40/\$72 CRS37: VF £30/\$55 - £40/\$72

Ref Behind Roma Below the horses Moneyer Date CA/ CRS16 C. Aelius 209-208BC P-PAETVS CRS17 P. Aelius Paetus 138BC C- AFSTI DOG RUNNING C.Antestius CRS18 146BC DOG WALKING C- AZSTI CRS19 C.Antestius 146BC SARA/ M-ATIL CRS20 M. Atilius Saranus 148BC CRS21 AR L.Autronius 189-180Bc CRS22 AP (or above horse) Cn. Baebius Tamphilus 194-190BC* CRS23 ME Metellus 194-190BC CN-CA Cn.Calpurnius Piso CRS24 189-180BC L-COIL CRS25 L.Coelius 189-180BC L-C√' CRS25a L.Cupiennius 147BC X CRS26* Decius 206-200BC CRS27 CN-DO Cn.Domitius Ahenobarbus 189-180BC CRS28 80 Furius Purpurio R CRS29 Horatius 206-200BC CRS30 L-ITI L Iteius 149BC L-IVI CRS31 L.Julius 141BC CRS32 C-IVNI-C-F C.Junius 149BC CRS33 M-IVNI M.Junius Silanus 145BC TRIO CN-LVCR CRS34 Cn.Lucretius Trio 136BC Q-MRC LIBO CRS35 **O.Marcius** Libo 148BC ۸Ā CRS36 Matienus 179-170BC RVF Q-MINV CRS37 **O.Minucius** Rufus 122BC H (or above horse) L.Plautius Hypsaeus CRS38 194-190BC* C-PLVT C.Plutius CRS39 121BC CRS40 T⊗Q SX-Q CRS41 Sextus Quinctilius 189-180BC C-SCR CRS42 C.Scribonius 154BC CRS43 GR Gracchus 199-170BC CRS44 L-SEM? L.Sempronius Pitio 148BC CRS45 VAR. A.Terentius Varro 206-200BC C-VR CRS46 C.Varro 209-208BC

C. Terentius Lucanus

147BC

C-ER-LVC

CRS49

GROUP 2: Coins Of the "Biga" type (CRS13-14), a biga being a chariot pulled by two creatures of any sort, though most commonly by horses.

Class One: Obverse, helmeted head (usually ROMA): Biga of horses (driver often Victory).



CRS56: VF £30/\$55 - £40/\$72



CRS89: VF £30/\$55 - £40/\$72

Ref	Obverse	Reverse	Moneyer	Date
CRS50		SAFRA	Spurius Afranius	150BC
CRS51		SAR	Atilius Saranus	155BC
CRS52		L-AILI	L.Atilius Nomentanus	141BC
CRS53		A	Aurelius	194- 190BC
CRS54	L-COSCO-M-F	L-LIC-CN-DOM	L.Cosconius	(S) 118BC
CRS55	C-MALLE-C-F	L-LIC-CN-DOM	C.Malleolus	(S) 118BC
CRS56	L-POMPONI-CNF	L-LIC-CN-DOM	L.Pomponius	(S) 118BC
CRS57	L-PORCI LICI	L-LIC-CN-DOM	L.Porcius Licinius	(S) 118BC
CRS58		SCA/RI RI L-LIC-CN-DOM	M.Aurelius Scaurus	(S) 118BC
CRS59		Elephants head	L.Caecilius Metellus	128BC
CRS60		M-CALID QME-CNFL or C NFOV M-CA-Q-ME	M.Calidus, Q.Metellus & Cn.Fulvius	117- 116BC
CRS61		P-CALP	P.Calpurnius	133BC
CRS62	M-CIPI-M-F	Rudder	M.Cipius	115- 114BC
CRS63		C-PVLCHER	C.Claudius Pulcher	110- 109BC
CRS64		T-CLOVLI	T.Cloelius	128BC
CRS65		CALD or C-COIL CALD	C.Coilius Caldus	104BC
CRS66		P-SVA	P.Sulla	151BC
CRS67		CN-LENTVL	Cn.Lentulus Clodianus	88BC
CRS68		Man fighting dog CN-DOM	Cn.Domitius Ahenobarbus	128BC
CRS69		L-FLAMINICILO or CHILO	F.Flaminius Chilo	109- 108BC
CRS70		PVR	Furius Purpurio	179- 170BC
CRS71		SEX-IVI CAISAR	Sextus Julius Caesar	129BC
CRS72		L-IVLI	L.Julius	101BC
	(S) = "Serra	ted edge" (as CRS56 Illustra	ation above)	

CRS73 CRS74		D-SILANVS L-F A	D.Silanus P.Juventius Thalna	91BC 179- 170BC
CRS75		C-A_	C.Thalna	154BC
CRS76	PV head within wreath	RVF M-LVCILI	M.Lucilius Rufus	101BC
CRS77		C-MIA/I	C.Maianius	153BC
CRS78		M-MRC	M.Marcius	134BC
CRS79		M-OPEIMI	M.Opimius	131BC
CRS80		NATĀ or NAT	Pinarius Natta	149BC
CRS81		C-CATO	C.Cato	123BC
CRS82	LAECA	M-PORC	M.Porcius Laeca	125BC
CRS83	FLAC	L-RVTILI	L.Rutilius Flaccus	77BC
CRS84		L-SAV [≠]	L.Saufeius	152BC
CRS85	RVLLI	P-SERVILI-M-F	P.Servilius Rullus	100BC
CRS86		A-SP\∕RI	A.Spurilius	139BC
CRS87		C-TITINI	C.Titinius	141BC
CRS88		LREBA/I	L.Trebanius	135BC
CRS89		FLAC C-VAC-F	C.Valerius Flaccus	140BC

Class Two Obv: Helmeted head (usually Roma). Rev: "Biga" of other creatures.



CRS93: VF £30/\$55 - £40/\$72

Ref	Obverse	Driver	Animal	Reverse	Moneyer	Date
CRS90 CRS91	COTA NASO	Hercules Diana	Centaurs Stags	M-ARELI L-AXSIVS L-F	M.Aurelius Cotta L.Axius Naso	139BC 71BC
CRS92 CRS93 CRS94 CRS95	CAESAR	Jupiter Venus Juno Cybele	Elephants Cupids Goats Lions	C-ÆTELLVS L-IVI L-F C-REN M-VOLTEI M-F	C.Caecilius Metellus L.Julius Caesar C.Renius M.Volteius	125BC 103BC 138BC 78BC



CRS95: VF £30/\$55 - £40/\$72

Class Three: Obv: Non-helmeted head. Rev: "Biga" of horses (driver often victory)



CRS111: VF £30/\$55 - £40/ \$72

Female head C-



CRS112: VF £30/\$55 -£40/\$72



CRS113: VF £400/\$720

CRS96

Reverse

Moneyer Q-C-TARQVITI P-F C.Annius &

82-81BC

Date

CK590	ANNIVS T-F-T-N-PRO- COS		C.Tarquitius	62-61DC
CRS97	Sol, radiate	W AQIL	Manlius Aquillius	109-108BC
CRS98	Victory (wing at shoulder)	T-CARISI	T. Carisius	46BC
CRS99	Diana with bow and quiver	TI CLAVO -TI-F-A-N	T.Claudius Nero	79BC
CRS100	Venus MAXSVMVS	C-EGNATIUS-CN-F-CN-N	Cn.Egnatius Maxsumus	75BC
CRS101	Cybele veiled and turreted	C-FABI C-F	C.Fabius Hadrianus	102BC
CRS102	Salus SALVS	D-SILANVS L-F	D.Silanus	91BC
CRS103	Mask of Silenus	D-SILANVS L-F	D.Silanus	91BC
CRS104	Venus L-CENSORIN	P-CREPVS C-LIMETAN	L.Censorinus, P.Crepusius and CLimetanus	82BC
CRS105	Saturn	L-MEMMI GAL	L.Memmius Galeria	106BC
CRS106	Saturn	L-C-MEMIES L-F-GAL	L. and C.Memmius Galeria	87BC
CRS107	Victory	L-MVSSIDIVS LONGVS	L.Mussidius Longus	42BC
CRS108	Tatius SABIN	L-TITVRI	L.Titurius Sabinus	89BC
CRS109	Sol, radiate ACISCVLVS	L-VALERIVS	L.Valerius Acisculus	45BC
CRS110	Tatius SABINVS \overline{A}	IVDEX T-VETTIVS	T.Vettius Sabinus	70BC
CRS111*	Juno Sospita	L-PROCILI-F (S)	L.Procilius	80BC
CRS112	Liberty, diademed MENSOR	L-FARSVLEI	L.Farsuleius Mensor	75BC
CRS113*	Vercingetorix (?)	L-HOSTILIVS SASERNA	L.Hostilius Saserna	48BC

(S) = "Serrated edge"

Class Four: Obv: Non-helmeted head. Rev: Non-horse "biga"



Ref	Obverse	Driver	Animal	Legend	Moneyer	Date
CRS114	Female head	Diana	Stags	C-ALLI	C.Allius Bala	92BC
CRS115	Female head	Neptune	Hippocamps	Q-CREPEREI ROCVS S	Q.Crepereius Rocus	72BC
CRS116*	Bacchus	Ceres	Serpents	M-VOLTEI -M-F	M.Volteius	78BC

GROUP 3: The three-horse "triga"

Ref	Obverse	Reverse	Moneyer	Date
CRS117	Head of Roma	Victory in triga AP-CL-T-M-Q-& or T-M-AP-CL-Q- &	T.Manlius Mancinus, Appius Claudius Pulcher and Q.Urbinus	111-110BC
CRS118	Head of Venus	Victory in triga C-NÆ-BAB	C.Naevius Balbus	79BC

GROUP 4: The "Quadriga" drawn by four animals. (Always horses on Republican coins). **Class One:** Obv: Helmeted head (usually Roma).



CRS121: VF £30/\$55 - £40/\$72



CRS149: VF £30/\$55 - £40/\$72

Ref	Obverse	Reverse	Moneyer	Date
CRS119	GEM	C.&vei	C.Aburius Geminus	134BC
CRS120	GEM	୷-ୡ୕ୄ୕ୡ୲	M.Aburius Geminus	132BC
CRS121	BA. BVS in wreath	W-ACILI	Man.Acilius Balbus	125BC
CRS122	M.ACILIVS M F		M.Acilius	130BC
CRS123	C- ANNIVS.T.F.T.N.PRO.CC S	L-FABI-L-F-HISP D	C.Annius & L.Fabius Hispaniensis	82-81BC
CRS124	CRAG	L-AES	L.Antestius Gragulus	136BC
CRS125		L-SATVRN	L.Appuleius Saturninus	104BC
CRS126	R∨S	M-AF	M.Aufidius Rusticus	140BC
CRS127	Q-ÆE		Q.Caecilius Metellus	130BC
CRS128		C-CASSI	C.Cassius	126BC
CRS129		C-CONSIDI	C.Considius Paetus	46BC
CRS130	SISENNA	CN-CORNEL-L-F	Cn.Cornelius Sisenna	118-107BC
CRS131	TRIGE	C- C V?	C.Curiatus Trigeminus	142BC
CRS132	Q-CVRT	M-SIA	Q.Curtius	116-115BC
CRS133		CN-DOMI	Cn.Domitius Ahenobarbus	116-115BC
CRS134	LABEO	Q-FABI	C.Fabius Labeo	124BC
CRS135		C-F-L-R-Q-M	C.Fabius, L.Roscus and Q.Marcius	118-117BC
CRS136		Q-MR-C-F-L-R	C.Fabius, L.Roscus and Q.Marcius	118-117BC
CRS137		MÁ/-C-F	M.Fannius	123BC
CRS138		C-FVNDAN	C.Fundanus	101BC
CRS139	(Head within wreath)	CN-GEL	Cn.Gellius	138BC
CRS140		P-ME-AZ	P.Maenius Antiaticus	132BC
CRS141	L-MANLI PRO-Q	L-SVLLA IM	L.Manlus Torquatus	82BC
CRS142		L-MINVCI	L.Minucius	113BC
CRS143		L-OPEIMI	L.Opimius	131BC
CRS144		M-CARBO	M.Carbo	122BC
CRS145		CARB	Cn.Carbo	121BC
CRS146	LAECA	M-PORC	M.Porcius Laeca	125BC
CRS147		L-POST-A.B	L.Postumius Albinus	131BC
CRS148	A G PVB	L-SENTI-C-F	L.Sentius	101BC
CRS149		M-TVLLI	M.Tullius	120BC
CRS150	M-V&G		M.Vargunteius	130BC

Class Two: Obv: Non-helmeted head (or other type). Rev: "Quadriga" of horses.



