

Urkish Ceramics Catalog

Late ED III horizon

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Introduction to the ED III Ceramic catalog

A significant amount of third millennium ceramics have been excavated in Urkesh dating to the first half of the millennium until the Akkadian period. This present catalog focuses on the Temple BA ceramics. We had a previous Temple BA catalog dating from 1998 with even earlier catalogs produced as necessary to study the ceramics from the temple and other early third millennium contexts from the same time period. The present revised catalog is made now in response to the need to have an up-to-date catalog of the ED III time period so that the ceramics excavated in connection with the revetment wall in J1-6 could be analyzed for the Urkesh Global Record. These ceramics will be added to this catalog later. Also to be added to this catalog are the early ED III ceramics from OH2 and K1, and Ninevite V ceramics from OB1, OA4, F2, and now from J1.

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Temple BA General Ceramic Categories

JARS