CRS151 VF £30/\$55 - £40/\$72

Ref	Obverse Reverse		Moneyer	Date
CRS151	Jupiter	Q-ATO-BAB PR	Q.Antonius Balbus	83-82BC
CRS152	Victory	T-CARISI	T.Carisius	46BC
CRS153	Venus: PAETI	C-CONSIDI	C.Considius Paetus	46BC
CRS154	Jupiter	L-SCIP-ASIAG	L.Scipio Asiagenus	106BC
CRS155	Vejovis (young male head)	GAR-OGV-VER or OGV-GAR-VER	Gargilius, Ogulnius and Vergilius	86BC
CRS156	Genius (laureate & winged)	IVLI-BVRSIO	L.Julius Bursio	85BC
CRS157	Vejovis (holding thunderbolt)	C-LICINIVS L-F MACER	C.Licinius Macer	84BC
CRS158	Neptune: P-YPSAE	C-YPSAE-COS PRIV CEPIT	P.Plautius Hypsaeus	58BC
CRS159	Female bust: P-YPSAE	C-YPSAE-COS PRIV CEPIT	P.Plautius Hypsaeus	58BC
CRS160	Apollo: PANSA	C-VIBIVS C-F	C.Vibius Pansa	90BC
CRS161*	Jupiter, Juno (illustrated)	L-RVBRI		
	or Minerva (helmeted) DOS		L.Rubrius Dossenus	87BC
CRS162*	Illustrated below		M.Aemilius Scaurus and P.Plautius Hypsaeus	58BC



CRS161: VF £30/\$55 - £40/\$72 *



CRS162: VF £80/\$145 *

GROUP 5: Coins (type with notable Obverse). **Class One:** With Head of Roma as CRS9.



CR\$163: T.Didius 113 - 112BC VF £70/\$126 *



CRS167: M.Sergius Silus 116 - 115BC VF £50/\$90 *



CRS164: M.Caecilius Metellus 127BC VF £50/\$90 *



CRS168: C.Servilius 136BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS165: T.Minucius Augurinus 134BC **VF £50/\$90** *



CRS169: G.Servilius Vatia 127BC VF £60/ \$108



CR\$166: T.Minucius Augurinus 135BC **VF £50/\$90** *



CRS170: M.Servilius 100BC VF £55/\$100



CRS172: C.Poblicius 80BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS171: S.Pompeius Fostlus 137BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS173: Mn.Aquillius 71BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS176: Q.Lutatius Cerco 109 - 108BC **VF £55/\$100 ***

Similar Helmeted Heads



CRS174: T.Carisius 46BC VF £50/\$90 *



CRS177: Albinus Bruti.f. 48BC **VF £55/\$100** *



CR\$175: Cn.Blasio 112 - 111BC **VF £55/\$100 ***



CRS178: L.Rustius 76BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS179: P.Satrienus 77BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS180: L.Torquatus 113 - 112BC **VF £50/\$90** *

Class Two: With Two Faces



CRS181: The Marsic Federation 90 - 89BC (Oscan legends) VF £300/ \$540 *



CRS182: M.Furius Philus 119BC **VF £55/\$100** *



CRS185: C.Censorinus 88BC **VF £55/\$100** *



CRS183: C.Fonteius 114-113BC **VF £55/\$100 ***



CRS186: M.Junius Brutus 54BC **VF £150/\$270** *



CRS184: C.Sulpicius Galba 106BC **VF £60/\$108** *



CRS187: C.Coelius Caldus 51BC VF £200/\$360 *



CRS188: M.Plaetorius Cestianus 67BC VF £200/\$360 *

Class Three: Front Facing heads



CRS189: L.Plautius Plancus 47BC VF £80/\$144 *



CRS190: L.Cornelius Lentulus & C.Claudius Marcellus 49BC VF £55/\$100 **

Class Four: Wearing various crowns, caps, or animal skins.



CRS191: A.Plautius 55BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS194: L.Philippus 113 - 112BC **VF £60/\$108 ***



CRS192: L.Plaetorius Cestianus 67BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS195: L.Lucretius Trio 76BC VF £70/\$125 *



CRS193: P.Furius Crassipes 84BC **VF £55/\$100 ***



CRS196: C.Mamilius Limetanus 82BC VF £160/ \$288 *



CRS197: Cn.Plancius 55BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS198: L.Papius 79BC VF £60/\$108 *



CRS199: L.Roscius Fabatus 64BC **VF £60/\$108** *



CRS200: L.Thorius Balbus 105BC VF £55/\$100 *

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CRS201: M.Volteius 78BC VF £55/ \$100 *

GROUP 6: Other denarii, distinguished by *Reverse* types. **Class One a:** Two or more human characters or trophies.



CRS202: M.Junius Brutus 54BC VF £150/\$270 *



CRS203: L.Titurius Sabinus 89BC VF £60/\$108 *



CRS204: (Rape of Sabine Women) Obv: as CRS203 89BC **VF £70/\$125** *



CRS205: L.Aemilius Lepidus Paullus 62BC VF £60/ \$108 *



CRS208: A.Albinus 96BC VF £50/\$90 *



CRS206: L.Caesius 112 - 111BC VF £55/ \$100 *



CRS209: C.Servilius 57BC VF £50/\$90 *



CRS207: L.Memmius 109 - 108BC VF £60/ \$108 *



CRS210:L.Calpurnius Piso Caesonius & Q.Servilius Caepio 100BC VF £60/ \$108 *



CRS211: L.Caecilius Metellus 96BC VF £60/ \$108 *



CRS212: M.Herennius 108 - 107BC VF £60/ \$108 *



CRS213: Faustus Cornelius Sulla 56BC VF £70/\$125 *



CRS214: C.Coelius Caldus 51BC VF £70/\$125 *

Class One b: Two or more animals



CRS215: T.Quinctius 112 - 111BC **VF £55/\$100 ***



CRS216: C.Marius Capito 81BC **VF £55/\$100** *





CRS217: L.Cassius Caecianus 102BC VF £55/\$100 *

CRS218: C.Hosidius Geta 68BC VF £70/\$125 *

Class Two: Animal with human



CRS219: Man.Aemilius Lepidus 114-113BC **VF £60/\$108 ***



VF £55/\$100 *



CRS221: L.Marcius Philippus 56BC VF £60/ \$108 *



CRS222: L.Calpurnius Pise Frugi 90BC Almost identical coin issued 67BC by C.Piso reading C.PISO L.F.FRVG **VF £55/**

\$100 each *



CRS223: L.Valerius Acisculus 45BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS224: A.Postumius Albinus 81BC **VF £55/\$100** *



CRS227: L.Lucretius Trio 76BC VF £60/\$108 *



CRS225: Man Fonteius 85BC **VF £55/\$100** *



CRS228: Man.Cordius Rufus 46BC VF £60/ \$108 *



CRS226: L.Hostilius Saserna 48BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS229: A.Postumius Albinus 81BC VF £55/ \$100 *

Class Three a: Single Animal



CRS230: Q.Caecilius Metellus Pius 81BC VF £60/\$108 *



CRS232: C.Censorinus 88BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS233: C.Postumius 74BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS231: Q.Caecilius Metellus Pius Scipio 47 - 46BC **VF £75/\$135 ***



CRS234: T.Carisius 46BC VF £75/\$135 *



CRS235: Q.Titius 90BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS236: Q.Titius 90BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS237: Q Cassius Longinus 55BC VF £55/ \$100 *



CRS238: L.Aurelius Cotta 105BC **VF £55/\$100** *



CRS239: C.Valerius Flaccus 82BC VF £55/\$100 *

Class Three b: Single Human



CRS240: L.Hostilius Saserna 48BC VF £55/ \$100 *



CRS243: P.Clodius Turrinus 42BC VF £60/\$108 *



CRS246: Man.Acilius Glabrio 49BC VF £60/ \$108 *



CRS241: M.Cato 89BC – with M.Cato.Pro.PR on Obv. 47 - 46BC **VF £55/\$100 ***



CRS244: L.Censorinus 82BC VF £60/\$108 *



CRS247: L.Cassius Longinus 63BC VF £70/ \$125 *

Class Four: Inanimate objects



CRS242: L.Valerius Flaccus 108 - 107BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS245: L.Procilius 80BC VF £60/\$108 *



CRS248: C.Vibius Pansa 48BC VF £60/\$108 *



CRS249: M.Volteius 78BC VF £70/\$125 *



CRS252: C.Considius Nonianus 57BC VF £120/ \$216 *



CRS250: Petillius Capitolinus 43BC **VF £70/\$125** *



CRS253: Lollius Palicanus 45BC **VF £105/\$190 ***



CRS251: Q.Cassius Longinus 55BC VF £70/\$125 *



CRS254: M.Plaetorius Cestianus 67BC VF £250/ \$450 *



CRS255: L.Scribonius Libo 62BC VF £50/\$90 *



CRS258: C.Considius Paetus 46BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS261: M.Plaetorius Cestianus 67BC VF £55/ \$100 *



CRS256: L.Aemilius Paullus & L.Scribonius Libo 62BC VF £50/\$90



CRS259: Q.Pomponius Rufus 54BC VF £60/\$108 *



CRS262: Albinus Bruti F 48BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS265: L.Torquatus 65BC VF £80/\$145 *



CRS268: Cn.Lentulus 76 - 75BC **VF £55/\$100 ***



CRS271: Q.Sicinius and C.Coponius 49BC VF £55/ \$100 *



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CRS257: L.Furius Brocchus 63BC VF £55/\$100 *



CRS260: Q.Sicinius 49BC VF £60/\$108 *



CRS263: L.Mussidius Longus 42BC VF £55/ \$100 *



CRS266: L.Sulla 81BC VF £85/\$153 *



CRS269: P.Galba 69BC VF £60/\$108 *



CRS272: Albinus Bruti F 48BC VF £70/\$125



CRS264: C.Norbanus 83BC VF £60/\$108 *



CRS267: T.Carisius 46BC VF £80/\$145 *



CRS270: Q.Caecilius Metellus 81BC VF £55/ \$100 *

GROUP 7: The minor denominations. With exceptions the Quinarii (Half-denarii) and particularly the Sestertii (Quarter-denarii) of the Republic are not very common.

Class One: The Quinarii (usually about 12 – 15mm in diameter)



CRS273: Unnamed of 81BC VF £30/\$55 *



CRS276: C.Fundanius 101BC VF £30/\$55



CRS279: L.Calpurnius Piso Frugi 90BC VF £30/ \$55 *



CRS274: C.Egnatuleius 97BC VF £30/\$55 *



CRS277: Cn Lentulus Clodianus 88BC VF £30/ \$55



CRS280: L.Papius Celsus 45BC VF £50/\$90 *



CRS275: T.Cloelius 98BC VF £30/\$55 *



CRS278: P.Sabinus 99BC VF £30/\$55



CRS281: L.Rubrius Dossenus 87BC VF £30/ \$55 *



CRS282: O.Titius 90BC VF £35/\$63 * CRS283: M.Cato 89BC. If 'M.Cato PRO.PR', then 47 - 46BC VF £30/\$55 each *

Class Two: The Sestertii (usually about 9 – 11mm in diameter)



CRS284: Man.Cordius Rufus 46BC VF £60/\$108 *



CRS285: L.Calpurnius Piso Frugi 90BC VF £60/\$108 *



This is still within the period of the Republic; but these coins were minted in the names of the great men of the Civil War period, which led to the establishment of the Empire. In fact one of these men, Octavian, became the first Emperor, taking the name "Augustus". From here on all coins are Denarii, unless otherwise stated, until **CRS627**.



VF £330/\$595 *

POMPEY THE GREAT

Born 106BC, killed 48BC



CRS287: Minted 49BC VF £300/\$540 *



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CRS288: Minted by his son, Cnaeus Pompey 46 - 45BC VF £150/\$270 *

SEXTUS POMPEY Younger son of Pompey the Great, killed 35BC



CRS289: Minted 42 - 40BC VF £500/\$900 *

CRS290: Minted 42 - 40BC VF £250/\$450 *



CRS291: Minted 42 - 40BC VF £250/\$450 *

JULIUS CAESAR Assassinated on the Ides of March 44BC



CRS292: 49 - 48BC VF £150/\$270 *



CRS295: 46 - 45BC **VF £150/\$270 ***



CRS293: 47 - 46BC VF £150/\$270 *



CRS296: 44BC VF £800/ \$1450 *



CRS294: 46BC VF £100/ \$180 *



CRS297: 44BC VF £600/ \$1100 *

JULIUS CAESAR (continued)

Commemorative



CRS298: With M.Antony 43BC VF £600/\$1080



CRS299: With Augustus 17BC **VF £500/\$900** *



CRS300: Minted 17BC VF £350/\$630 *

BRUTUS

An assassin of Julius Caesar. He had earlier minted **CRS186** and **CRS202** as a mint official! Committed suicide 42BC. His "Imperatorial" coins were all minted 43-42BC



CRS301: VF £300/\$540 *



CRS304: VF Very highly priced *



CRS302: VF £300/\$540 *



CRS305: Quinarius VF £250/\$450 *



CRS303: VF £300/\$540 *



CRS306: Quinarius VF £180/\$325 *

CASSIUS

Another conspirator in the assassination of Julius Caesar, died 42BC at Philippi



CRS307: Minted 42BC VF £200/\$360 *

LEPIDUS

A colleague of Antony and Octavian, minted coins 43 - 42BC in conjunction with M. Antony



CRS308: Quinarius VF £125/\$225 *

MARK ANTONY

Lost Battle of Actium to Octavian in 31BC, killed himself 30BC



CRS309: 42BC VF £250/\$450 *



CRS310: 38 - 37BC VF £150/\$270 *



CRS311: 33BC **VF £250 / \$450**



CRS312: 32 - 31BC VF £100/\$180 *



CRS313: Quinarius VF £110/\$198 43BC

MARK ANTONY AND FULVIA

Wife of Mark Antony, married 44BC, died 40BC Both Quinarii. The features of "Victory" are those of Fulvia





CRS315: 43BC VF £140/\$252 *

CRS314: 43BC VF £140/\$250 *

MARK ANTONY AND OCTAVIA

Married Mark Antony in 40BC, repudiated 32BC



CRS316: Cistophorus of 3 denarii - minted at Ephesus 39 - 38 BC VF £350/\$630 *

MARK ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA



CRS317: 32-31BC VF £1400/\$2520

MARK ANTONY AND HIS BROTHER LUCIUS



CRS318: Minted 41BC **VF £600/\$1080**

MARK ANTONY AND OCTAVIAN

Octavian was soon to be known as "Augustus"



CRS319: 40 - 39BC VF £300 /\$540





CRS321: 40 - 39BC Quinarius VF £ ?? *

CRS320: 39BC VF £220/ \$395 *

AUGUSTUS

As Octavian, sharing power, before the Battle of Actium 31BC



The Battle of Actium

The battle of Actium was a naval battle in which Octavian (later Augustus) defeated the larger combined fleets of Mark Antony and Cleopatra on the 2^{nd} September 31BC off the coast of Western Greece.

Antony was in Greece with a powerful infantry force and had engaged in indecisive battles with Octavian on land. During this time Octavian's competent naval commander Marcus Agrippa had managed to sever Antony's sea supply route. Mark Antony and Cloepatra tried to negotiate peace terms but were unsuccessful. They then fled to Alexandria in Egypt but Octavian followed them and they surrendered without a fight the following year. Mark Antony committed suicide.

The mighty Roman Empire was born. Octavian was now in complete control. As Emperor he was renamed "Augustus" and became the first of many powerful men to govern and conquer what was at the time, most of the known civilised world.

(Octavian as) AUGUSTUS - 31BC - 14AD



CRS327: VF £150/\$270 *



CRS330: VF £140/\$252



CRS333: VF £400/\$720 *



CRS328: VF £200/\$360 *



CRS331: VF £170/\$306



CRS334: VF £150/\$270 *



CRS329: VF £180/\$325 *



CRS332: VF £170/\$306 * Obv: as CRS331



CRS335: VF £150/\$270 Obv: as CRS334



CRS336: VF £150/\$270 *



CRS339: VF £250/\$450 * Rev: Comet



CRS342: VF £120/\$216 * Main type 2BC – 14AD



CRS337: VF £175/\$315 Obv: as CRS336



CRS340: VF £150/\$270 *



CRS343: VF £300/\$540 Cistophorus of three denarii





CRS341: VF £140/\$252 * Obv: as CRS340



CRS344: VF £325/ \$585 * Obv: as CRS343

AUGUSTUS - 31BC - 14AD (Continued)



CR\$345: VF £80/\$145 Quinarius *





CRS346: VF £80/\$145 Ouinarius *

Obv: as CRS347

 ${\bf CRS347}$ and ${\bf CRS348}$ are Commemorative Antoniniani (Double-denarii) minted by Trajan Decius 249-251AD



TIBERIUS - 14 - 37AD

CRS349 is the "Tribute Penny" referred to in the New Testament.



CRS350: VF £200/\$360 *

CALIGULA - 37 - 41AD



CRS351: VF £700/\$1260 *



CRS352: VF £600/\$1080 With Augustus

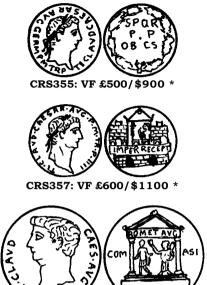


CRS353: VF £650/\$1170 With father, Germanicus



CRS354: VF £750/\$1350 With mother, Agrippina Senior

CLAUDIUS I - 41 - 54 AD



CRS359: VF £600/\$1100 * Cistophorus of three denarii minted at Ephesus.





CRS358: VF £600/\$1100 *



CRS360: VF £600/\$1100 * Didrachm minted in Cappadocia.



CRS361: VF £700/\$1260 * Commemorative, struck under Nero

NERO - 54 - 68 AD

As Caesar under Claudius, 50 - 54 AD

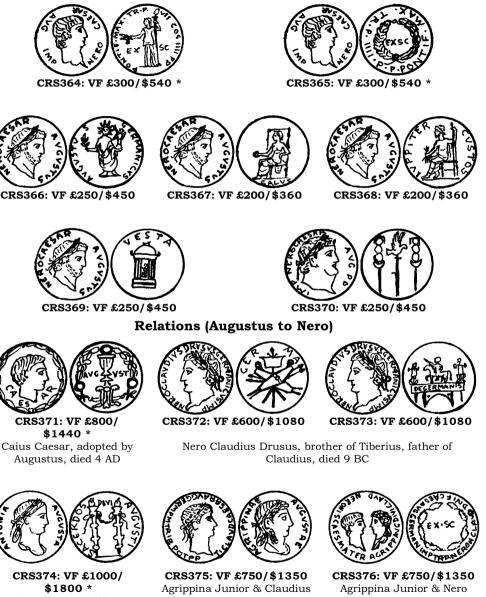




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NERO - 54 - 68 AD

As Emperor



\$1800 * Antonia, wife of Nero Claudius Drusius, mother of Claudius, died 37AD.

Agrippina Junior was the wife of Claudius and mother of Nero. She died 59 AD. CRS375 and CRS376 were minted during the reign of Claudius.

The Roman Empire

CLODIUS MACER - 68 AD

Rebelled against Nero April 68AD, died October 68 AD



CRS377: VF Very rare and highly priced

NOTE: From this reign onwards, obverse legends become greatly varied, as do reverse types! However, for the collector it is normally far more important to work out which Emperor a coin should be attributed to, rather that what the reverse type is. Therefore the different obverses are listed first, followed by just a sample few reverses. What the reverse happens to be will not usually affect the price except in cases of special interest.

From 9th June 68 AD – 15th January 69 AD

Obverse C



Obverse E

Obverse A



CRS378: VF £300/

\$540

With Obverse A



\$540 *

CRS380: VF £252/\$455

Obverse D

Quinarius

ОТ

Obverse B

With Obverse C

OTHO - 69 AD From 15th January 69 AD – 17th April 69 AD Obverse A Obverse B Obverse B

CRS381: VF £500/ \$900 CRS382: VF £500/ \$900 CRS383: VF £500/ \$900

CRS384: VF £500/ \$900

GALBA - 68 - 69 AD

VITELLIUS - 69 AD

Proclaimed in Germany, 2nd January 69 AD – 20th December 69 AD



Obverse A



CRS385: VF £300/\$540



CRS388: VF £300/\$540





Obverse B





Obverse D



CRS387: VF £300/ \$540 *



CRS390: VF £900+/ \$1620+ Vitellius' Children

Anonymous Coins of the Civil War Period 68 – 69 AD

CRS386: VF £300/\$540

CRS389: VF £300/\$540

At first sight some of these 68 - 69AD types (there are many types; but all are fairly uncommon) may be confused with the Republican series. These later coins do not state the name of any mint official.





With Obv H. Struck during the reign of Titus.

TITUS - 79 - 81 AD

As Caesar under Vespasian 69 - 79 AD





CRS405: VF £80/\$145 *





Obverse C



CRS407: VF £125/\$225 Quinarius

TITUS - 79 - 81 AD

As Emperor





CRS408: VF £80/ \$145



CRS409: VF £80/ \$145

CRS410: VF £80/

\$145 *



CRS411: VF £80/ \$145



CRS412: VF £120/\$216 Commemorative Antoninianus 249 – 251 AD



CRS418: VF £40/ \$72 *



CRS422: Quinarius VF £125 / \$225

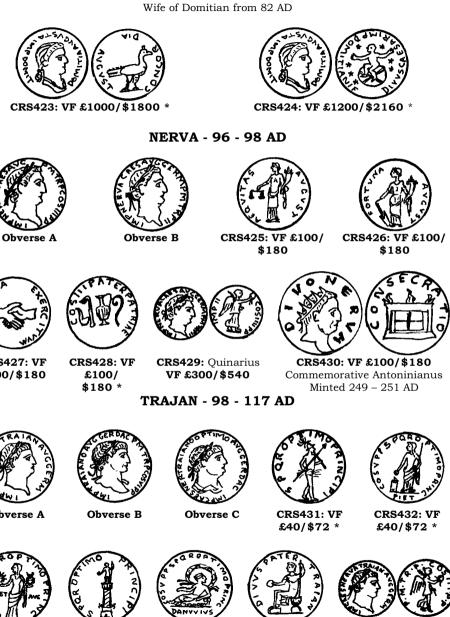
CRS420: VF £80/

\$145

CRS421: VF £100/

\$180

DOMITIA



CRS433: VF £40/\$72 *

CRS434: VF £70/\$125

CRS435: VF £65/\$117 *

CRS436: VF £60/\$108 *

CRS437: Quinarius VF £120/\$216





CRS427: VF £100/\$180

Obverse A





TRAJAN - 98 - 117 AD (continued)



CRS438: Cistophorus (3 Denarii) VF £200/\$360



CRS439: VF £100/ \$180

Commemorative Antoninianus of 249 – 251 AD. Rev: Altar or Eagle as CRS347 and CRS348. (CONSECRATIO)



CRS440: VF £600/ \$1080

During his reign Trajan reissued a large number of Republican and earlier Imperial types, adding his own name and titles on the reverse: but all these "restored" coins are rare.

MARCIANA

PLOTINA Wife of Trajan, died 129AD



CRS441: VF £1000/\$1800 *

Sister of Trajan, died 114 AD



CRS442: VF £1000/\$1800

MATIDIA

Niece of Trajan, died 119 AD



CRS443: VF £1000/\$1800 *



CRS444: VF £1000/\$1800

HADRIAN - 117 - 138 AD



Obverse A



Obverse B

Obverse C



Obverse D



Obverse E



CRS445: VF £45/ \$80 *



CRS449: VF £40/ \$72



CRS453: VF £250/\$450 Cistophorus of 3 denarii



CRS446: VF £60/ \$108 *

CRS450: VF £40/



CRS447: VF £55/ \$100

CRS448: VF £50/ \$90



CRS451: VF £45/

\$80

CRS454: VF £100/\$180

Minted in reign of

Antoninus Pius

CRS452: Quniarius VF £100/\$180



CRS455: Antoninianus VF £100/\$180 Reverse: "CONSECRATIO" Altar or Eagle. 249 – 241 AD

SABINA

Wife of Hadrian, died 137 AD



Obverse B



Obverse C



CRS458: VF £100/\$180 Commemorative

AELIUS, Caesar - 136 - 138 AD

CRS457: VF £60/\$108



Obverse A



Obverse B



CRS459: VF £150/ \$270



CRS460: VF £150/ \$270

ANTONINUS PIUS - 138 - 161 AD

As Caesar under Hadrian, 25th February 138 AD - 10th July 138 AD







Obverse A



CRS456: VF £60/\$108

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ANTONINUS PIUS - 138 - 161 AD, As Emperor













Obverse B

Obverse C

Obverse D

Obverse E

Obverse F

Obverse G



CRS462: VF £30/\$55 *



CRS465: VF £30/ \$55



\$63



CRS467: VF £30/ \$55 *



CRS464: VF £30/\$55



CRS468: VF £60/ \$108 With Marcus Aurelius

ANTONINUS PIUS - 138 - 161 AD, Commemorative

CRS463: VF £30/\$55



Obverse H



CRS469: VF £35/ \$63



\$80



CRS470: VF £35/ \$63 *



CRS471: VF £45/ \$80 *

Left: "CONSECRATIO" Antoninianus. 249 – 251 AD Rev: Altar or Eagle As CRS347 or CRS348

FAUSTINA SENIOR

Wife of Antoninus Pius, died 141 AD

During her Lifetime





After her Death



CRS473: VF £35/\$63



Obverse C



CRS474: VF £35/\$63





Obverse E



Obverse F



CRS475: VF £35/\$63



CRS476: VF £45/\$80

MARCUS AURELIUS - 161 - 180 AD

As Caesar under Antoninus Pius, 139 - 161 AD



Obverse A

Obverse B



Obverse C



CRS477: VF £35/\$63 *



CRS478: VF £35/\$63



FAUSTINA JUNIOR, Commemorative



Obverse C



CRS493: VF £40/\$72



VF £40/\$72

CRS495: VF £40/\$72 *

LUCIUS VERUS - 161 - 169 AD

Co-Emperor with Marcus Aurelius



Obverse A







Obverse C



Obverse D



CRS496: VF £40/\$72



CRS497: VF £40/\$72



CRS498: VF £45/\$80 *



Obverse E

Commemorative



CRS499: VF £50/\$90



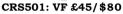
CRS500: VF £50/\$90

LUCILLA

Daughter of Marcus Aurelius, married Verus in 164 AD











Obverse B

CRS503: VF £50/\$90

COMMODUS - 177 - 192 AD

As Caesar under Marcus Aurelius, 175 - 177 AD



Obverse A



CRS504: VF £40/\$72

Obverse G



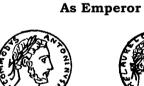
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Obverse B



Obverse F



Obverse C



Obverse D



Obverse E



Obverse H

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COMMODUS - 177 - 192 AD (continued)



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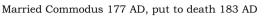


CRS508: VF £70/\$125 *





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Obverse A



CRS511: VF £50/\$90



VF £60/\$108



CRS513: VF £50/\$90

PERTINAX - 1st January 193 - 28th March 193 AD



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CRS514: VF £600/\$1080



CRS515: VF £600/\$1080



CRS516: VF £750/\$1350 Commemorative, minted under Septimius Severus

DIDIUS JULIANUS - 28th March 193 – 2nd June 193



CRS517: VF £750/\$1350



CRS518: VF £1000/\$1800 His Wife MANLIA SCANTILLA



CRS519: VF £1000+/ \$1800+ His daughter DIDIA CLARA

The Roman Empire PESCENNIUS NIGER - 193 - 194 AD Proclaimed April 193 AD, Killed Autumn 194 AD









CLODIUS ALBINUS - 195 - 197 AD

Proclaimed Emperor in Gaul autumn 195 AD, died 19th February 197 AD

As Caesar under Septimius Severus 193 – 195 AD





Obverse B



CRS522: VF £120/ \$216



CRS523: VF £120/ \$216

As Emperor 195 – 197 AD



Obverse C





Obverse E



CRS524: VF £150/\$270 *



VF £150/\$270

SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS - 193 - 211 AD



Obverse A



Obverse F



Obverse B



Obverse G



Obverse C



CRS526: VF £25/\$45 *



Obverse D



CRS27: VF £25/\$45



Obverse E



CRS528: VF £25/\$45 *

SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS - 193 - 211 AD (continued)



CRS529: VF £90/\$162



CRS530: VF £200/ \$360



CR\$531: VF £30/\$55



VF £30/\$55 *



CRS532: VF £50/\$90



CRS534: Quinarius **VF £200/\$360**

CRS535: Cistophorus of three denarii

VF £200/\$360

Commemorative minted by Caracalla and Geta





CRS536: VF £30/\$55 CRS537: VF £30/\$55 *

SEVERUS WITH JULIA DOMNA



CRS538: VF £150/\$270

SEVERUS WITH CARACALLA



CARACALLA - 198 - 217 AD

Note: During this reign, at the end of 214 AD, the double-denarius, known as the Antoninianus, named after himself (as "ANTONINUS PIUS" rather than "CARACALLA") was introduced.

As Caesar 196 - 198 AD **CRS540**: **Obverse** A **Obverse B** CRS541: **CRS542**: VF £35/\$63 VF £35/\$63 VF £35/\$63 As Emperor At first with Septimius Severus, then with Geta and then by himself from 212 AD **Obverse** C **Obverse** D **Obverse** E **Obverse** F **Obverse G Obverse** H CRS543: CRS544: CRS545: CRS546: CRS547: CRS548: VF £25/ VF £25/ VF £25/ VF £200/ VF £25/ VF £50/ \$45 \$45 * \$45 * \$45 * \$90 * \$360 * CRS549: Quinarius VF £250/\$450 CRS550: Cistophorus of 3 denarii

VF £200/\$360

CARACALLA - 198 - 217 AD (continued)







CRS552: VF £65/ \$117 *

GETA - 209 - 212 AD As Caesar 198 - 209 AD

VF £65/\$117 The new ANTONINIANUS, distinguished on males by the radiate crown



CRS553: VF £30/\$55

Commemorative







Obverse A



CRS554: VF £35/\$63 *





CRS555: VF £35/\$63



CRS556: VF £125/\$225

As Emperor with Septimius Severus, then with Caracalla







CRS557: VF £40/\$72 *



Obverse F



CRS558: VF £40/\$72 *



Obverse G



CRS559: VF £45/\$80 *

MACRINUS - April 217 - June 218 AD





Obverse A

Obverse B



CRS560: VF £100/ \$180 *





Antoninianus



CRS562: VF £300/\$540 Antoninianus

DIADUMENIAN - 218 AD

Son of Macrinus, proclaimed Caesar April 217 AD, proclaimed Co-emperor with Macrinus just before his father's death June 218 AD.



Obverse A





There is an "excessively rare, if not unique" denarius of Diadumenian as Emperor.

ELAGABALUS - Proclaimed in Syria - 16th May 218 - 222 AD

Note: Heads and legends are interchangeable, i.e. legend F can be used on the denarius, and legends A - E on the Antoninianus.



Obv: E (with the horn), is used with reverses showing Elagabalus sacrificing, e.g. CRS570 and CRS571

ELAGABALUS - 16th May 218 - 222 AD (continued)

CRS566: VF £25/\$45



CRS565: VF £25/\$45







CRS267: VF £25/\$45



CRS568: VF £25/ \$45 *

CRS569: VF £200/ \$360 *

CRS570: VF £25/ \$45 *

CRS571: VF £25/ \$45 *



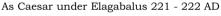


CRS572: VF £60/\$108



CRS573: VF £60/\$108

SEVERUS ALEXANDER - 222 - 235 AD







CRS574: VF £25/\$45



CRS575: VF £25/\$45 *

As Emperor The Antoninianus was not minted during this reign, and was not reintroduced until 238 AD (under Balbinus & Pupienus).



Obverse B



Obverse C



Obverse D



Obverse E



Obverse F

The Antoniniani





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SEVERUS ALEXANDER - 222 - 235 AD (continued)



VF £25/\$45 *



CRS577: VF £25/\$45



CRS578: VF £25/\$45



VF £25/\$45 *



CRS580: Ouinarius VF £400/\$720



Obverse G

Commemorative





CRS581: VF £100/\$180 * Antoninianus of 249 – 251 AD

CRS582: VF £100/\$180 Antoninianus of 249 – 251 AD

The Ladies of the Severan Dynasty 193 - 235 AD

For the Antoninianus denominations ladies have a crescent behind the shoulder

JULIA DOMNA

Wife of Septimius Severus, mother of Caracalla and Geta, died 217 AD





Obverse A **Obverse B** Both used during the reign of Septimius Severus



Obverse C Used during the reign of Caracalla

The Roman Empire - Ladies of the Severan Dynasty

JULIA DOMNA (continued)



CRS583: VF £25/\$45



CRS584: VF £25/\$45



CRS585: VF £25/\$45



CRS586: VF £25/ \$45 *



CRS587: VF £300/\$540 Caracalla and Geta



CRS588: Quinarius VF £400/\$720



Obverse D



CRS589: Antoninianus VF £80/\$145 *



CRS590: Antoninianus VF £75/\$135

Commemorative (reign of Elagabalus)



PLAUTILLIA

Married to Caracalla in 202 AD, banished 205 AD





Obverse B



Obverse C



CRS592: VF £40/ \$72



CRS593: VF £40/ \$72 *



CRS594: VF £40/ \$72

The Roman Empire - Ladies of the Severan Dynasty

JULIA PAULA

First wife of Elagabalus, married 219 AD, divorced 220 AD







CRS596: VF £80/\$145

AQUILIA SEVERA

One of the Vestal Virgins, became Elagabalus' second wife 220 AD



JULIA MAESA – Died c223 AD

Sister of Julia Domna. Mother of Julia Soaemias and Julia Mamaea. Grandmother of Elagabalus and Severus Alexander. Lifetime coins were minted during the reign of Elagabalus. The commemorative coins were struck during the reign of Severus Alexander



Obverse A



CRS598: VF £35/ \$63 *



CRS601: VF £70/\$125 Only Antoninianus type



CRS599: VF £35/ \$63 *



CRS600: VF £35/ \$63



CRS602: VF £300/\$540 * Commemorative

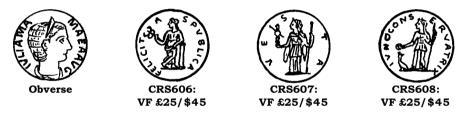
The Roman Empire - Ladies of the Severan Dynasty

JULIA SOAEMIAS

Daughter of Julia Maesa, mother of Elagabalus. Killed at the same time as Elagabalus in 222AD.

JULIA MAMAEA

Sister of Julia Domna, mother of Severus Alexander, whom she to a great extent controlled. Assassinated with Severus Alexander 235 AD.



SALLUSTIA BARBIA ORBIANA

Married Severus Alexander 225 AD, but Julia Mamaea became jealous, and made Severus Alexander banish her to Africa c227AD.



CRS609: VF £100/\$180

MAXIMINUS I - 235 - 238 AD



PAULINA

Wife of Maximinus - commemorative coins only, possibly died before Maximinus' accession



Obverse A



CRS613: VF £300/\$540

MAXIMUS - Caesar 235 - 238 AD

Son of Maximinus I



CRS614: VF £300/\$540 *

Obverse A



Obverse B



CRS615: VF £160/\$288 *



CRS616: VF £150/\$270

GORDIAN I 238 AD

Proclaimed in North Africa - 22nd March 238, died 12th April 238



CRS617: VF £800/\$1440

GORDIAN II 238 AD

Son of Gordian I Proclaimed in North Africa 22nd March 238, died 12th April 238



CRS618: VF £800/\$1440 *

These two Emperors use the same Obverse legend. Coins are distinguished by Gordian II having a bald forehead

BALBINUS & PUPIENUS - 238 AD

Joint Reign 22nd April 238 – 29th July 238 AD. Reintroduced the Antoninianus (Double denarius) BALBINUS **Obverse** A CRS619: **CRS620: Obverse B** CRS621: VF £250/ VF £250/ Antoninianus Antoninianus \$450 VF £250/ \$450 \$450 **PUPIENUS** CRS622: VF £250/\$450 CRS623: VF £250/\$450 **Obverse** A **Obverse** B **Obverse** C **CRS624:** Antoninianus Antoninianus

GORDIAN III - 29th July 238 - 244 AD

Nephew of Gordian II. As Caesar under Balbinus and Pupienus from about May 238 AD





CRS625: VF £200/\$360

Antoninianus

VF £250/\$450

GORDIAN III - 29th July 238 - 244 AD, As Emperor

The Denarii







The Antoninianus

The Antoninianus now replaces the Denarius as the main silver coin of the Roman monetary system (until **CRS720**). Unless otherwise stated, all coins of this next "Radiate" period are Antoniniani



PHILIP I - 244 - 249 AD



CRS643: VF £25/ \$45

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Philip II 247 – 249 AD

Philip I and Philip II can be distinguished by the youthfulness of Phillip II (he was only about twelve when he was killed).

As Caesar under his father Philip I





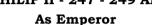


CRS648: VF £25/\$45

PHILIP II - 247 - 249 AD



CRS649: VF £25/\$45





CRS650: VF £30/\$55 *



CRS651: VF £35/\$63

PACATIAN - 248 AD

Rebel in the Danube region for a few weeks, summer of 248 AD



CRS652: VF Very Rare & expensive

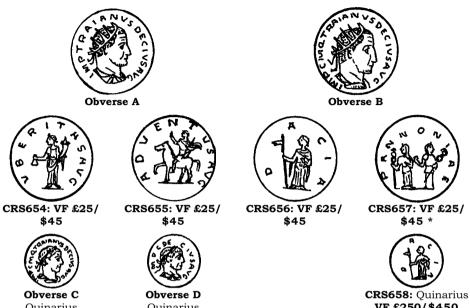
JOTAPIAN - 248 AD

Rebel in Syria for a few weeks, summer of 248 AD



CRS653: VF Very Rare & expensive

TRAJAN DECIUS - 249 - 251 AD



HERENNIA ETRUSCILLA

Wife of Trajan Decius





CRS659: VF £25/\$45



CRS660: VF £25/\$45



Obverse B



CRS661: VF £25/\$45

VF £250/\$450

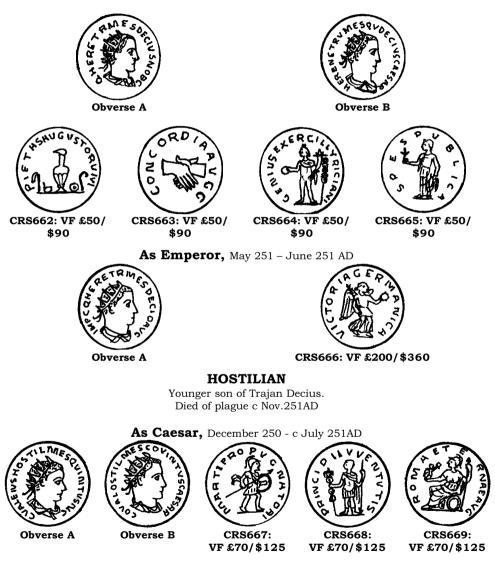
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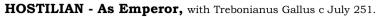
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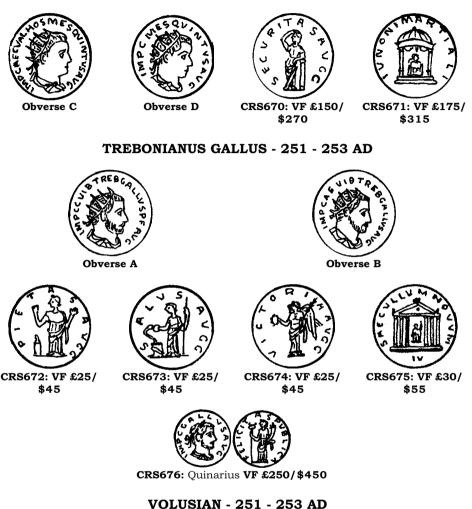
HERENNIUS ETRUSCUS - 251 AD

Elder son of Trajan Decius.

As Caesar, September 250 – May 251 AD







Caesar under Trebonianus Gallus c July - c November 251 AD Co-emperor c November 251 AD - Summer 253 AD

As Caesar







Obverse A

VOLUSIAN - 251 - 253 AD, As Emperor









CRS680: VF £80/\$145



Proclaimed Emperor in Moesia summer 253, assassinated Autumn 253 AD



Obverse A



Obverse B

Obverse A



CRS681: VF £150/\$270



VF £150/\$270



CRS683: VF £150/\$270

CORNELIA SUPERA

Wife of Aemilian



CRS684: VF Very rare & expensive

VALERIAN I - 253 - 260 AD

c September 253 – c June 260 AD (when captured by the Persians)



Obverse B



Obverse D

VALERIAN I - 253 - 260 AD (continued)



VF £20/\$36



CRS686: VF £20/\$36



CRS687: VF £25/\$45 *



VF £25/\$45 *



CRS689: VF £25/\$45 *



CRS690: VF £25/\$45



CRS691: Denarius VF £150/ \$270



CRS692: Quinarius VF £150/\$270

MARINIANA

Wife of Valerian - Commemorative



CRS693: VF £120/\$216

VALERIAN II - 256 - 258 AD

Son of Gallienus, grandson of Valerian I, Caesar 256 - 258 AD



Obverse A





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Obverse E

Obverse B C

Obverse C

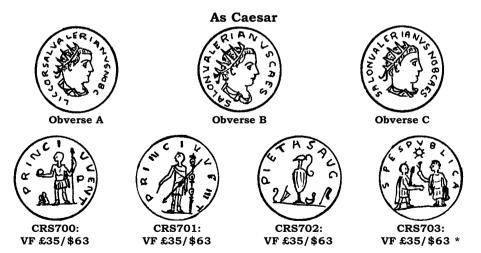
Obverse D

VALERIAN II - 256 - 258 AD (continued)



SALONINUS - 258 - 259 AD

Younger brother of Valerian II. Caesar from 258 – 259 AD. Proclaimed Emperor by his troops besieged in Cologne. His reign lasted just a few weeks until Cologne fell to Postumus





SALONINUS - 258 - 259 AD, As Emperor

The Antoninianus is at this stage becoming more and more debased, and by around 260AD it becomes virtually a base metal coin. The Antoniniani of Gallienus, Salonina, Macrianus, Quietus and Postumus are all included in **"Roman Base Metal Coins – A Price Guide"** (ISBN 0948964-46-4); but as some of their coins do still look "silverish" I list them here also. Prices given are for well-silvered specimens.



SALONINA

Wife of Gallienus.



POSTUMUS - 260 - 269 AD

Rebelled against Gallienus, and ruled over Spain, Gaul and Britain.



Obverse



CRS714: VF £25 */\$45



CRS715: VF £35/\$63



CRS716: VF £30/\$55



CRS717: VF £35/\$63



CRS718: VF £120/\$216 *

MACRIANUS

c September 260 - Spring 261 AD



QUIETUS c September 260 – c November 261 AD



CRS719: VF £100/\$180

Macrianus and his brother Quietus were proclaimed Emperors by the remnants of Valerian's army after the latter's capture by the Persians.

From this time until the reign of Carausius in Britain there is no Roman silver coinage

CARAUSIUS - 287 - 293 AD

Emperor in Britain. Carausius minted a small number of Denarii of good silver c 287 - 289 AD. These are all very rare and expensive. It is thought that they may have been an "ACCESSION DONATIVE" to the troops



DIOCLETIAN - 284 - 305 AD

Diocletian reformed the system by which the Roman Empire was governed. In 293AD he established the "Tetrarchy" (rule of four people); there were to be two senior Emperors, the "Augusti", and two juniors, the "Caesars" - with himself in charge as senior Augustus. With regard to the coinage, all mints, whichever of the four ruled that particular area were to mint coins in the names of all four rulers. Amongst his numismatic reforms Diocletian introduced a new silver coin known as the "Argenteus", valued at five AE folles.



MAXIMIANUS HERCULEUS

286 - 305 AD, 306 - 308 AD and 310 AD





VF £200/\$360



VF £200/\$360





CRS734: VF £200/\$360

CRS735: VF £200/\$360

CONSTANTIUS I Caesar 293 – 305 AD. Augustus 305 – 306 AD





CRS736: VF £200/\$360

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CRS737: VF £200/\$360

GALERIUS also known as **MAXIMIANUS** Caesar 293 – 305 AD. Augustus 305 – 311 AD



Obverse



VF £200/ \$360



\$360

CRS740: VF £200/

\$360



CRS741: Half Argenteus VF £250/\$450

LICINIUS I - 308 - 324 AD



Billon; but considered by some authorities to be a base silver Argenteus.

CONSTANTINE I

Caesar 306 - 307 AD. Augustus 307 - 337 AD





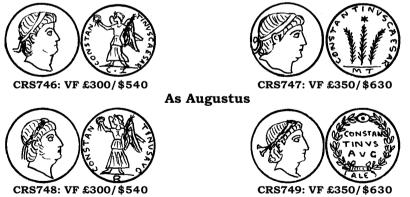
During the 320's Constantine introduced the Siliqua (which during its early life was the same weight as the Argenteus) and also the Miliarense, which weighed 4.5 grammes as opposed to c 3.4 grammes for the Siliqua. The Miliarense was valued one-third more than the Siliqua. From now on until **CRS841**, all coins are Siliquae unless otherwise stated. In some catalogues the pre 355 AD Siliqua is still called "Argenteus".



CONSTANTINE II

Caesar 317 – 337 AD. Augustus 337 – 340 AD

As Caesar



CONSTANS - 337 - 350 AD



CRS753: Miliarense VF £600+/\$1080+

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CONSTANTIUS II Caesar 324 - 337 AD. Augustus 337 - 361 AD



CRS754: VF £200/\$360



CRS755: Miliarense **VF £600/\$1080**



CRS756: VF £100/\$180



CRS757: VF £250/\$450



CRS758: VF £80/\$145 *



CRS759: VF £80/\$145



CRS760: VF £80/\$145

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CONSTANTIUS II (continued)



CRS761: Miliarense VF £600+/\$1080+



CRS762: Miliarense VF £600+/\$1080+

Around 355 AD the weight and size of the Siliqua was reduced by about a third from average 3.4 grammes to average 2.25 grammes. Whilst Siliquae of Constantius II and other rulers before this date are "unreduced", those after 355 AD are "reduced".



CRS763: VF £45/\$80



CRS764: "Reduced" Siliqua VF £50/\$90



CRS765: VF £45/\$80

MAGNENTIUS 350 – 353 AD



CRS766: "Unreduced" Siliqua VF £400/ \$720 * DECENTIUS 351 – 353 AD





CRS767: "Unreduced" Siliqua VF £1500+/ \$2700+

CONSTANTIUS GALLUS 351 – 354 AD

Caesar under Constantus II



CRS768: "Unreduced" Siliqua VF £400/ \$720



CRS769: "Unreduced" Siliqua VF £400/ \$720

JULIAN II - 360 - 363 AD

As Caesar, 355 - 360 AD



CRS770: VF £50/\$90



NOTE: All Siliquae from now on are "reduced"



CRS772: VF £40/\$72

As Augustus, 360 - 363 AD





CRS774: VF £45/\$80



CRS775: Miliarense VF £600+ /\$1080+

JOVIAN - 363 - 364 AD



CRS776: VF £80/\$145

VALENTINIAN I - 364 - 375 AD



CRS779: VF £60/\$108



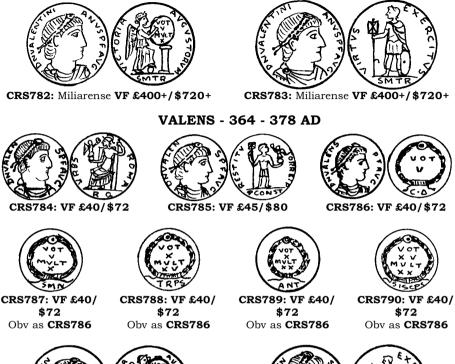
CRS777: VF £50/\$90

CRS780: VF £50/\$90

CRS781: VF £50/\$90



VALENTINIAN I - 364 - 375 AD





CRS791: Miliarense VF £400+/\$720+



CRS792: Miliarense VF £400+/\$720+



CRS793: Miliarense VF £400+/\$720+

PROCOPIUS - 365 - 366 AD

Rebel in Constantinople area



CRS794: VF £600/\$1080

GRATIAN - 367 - 383 AD



CRS795: VF £60/\$108

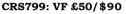


CRS798: VF £50/\$90 *



CRS796: VF £250/\$450 *







CRS797: VF £50/\$90



CRS800: VF £50/\$90



CRS801: Miliarense VF £400+/\$720

VALENTINIAN II - 375 - 392 AD



CRS802: VF £60/\$108



CRS804: VF £60/\$108



CRS805: VF £60/\$108





CRS806: VF £60/\$108





CRS807: Half Siliqua **VF £200/\$360**

CRS808: Miliarense VF £400+/\$720+

THEODOSIUS I - 379 - 395 AD





CRS811: VF £60/\$108



CRS814: VF £60/\$108



CRS813: VF £60/\$108

CRS815: Miliarense VF £400+/\$720+

MAGNUS MAXIMUS - 383 - 388 AD

Proclaimed Emperor by his troops in Britain July 383AD (in opposition to Gratian). He invaded Gaul, defeating Gratian, and forcing Valentinian II to flee from Rome to Constantinople. He now ruled the West from his capital at Treveri in the Rhineland. In 388AD he was defeated by Theodosius I and Valentinian II and fled to Aquileia, where, though he pleaded for mercy, was executed on Theodosius' orders.



CRS812: VF £60/\$108

CRS816: VF £100/\$180



CRS817: VF £80/\$145



CRS818: VF £100/\$180

FLAVIUS VICTOR 387 – 388 AD

Son of Magnus Maximus. "Eliminated" by Arbogast, general of Theodosius I, after his father's execution.





CRS820: VF £400/\$720

EUGENIUS - 392 - 394 AD

Proclaimed Emperor by Arbogast on August 22^{nd} 392AD, after a three-month interregnum in the West following the death of Valentinian II. Eugenius began removing the chief supporters of Theodosius from high office in the western provinces, and Theodosius prepared for war. They met at the Battle of the Frigidus on the borders of Italy and Slovenia in September 394AD, and Theodosius won!





ARCADIUS - 383 - 408 AD

Eldest son of Theodosius I, made Augustus in 383AD. Took over in the East in 395AD.



CRS823: VF £50/\$90



CRS824: VF £50/\$90



CRS825: VF £60/\$108

HONORIUS - 393 - 423 AD

Brother of Arcadius. Made Augustus in 393AD. Became Emperor of the West in 395AD. During this reign, in 410AD, the last legion was withdrawn from Britain, and the island told to defend itself as best it could.



CRS826: VF £50/\$90



CRS827: VF £60/\$108



CRS828: Half Siliqua VF £100/\$180



CRS829: Miliarense VF £500+/\$900+

CONSTANTINE III - 407 - 411 AD A common soldier proclaimed Emperor by the soldiers in Britain. Executed.



CRS830: VF £250/\$450

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The reigns of Arcadius and Honorius mark the real beginning of the split into Eastern and Western Roman Emperors. There was no longer a SENIOR Augustus, and the two Empires drifted apart. For this reason Arcadius is sometimes described as the first Byzantine Emperor – though numismatists wait for Anastasius!



CONSTANS 408 – 411 AD

MAXIMUS 409 – 411 AD

Usurper in Spain; but later pardoned by Honorius and allowed to retire into private life.



JOVINUS 411 – 413 AD

A Gallic nobleman, proclaimed at Mainz, whose usurpation was supported by a number of barbarian tribes. Eventually he was betrayed, captured, and put to death.



CRS833: VF £300/\$540



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GALLA PLACIDIA

Daughter of Theodosius I, mother of Valentinian III, lived 388 - 450 AD



CRS835: Half Siliqua VF £500/\$900 *

THEODOSIUS II - 402 - 450 AD

Ruler in the East



Note that 'CONS' is the only mintmark for Theodosius II's 'VOT' type, and this distinguishes CRS837 from CRS814 (Theodosius I has various mint marks, but NOT 'CONS')

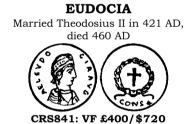


CRS839: Miliarense VF £400+/\$720+

PULCHERIA

Daughter of Arcadius, elder sister of Theodosius II. Lived 399 – 453 AD





From this point on all coins, unless otherwise stated are HALF SILIQUAE

The grand scale barbarian invasions that started during the reign of Honorius had culminated in a 14-day pillage of Rome during 455. Subsequent Emperors ruled in name only with various barbarian chiefs now in control of the city and what was left of its armies. The last appointed Western Emperor (Romulus Augustus) was deposed in 476 and what was left, was absorbed by Zeno of the Eastern Empire.



CRS847: VF £300/\$540

CRS848: Siliqua **VF £400/\$720** Seeming to continue a reverse of Theodosius II



LEO I - 457 – 474 AD

Eastern Emperor



LIBIUS SEVERUS 461 – 465 AD aka SEVERUS III Appointed Western Emperor



ZENO 474 – 490 AD

Became Emperor through his marriage to Ariadne, daughter of Leo. He was not popular partly because he came from Isauria, and partly because of the financial problems caused by his predecessor's disastrous expedition against the Vandals. The people of Constantinople welcomed Basiliscus in his place in 475AD; but he was completely hopeless and they were glad to have Zeno back in 476AD

Zeno, later presided over what was left of the Western Empire. He had no children, so upon his death his widow chose his successor as Anastasius, a favoured member of the Imperial court. By now the Empire with its capital at Constantinople has evolved into the Byzantine Empire, built upon the fragments of the Eastern half of the old Roman Empire.

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BASILISCUS 475 - 476 AD

Rebelled against Zeno



Appendix I. Extra Notes by Coin Number

- **CRS2** Obv: Hercules was ordered by the gods to serve King Eurystheus for twelve years, after which he would become immortal. Eurystheus gave him a total of twelve very difficult tasks to perform the first being to procure the skin of the monstrous Nemaean lion, which Hercules had to strangle with his bare hands. He is commonly shown on coins with the lion's skin either round his neck (as here), or over his head (e.g. CRS201). Here he also has his club over his shoulder. Rev. The wolf suckles Romulus and Remus. The King of Alba Longa feared the babies, and ordered them drowned in the River Tiber; but the king's servant placed them in a basket before depositing them in the river. They floated down to where the future Rome would be built they were found by, and suckled by, a wolf. Romulus later founded Rome.
- **CRS9 (+** Rev: "Dioscuri" literally means "sons of Zeus (or Jupiter)". At the Battle of Lake **CRS15a**) Regillus against the Latins in 479BC the Romans were having a bad time. The
- Dioscuri suddenly rode in to support the Romans, and they won the battle.
- **CRS12** Rev: When the Romans or Greeks won a battle they commonly decorated the stump of a tree with arms and armour taken from fallen enemy. This was known as a "trophy".
- **CRS13** Diana, goddess of hunting, was also thought of as goddess of the moon, as here, where she wears a crescent on her head.
- **CRS14** Roma is seated on a pile of shields, with the "wolf and twins" to the right of her.
- **CRS15** Obv: Head of Apollo wearing a laurel-wreath (as he frequently does).
- Rev: Jupiter in the quadriga wields his usual weapon, a thunderbolt.
- **CRS26** Oblong shields and a carnyx (trumpet) in saltire.
- **CRS111** Obv and Rev: Juno Sospita was protectress against the dangers of war. She wears the skin of a goat.
- **CRS113** Obv: Head considered to be that of Vercingetorix, with an oblong Gallic shield behind. He was a leader of the Gauls against Julius Caesar.
- **CRS116** Obv: Head of Bacchus, god of wine, wearing, as usual, a wreath of ivy. Rev: Ceres, the corn-goddess holding two corn-ears. She is in a chariot pulled by two serpents.
- **CRS161** Obv: Head of Juno wearing a veil over the back part of her head. Juno was one of the three divinities of the Roman Capitol. The heads of the other two, Jupiter and Minerva, are also used as obverses of this type. Rev. Triumphal chariot with a small victory standing on top of it.
- **CRS162** King Aretas of Nabataea (Arabia) holds out an olive branch. He is submitting to the Romans.
- **CRS163** Two soldiers fighting, one with a whip, the other with a sword.
- **CRS164** Macedonian shield, with an elephant's head in centre.
- **CRS165-6** Monument to an ancestor who in 439BC reduced the price of corn in Rome.
- **CRS167** Horseman holds sword and head of a barbarian.
- **CRS168** The Dioscuri, each with a small star above head.
- **CRS171** The basket of Romulus and Remus came to rest by a fig tree, and later, the shepherd Faustulus (at the left) took the twins away from the wolf and brought them up.
- **CRS172** Hercules wrestles with the Nemaean lion.
- **CRS173** Obv: Bust of Virtus ("courage"). Rev: Manlius Aquillius raises up "Sicily".
- **CRS174** Cornucopia (Horn of plenty) on a globe, between sceptre and (on Rev) a rudder.
- **CRS175** Obv: The head may be that of Scipio Africanus the Elder. Rev: Jupiter between Juno and Minerva.
- **CRS176** Head of either Roma or Mars.

- **CRS177** Obv: Head of Mars. Rev: Two Gallic trumpets and two shields.
- **CRS178-9** Obv: Head of Mars.
- **CRS180** Head of Roma surrounded by a torque (collar). An ancestor of the moneyer had killed a gigantic Gaul in single combat, and taken from him his torque this earned for his family the surname "Torquatus".
- **CRS181** In the Social War of 90-88BC Rome was opposed by the Marsic Federation of neighbouring Italian states. The obverse head is that of "Italia". The reverse shows two soldiers touching with their swords a pig held by the man who kneels in the centre. This was a Roman way of making an oath (see also CRS184). The legends are in the OSCAN script.
- **CRS182** Obv: Head of Janus. Rev: Roma builds a trophy (see note on CRS12).
- **CRS183** "Janiform" head of the Dioscuri.
- **CRS184** Obv: The Dei Penates, who were worshipped as gods of the household. Rev. soldiers swearing an oath over a sow (see note on CRS181 Rev)
- **CRS185** Obv: The heads of Numa Pompilius and Ancus Marcius, two early kings of Rome.
- **CRS186** Minted by Brutus (who later minted CRS301 306) as a young man in his capacity as one of the regular mint officials. The heads are those of ancestors.
- **CRS187** Obv: The moneyer's grandfather, of the same name, who was a consul.
- Rev: Head of Sol the sun-god, who is always shown radiate.
- **CRS188** Rev: Head of "Sors" a "sors" was an oracular response, often written on a tablet as the one below the half-figure.
- **CRS189** Obv: Head, or mask, of the Gorgon Medusa. Rev: Aurora (the "Dawn") leading out the four horses of the Sun, ready to harness them to the chariot which Apollo, the sun-god, was supposed to drive across the sky each day.
- **CRS190** Obv: The head of the gorgon Medusa is in the centre of the "triskelis" (three legs). The triskelis represents Sicily, where this coin was struck. Rev: Jupiter stands holding an eagle and a thunderbolt.
- **CRS191** Obv: Turreted head of the goddess Cybele. Rev: "Bacchius" is unknown to history, but may be another name for Judas Aristobulus II, a Jewish ruler who submitted to Pompey in 63BC.
- **CRS192-3** Rev: The sella curulis, "curule chair", the official seat used by leading Roman officials.
- **CRS193** Obv: Turreted head of "the City" Note that behind is a deformed foot.
- **CRS194** Obv: Head of King Philip V of Macedon, 220 179BC. Rev: Equestrian statue of L. Philippus, an ancestor of the moneyer, who concluded a treaty of friendship with Philip V.
- **CRS195** Obv: Head of Sol, the sun-god.
- **CRS196** Obv: Bust Of Mercury, the messenger of the gods, with his staff, the "caduceus", behind. Rev: Ulysses (Odysseus) returns to his island home of Ithaca after an absence of twenty years. As he does not know what to expect he is disguised; but his old dog Argus recognises him, wags his tail and then dies of old age.
- **CRS197** Obv: Head of Diana Planciana, wearing a "petasus". Rev: A quiver, a bow, and a goat.
- CRS198-200 Obv: Head of Juno Sospita. See note on CRS111.
- **CRS199** Rev: At the yearly festival in honour of Juno Sospita held at Lanuvium, a maiden descended into the grotto under the temple to feed the serpent that lived there. If the girl was chaste she got out of the grotto safely afterwards!
- **CRS201** Obv: Head of Hercules. Rev: The savage Erymanthean boar which Hercules captured alive and carried on his shoulders to King Eurystheus (see note on CRS2).
- **CRS202** See note on CRS186. Obv: Head of "Liberty". Rev: The consul L. Junius Brutus (an ancestor) walking between two lictors with an usher in front.

- **CRS203-4** Obv: Head of Tatius, King of the Sabines, from whom the moneyer may have traced his descent.
- **CRS203** Rev: Tarpeia (in the centre), who betrayed a Roman fortress to the Sabines for gold. The Sabines were so disgusted by her treachery that they threw their shields down on her, so killing her.
- **CRS204** Rev: The "Rape of the Sabine women". The earliest Romans were all men. They tricked the Sabines by inciting them to compete in games "and bring your ladies with you". At an appropriate moment each Roman snatched a Sabine girl and raced off back to Rome.
- **CRS205** Obv: Veiled head of "Concord". Rev: L Aemilius Paullus, who defeated and captured the Macedonian King Perseus in 168BC, raises up a trophy. At the left stand Perseus and his two sons as prisoners.
- **CRS206** Obv: Head of local Italian god Vejovis (who may have been equated with Jupiter) wielding a thunderbolt. Rev: The two Lares praestites, who were deities protecting the city of Rome.
- CRS207 Obv: Uncertain male head. Rev: The Dioscuri
- **CRS208** Obv: Head of Apollo. Rev: The Dioscuri allowing their horses to drink.
- **CRS209** Obv: Head of Flora wearing a wreath of flowers. Rev: Two warriors.
- **CRS210** Obv: Head of Saturn. Rev: Two Quaestors seated these were Roman officials, who were overseeing a law selling corn at a low price.
- **CRS211** Obv: Head of Apollo. Rev: Roma seated on shields being crowned by a Victory
- **CRS212** Obv: Head of "Piety". Rev: One of the Sicilian brothers carrying his father. The story is that the brothers saved their parents from an eruption of Mount Etna by carrying them to safety on their shoulders.
- **CRS213** Obv: Head of Venus. Rev: Three trophies (see note on CRS12).
- **CRS214** Obv: See note on CRS187 Obv: Rev. Figure seated on a sacrificial table between two trophies.
- **CRS215** Obv: Head of Hercules. Rev: Rider with two horses in a certain race each jockey had to ride the course vaulting from one horse to another.
- **CRS216** Obv: Head of Ceres, goddess of corn. Rev: Man ploughing with two oxen.
- **CRS217** Rev: Two yoked oxen.
- **CRS218** Obv: Head of Diana, bow and quiver at back. Rev: Wild boar attacked by hound, spear in back.
- **CRS219** Obv: Head of Roma. Rev: Equestrian statue on triumphal arch.
- **CRS220** Obv: Head of Apollo.
- **CRS221** Obv: Head of Ancius Marcius, ancient king of Rome. Rev: Equestrian statue on an aqueduct.
- CRS222 Obv: Head of Apollo.
- **CRS223** Obv: Head of Apollo, pickaxe behind. Rev: Valeria Luperca (ancestress of the moneyer) seated on a heifer.
- **CRS224** Obv: Head of Diana, bow and quiver at shoulder. Rev: Man standing on rocks, about to sacrifice an ox.
- CRS225 Obv: Head of Vejovis, thunderbolt below (see note on CRS206 Obv.)
- Rev: Winged genius on a goat. The caps of the Dioscuri above.
- **CRS226** Obv: Head of "Gaul", with carnyx (trumpet) behind. Rev: Diana of Ephesus holding a stag.
- **CRS227** Obv: Head of Neptune, trident behind. Rev: Winged genius on a dolphin.
- **CRS228** Obv: Head of Venus.
- **CRS229** Obv: Head of Hispania (Spain). Rev: Figure standing between Roman Legionary eagle and fasces (bundle of rods and an axe carried by lictors, as on CRS202)
- **CRS230** Obv: Head of "Piety" with stork in front.
- CRS231 Obv: Head of Jupiter.

CRS232	Obv: Head of Apollo.	
CRS233	Obv: Head of Diana. Rev. Hunting dog, with spear below.	
CRS234	Obv: Head of a sibyl (prophetess). Rev. Sphinx,	
CRS235	Obv: Head of Bacchus (see note on 116 Obv.) Rev. Pegasus.	
CRS236	Obv: Head of Mutinius Titinus, who was especially worshipped by young married women.	
CRS237	Obv: Head of Bonus Eventus, god of good fortune.	
CRS238	Obv: Head of Vulcan, the blacksmith god, tongs behind.	
CRS239	Obv: Head of Victory, with wings showing at her shoulders. Rev. Legionary	
	eagle between two standards.	
CRS240	Obv: Head of Venus or "Piety". Rev: Winged victory.	
CRS241	Obv: Head of Roma.	
CRS242	Obv: Head of Victory. Rev: Mars holding sword and trophy.	
CRS243	Obv: Head of Apollo, lyre behind (he was god of music). Rev: Diana standing holding two torches.	
CRS244	Obv: Head of Apollo. Rev: Marsyas with wine-skin over shoulder (he challenged	
000045	Apollo to a musical contest - but lost).	
CRS245	Obv: Head of Jupiter. Rev: Juno Sospita, with serpent in front (see note on CRS111).	
CRS246	Obv: Head of Salus (means "Health"). Rev: Salus holding serpent and leaning	
00047	against column. Obw. Used of Visite, Daw Man dramming tablet into mating some	
CRS247	Obv: Head of Vesta. Rev: Man dropping tablet into voting-urn.	
CRS248	Obv: Mask of Pan Rev: Jupiter Axurus seated.	
CRS249	Obv: Head of Jupiter. Rev: Temple of Jupiter Capitolinus.	
CRS250	Rev: Temple of Jupiter Capitolinus.	
CRS251 CRS252	Obv: Veiled head of Vesta. Rev: Curule chair within circular Temple of Vesta.	
CR5252	Obv: Head of Venus Rev. The Acropolis of Eryx in Sicily, showing the Temple of Venus.	
CRS253	Obv: Head of "Liberty". Rev: The "Rostrum" at Rome, on which is a magistrate's	
	seat. The Rostrum was a curved set of arches decorated with ships' prows.	
CRS254	Obv: Uncertain head (? Fortune). Rev: Pediment of temple.	
CRS255	Obv: Head of Bonus Eventus ("Good Fortune"). Rev: Well-head upon which are two lyres.	
CRS257	Obv: Head of Ceres. Rev: Curule chair between fasces (see notes on; CRS192	
	and CRS229 Rev.)	
CRS258	Obv: Head of Apollo.	
CRS258/9	258 Re. & 259 Obv & Rev, a Curule chair.	
CRS260	Obv: Head of Fortune. Rev: Caduceus (the staff of Mercury) and palm.	
CRS261	Obv: Head of? Bonus Eventus (good fortune). Rev: Caduceus.	
CRS262	Obv: Head of "Piety".	
CRS263	Obv: Head of "Concord".	
CRS264	Obv: Head of Venus. Rev: Ear of corn, fasces and caduceus. (see note on CRS229 Rev)	
CRS265	Obv: Head of a Sibyl (prophetess). Rev: Tripod surrounded by a torque (see note on CRS180)	
CRS266	Obv: Head of Venus. Rev: Double cornucopiae (horns of plenty).	
CRS267	Obv: Head of Juno Moneta (Juno the "giver of good counsel"). The mint was originally attached to her Temple: hence the use of "Moneta" for "money".	
	Rev: Anvil with tongs and hammer. Vulcan's domed cap above.	
CRS268	Obv: Genius of the Roman People, sceptre over shoulder. Rev: Globe between	

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sceptre and rudder.

- **CRS269** Obv: Veiled head of Vesta. Rev: Knife, simpulum (cup used for religious ceremonies) and ornamental axe.
- **CRS270** Obv: Head of "Piety". Rev: jug and Lituus (the special staff of an augur an augur was a soothsayer).
- **CRS271** Obv: Head of a consul ancestor of the moneyer
- **CRS273-4** Obv: Head of Apollo wearing laurel wreath. Rev. Victory with a trophy.
- **CRS275** Obv: Head of Jupiter laureate.
- **CRS279** Obv: Head of Apollo. Rev: Winged victory.
- **CRS280** Obv: Head of Victory, wing visible at shoulder. Rev: Woman feeding serpent.
- **CRS281** Obv: Head of Neptune, trident at shoulder. Rev: Snake round altar in front of Victory.
- **CRS282** Obv: Head of Victory. Rev: Pegasus.
- **CRS283** Obv: Head of ?Bacchus wearing ivy-wreath. Rev: Victory seated.
- CRS284 Obv: Head of Venus. Rev: Cupid walking,
- CRS285 Smaller version of CRS222
- **CRS286** Obv: Bust of Jupiter.
- **CRS287** Obv: Bust of Numa Pompilius, an early King of Rome.
- **CRS288** Obv: Head of Roma. Rev: "Hispania" (Spain) presenting palm to Pompey, who is stepping off a galley.
- **CRS289** Obv: Head of Pompey the Great. Rev: Neptune between the Sicilian brothers (see CRS212 note).
- **CRS290** Obv: Head of Neptune. Rev: A naval "trophy" (see CRS12 note).
- **CRS291** Obv: The lighthouse at Messana (the modern Messina), with a galley in front. Rev: The sea-monster Scylla.
- **CRS292** Obv: Elephant trampling on serpent. Rev: Sacrificial implements (see CRS269), simpulum, sprinkler, axe, and "apex" (priest's hat).
- **CRS293** Obv: Head of Venus. Rev: Aeneas escaping from Troy, carrying his father, and the "palladium" (a statue of Minerva).
- **CRS294** Obv: Head of Venus. Rev: Sacrificial implements.
- **CRS295** Obv: Head of Venus. Rev: A trophy and captives.
- **CRS296** Obv: Veiled head of Caesar, with apex behind veiled for him to act as a priest.
- **CRS297** Obv: Head of Caesar. Rev: Venus standing.
- **CRS299-300** Obv: Head on these two coins may represent a personification of "the New Age" rather than Julius Caesar!
- **CRS300** Obv: Head of Caesar with comet above (a comet appeared shortly after Caesar's death). Rev: A priest standing.
- **CRS301** Obv: Head of Apollo. Rev: A trophy (see CRS12 note).
- CRS302 Obv & Rev: Sacrificial implements.
- CRS303 Obv: Head of "Liberty".
- **CRS304** Obv: Head of Brutus. Rev: "The Ides of March" (the day Brutus participated in the assassination of Caesar) "Cap of Liberty" between two daggers.
- **CRS305** Obv: Magisterial stool. Rev: Tripod.
- CRS306 Obv: Head of "Liberty". Rev: Anchor and prow of galley.
- CRS307 Obv: Head of "Liberty". Rev: Jug and Lituus (see CRS270 note).
- **CRS308** Obv & Rev: "sacrificial implements" and raven.
- **CRS309** Rev: Radiate head of "Sol" in temple.
- **CRS310** Obv: Mark Antony dressed as a priest. Rev: Head of Sol (the sun-god).
- **CRS312** Rev: Legionary eagle between two standards.

CRS314-5	Rev: Lion.
CRS316	Rev: Head of Octavia on "cista mystica" (special chest connected with the
CRS320-1	worship of Bacchus, god of wine), with entwined serpents. Rev: Caduceus (see CRS260 note).
CRS322	Obv: Head of Mars. Rev: Trophy above legionary eagle between two standards.
CRS324	Rev: Thunderbolt.
CRS325	Rev: Statue of Caesar in temple dedicated to "the divine Julius". Altar at left.
CRS327-9	Obv: Bust of Venus.
CRS328	Obv: Head of Feronia. Rev: Kneeling Parthian handing back a Roman standard.
CRS329	Obv: Eagle, consular robes (the shell-like object) and a wreath. Rev: A
CROCZS	triumphal chariot.
CRS332	Capricorn, with cornucopia on back, holding globe & rudder.
CRS333	Minted 28BC, recording the conquest of Egypt after the deaths of Antony &
CRS334	Cleopatra. Rev: Shield between two laurel trees.
CRS334 CRS335	Altar dedicated to "Fortuna".
CRS335 CRS336	
CRS338	Rev: Apollo holding lyre and plectrum. Rev: The round temple of Mars the Avenger.
CRS338 CRS339	Rev: A comet (see CRS300 note).
CRS340	Rev: An oak-wreath presented to Augustus by grateful citizens.
CRS341	Rev: The "golden shield of valour" presented to Augustus.
CRS342	Rev: Caius & Lucius Caesar standing facing, shields and spears between.
CK5572	Simpulum (see CRS269 note) and Lituus above.
CRS344	Rev: Capricorn with cornucopia (Augustus was conceived in the Zodiacal sign
	of Capricorn).
CRS345	Rev: Victory crowning a trophy.
CRS346	See CRS316 for type, victory on cista mystica.
CRS347	When an Emperor died he was usually "deified" - hence DIVO (or DIVVS) before a name means that the person referred to is dead. Rev: An altar.
CRS349	Rev: Livia, Tiberius' mother, seated as "Pax", holding olive branch.
CRS350	Tiberius in a quadriga.
CRS351+5	Rev: An oak-wreath presented to Augustus by grateful citizens.
CRS356	Rev: "Nemesis" preceded by a serpent. There were two Nemeses, winged female figures shown plucking their dresses at the neck. These measured out
	happiness and unhappiness for mortals.
CRS357	Rev: A praetorian camp, within which a soldier and a legionary eagle.
CRS358	A triumphal arch commemorating Claudius' conquest of Britain.
CRS359	"Fortune" crowning Claudius.
CRS360	Rev: Claudius in a quadriga.
CRS361	Rev: Cart with winged victories on top and on sides.
CRS362	Rev: legend on shield, behind which is a spear.
CRS363	Sacrificial implements.
CRS364	Ceres, the corn goddess, holding long torch, and poppy-seed and corn-ears.
CRS365	Rev: Nero, radiate, holding laurel-branch and victory.
CRS371	Rev: Candelabrum.
CRS374	Rev: Two lighted torches joined by a garland.
CRS379	Livia standing.

92 **CRS387** Dolphin above tripod, in which is a raven. **CRS394** Rev: Vesta seated holding a lighted torch. **CRS396** Jupiter standing. **CRS400** Commemorating the subjection of Judaea after the Jewish revolt of 66 - 70AD. "Judaea" seated mourning below a trophy. **CRS404** A lighted altar. **CRS406** Neptune holding sceptre and aplustre (curved ornament at stern of ship). **CRS410** A throne. **CRS413** Rev: Venus holding helmet and spear. **CRS415** Wolf and twins (see CRS2 note). In exergue, a boat, Helmet on throne. **CRS416 CRS417** A lighted altar. CRS418-9 Minerva **CRS423** Rev: Peacock. **CRS424** Baby boy seated on globe, surrounded by seven stars. **CRS428** Sacrificial implements. **CRS431** Mars carrying spear and trophy. **CRS432** "Piety" pouring libation at an altar. **CRS433** "Eternity" holding the heads of the Sun and the Moon. **CRS435** The "River Danube" reclining. **CRS436** Trajan's father seated on a curule chair holding patera (Saucer) and sceptre. **CRS441** Rev: Vesta holding Palladium (see 293 note) and sceptre. Rev: Matidia as "Piety" looking after two children. **CRS443 CRS445** "Adoption" - Trajan, who adopted Hadrian. Shown greeting his new son. **CRS446** "Egypt" reclining. She holds a sistrum (used in the worship of Isis). At left, an ibis. **CRS462** "ANNONA" (the Grain supply) holding corn ears in her right hand. Her left hand rests on a modius (a sort of bucket for measuring out grain). The modius is on the prow of a galley. **CRS467** Modius (see CRS462 note) with corn and poppy-seed. **CRS470** Funeral pyre of four tiers, with quadriga on top. **CRS471** Statue of Antoninus Pius on a column. **CRS477** "Virtus" (Courage) holding spear and parazonium. **CRS479** Mars. **CRS480** "Providentia" holding sceptre and a wand over globe. **CRS482** "Roma" seated on a pile of arms. **CRS487** Venus holds an apple, and a rudder placed on a dove. **CRS490** Diana "the Light bearer", holding a long torch. **CRS491** Juno holding patera (saucer used for pouring libations) and sceptre. Peacock to left. Draped throne on which are two baby boys. **CRS492 CRS495** Throne with sceptre lying across it. Peacock in front. **CRS498** "Parthia" seated on the ground as a captive. Quiver, bow, and shield to right. **CRS506** "Liberty" holding Sceptre and cap of liberty. **CRS507** "Piety" seated with child in front of her. **CRS508** Jupiter at right placing hand on shoulder of Commodus

- **CRS510** Commodus considered himself to be a reincarnation of Hercules!
- **CRS524** Minerva the Peace-bearer.
- **CRS526** The Sun-god holding a whip (to drive the chariot of the sun across the sky).
- **CRS528** A trophy with two captives.
- **CRS532** Dea Caelestis (Cybele) riding on a lion.
- **CRS537** Funeral pyre of four tiers with a quadriga on top.
- **CRS544** Hercules standing.
- **CRS545** Mars with spear and trophy.
- **CRS546** Minerva and a trophy.
- **CRS547** Lion with a thunderbolt in its mouth.
- **CRS548** Head of Sol, the sun-god.
- **CRS552** Serapis, modius on head, raising right hand and holding sceptre.
- **CRS554** Genius holding patera over altar and two corn-ears.
- **CRS557** "Felicitas" (Prosperity) holding cornucopia and caduceus.
- **CRS558** "Fides exercitus" (the Faith of the Army). Fides with legionary standards.
- **CRS559** "Fortuna Redux" (Returning good fortune).
- **CRS560** Jupiter the Protector. The small figure of Macrinus under his arm.
- CRS561 "Annona" (the grain-supply) (see CRS462 note)
- **CRS563** Diadumenian with military standards.
- **CRS568** The sun-god (see CRS526 note).
- **CRS569** The sacred stone of the Syrian sun-god Elagabal being carried in a triumphal car.
- **CRS570-1** Elagabalus had been a priest of Elagabal at Emisa in Syria, He is shown here as a priest at an altar.
- **CRS575** "Spes" (Hope) holding flower, and raising dress.
- **CRS576** "Pax" (Peace) standing.
- **CRS579** Jupiter the Avenger.
- CRS581 Altar.
- **CRS586** Cybele, "the mother of the gods", with lions crouching by her throne.
- **CRS589** The Moon, the "light-bearer" riding in a biga.
- **CRS593** Plautilla and Caracalla standing hand in hand.
- **CRS598** "Pudicitia" (Chastity) pulling at her veil.
- **CRS599** "Fecunditas" (Fertility) holding a cornucopia, with a child at her feet.
- **CRS602** Julia Maesa being carried up to heaven on a peacock.
- **CRS612** "Victory in Germany". Winged victory and German captive.
- **CRS614** Julia Maesa being carried up to heaven on a peacock.
- **CRS615** "Leader of the young men". Maximus with two military standards.
- **CRS618** VICTORIA AVGG "The victory of the Augusti" the double-G of AVGG means that there are two Emperors referred to.
- **CRS631** The sun-god standing.
- **CRS637** In 248AD the Romans celebrated the 1000th anniversary of the city this was commemorated with lavish public games, etc; and these were known as the "Secular Games" thus SAEGULARES AUGG on the coins.
- **CRS650** Philip I and Philip II seated on curule chairs.
- CRS657 Pannonia was an area of Central Europe in the area of the modern Austria and

94 Croatia. It had been divided by the Romans into Upper Pannonia and lower Pannonia - hence the plural PANNONIAE. Valerian is "Restorer of the world", "Restorer of the East", and "Restorer of the CRS687-9 Human Race". When Jupiter was born he had to be hidden away in Crete to avoid his being **CRS695** eaten by his father Saturn. He was brought up by a goat. IOVI CRESCENTI means "the growing Jupiter". VICTORIA PART "Parthian Victory". Victory presenting a wreath to Valerian II. **CRS696 CRS697** An eagle carrying Valerian II to heaven. **CRS703** "Spes" (Hope) on the right presenting a flower to Saloninus. **CRS707** A griffin "sacred to Apollo" **CRS708** Commemorating victories by Gallienus over the Germans. A "Legionary" coin. "Legio Prima Adiutrix". **CRS709 CRS713** A goat "sacred to Juno". **CRS714** Serapis standing. **CRS718** This type, with the obverse showing Postumus holding the club of Hercules over his shoulder repeats the reverse of Commodus (CRS510). Neptune reclining holding a trident and an anchor. **CRS722** "Britannia" holding a trident greets Carausius at the right. **CRS723** CRS725-7 The four Tetrarchs (Diocletian, Maximianus, Constantius and Galerius) sacrifice over a tripod outside a city gate. CRS731 "Africa" holding a military standard and an elephant tusk. **CRS742** "Jupiter the Protector of the Emperor". Jupiter holding sceptre and thunderbolt, riding on an eagle. **CRS758** The VOTIS coins. An Emperor made vows for so many years of his reign, and then made more for a subsequent period. On CRS758 VOTIS XX means that he has fulfilled his vows for a period of 20 years: MVLT XXX, that he has undertaken renewed vows for the next ten years to bring him up to 30 in all. Unfortunately the "VOTIS" period was often contracted because celebrations could begin early - so VOTIS XX could mean that Constantius II had reigned for 19 years, and the coin type could continue for some time thereafter. "The courage of the army" - Latin is changing. Classical usage would have **CRS766** written the genitive of "army" as EXERCITUS (as CRS636). Rev: "The Restorer of the world". Valentinian holding small Victory and the **CRS778** "Labarum", the Christian standard with the Christian monogram &.

CRS796 Rev: The phoenix, symbol of immortality, standing on a globe.

CRS798 "The courage of the Romans".

CRS835 Rev: The "Christogram", the first two letters of "Christos" in Greek put into the form of a monogram.

Appendix II. The Names and Titles

Title	Notes
Lf, Mf, etc	"filius" - "Son of", following the forename of the father. Thus Lf = "son of Lucius" Mf = "son of Marcus".
III VIR RFC	Member of the "Triumvirate for the establishment of the Republic", one of three leaders who divided the power of the state between them - the most notable Triumvirate being that of Antony, Lepidus and Octavian.
COS	Consul, often followed by a numeral, e.g. COS III, "Consul on three occasions".
COS DES (or DESIG)	Elected to the Consulate, but not yet in office. See CRS326, COS ITER ET TER DESIG "Consul twice, and elected to a third term of office".
CAESAR	Began as a personal family name but because it was the family name of Julius Caesar it was used as a name by all later Emperors. During the middle and later Empire it came to refer to a junior partner, or "Prince".
NC or NOB CAES, etc.	"Most noble Caesar" used as a title by Princes of the later Empire. See Appendix IIII.
AUGUSTUS	A title given to Octavian personally, but used by all later Emperors. During the middle and later Empire it came to refer to the Emperor (or partner Emperors) as opposed to the junior "Caesar". It is usually contracted to AUG. See also Appendix IIII.
IMPERATOR (IMP)	Originally referring to an occasion after a victory when the soldiers acclaimed their general as "imperator" - so in the earlier period there is often a numeral after IMP. Thus CRS409 gives Titus the title IMP XIIII, meaning that his troops had acclaimed him of fourteen occasions. Later it came to be just another title of the Emperor.
TR P or TRIB POT	This was the "Tribunician Power" which appears to have been the real legal basis of the power of an Emperor. As this was renewed annually (or more frequently) it gives the actual date of a coin - thus Septimius Severus was TR P in 193AD, TR P II in 194AD, TR P III in 195AD, etc. Unfortunately Emperors sometimes begin their TRIB POTs "early", as with Marcus Aurelius who began in 147AD.
PM	"Pontifex Maximus", "High Priest".
PP	"Pater Patriae", "Father of his country".
PF	"Pius, Felix", "Pious and blessed".
PRINCIPI IUVENTUTIS	"Leader of the young men", a title used by the Caesars.
DN	"Dominus noster", "Our Lord", used by later Emperors.
DIVVS (DIVUS), DIVO or DIVA	"Deified", or "Devine", used as a title for Emperors (and sometimes wives and family members) who had died, and were thus elevated to godlike status.

Appendix III. Grading Roman Coins – A Rough Guide

The easiest way to determine condition is where there is a portrait.

A well struck coin in Very Fine (VF) condition must show most of the hair, though a small worn patch on the high point is allowable.

In Fine condition one would expect the clear outline of a head with some hair visible.

The legend may be partially off the coin because of the striking, or it may have suffered because of a worn die; but normally one would expect a coin in Very Fine condition to be clearly legible and most of a Fine coin to be more or less readable.

With ancient coins so many other factors can be involved such as toning, a coin being off-centre, having a ragged flan, or a crack, or signs of corrosion. Or a coin may appear worn on one side only because a worn die has been used for that side.

But, other factors apart, a coin in VF condition would normally be worth three times as much as one in Fine condition - or more! In the case of a Nero Sestertius, perhaps six times as much.

Appendix IIII. A short note on the "Ranks" of Caesar and Augustus

In the earliest days of the Empire the Emperor included both Caesar and Augustus in his own personal titles, but it soon became the custom to give the title "Caesar" to a "second-in-command", and to use "Augustus" as the title of the top man, or of equal ranking top men.

There could be several Caesars and Augusti at the same time, and it will help to note how this can be shown on coins. For example, "the Victory of the Emperor" can be written as VICTORIA AVG; but where there is more than one reigning Emperor this can be shown by adding extra G's -Victoria AVGG means "the Victory of the two Emperors", and VICTORIA AVGGG "the Victory of the three Emperors".

Appendix V. Mint cities, mid 3rd Century onwards.

On later Roman coins a mint signature will usually be found in the exergue at the bottom of the reverse. Mint-marks begin around the mid 3rd century AD; but come into full use from the time of Diocletian onwards. They consist of an abbreviation of the name of the mint, sometimes preceded by the letters SM (sacred mint), plus usually a variable letter to indicate which workshop at that mint minted any particular coin - as this letter is variable I show it below in italics. Here are some of the mints and mint-marks:

LONDON: pLN, pLON **TREVERI:** (Rhineland) SMTR. pTR. TRp LUGDUNUM: (Lyons) pLG LVGp **ARELATE/CONSTANTINA:** (Arles, Southern France). Known between 328 and 340 AD as Constantina. Changed to Arelate in 340 AD, and then back to Constantina in 353 AD. pARL ARLa pCONST pCON **TICINUM:** (Northern Italy) *p*T **ROME:** Rp SMRp **AQUILEIA:** (Northern Italy) AQp SMAQp **OSTIA:** (near Rome) MOSTp **SISCIA:** (Croatia) *a*SIS SISC **SIRMIUM:** (Serbia) *a*SIRM **THESSALONIKA:** (Northern Greece) SMTSa TESa TSa HERACLEA: (Turkey in Europe, near Constantinople) SMHa HERACLA **CONSTANTINOPLE: CONSA CONS** NICOMEDIA: (Asiatic Turkey, near Constantinople) SMNa MNa **CYZICUS:** (Asiatic Turkey, near Constantinople) SMKa ANTIOCH: (Turkey, near the Syrian border) SMANTa ANa ANTa **ALEXANDRIA:** (Egypt) SMALa ALEa BARCINO: (Barcelona, Spain) SMBa **RAVENNA:** (Northern Italy) RV RVPS MEDIOLANUM: (Milan, Italy) MD MDPS MED

The guidance below is offered to people who have purchased uncleaned, or have freshly dug up Roman coins. It is provided as guidance, and it should be borne in mind that some coins will always be harder to clean than others. Some will probably be impossible. If patience is not exercised when attempting to clean Roman coins, damage to the coin can result, so for this reason, lots of practice on cheap coins is recommended.

Be gentle with your coins; more coins are ruined by over zealous cleaning than anything else! For the cleaning of all ancient coins, you'll probably find the following useful: toothpicks, toothbrushes, soap, water, and lots of patience! For cleaning in between letters, toothpicks work great. For the more experienced collector, dental picks can also be useful, but these run the risk of scratching the coin and/or it's patina. Often, soft brass-brushes are needed, but as silver is more stable than copper based alloys this is usually not the case.

Silvered Coins

Silvered coins are mainly base metal, so cannot be cleaned using the methods for silver coins of good fineness. Generally soap, water and a toothbrush is the only way to clean silvered and silver-plated coins, without damaging the silver. The use of brass brushes or anything harsher will probably result in the silver layer being removed.

Silver Coins of Good fineness

Lemon Juice – Readily available, and it works very well on hard to clean silver coins. Soak the coin in the juice until the desired amount of crud has been removed. Give the coin a quick scrub every so often, and rinse it with fresh water to check the progress.

Ammonium - Will clean the coin without doing any damage to the silver, but it isn't as readily available as lemon juice.

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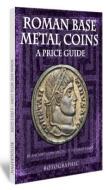
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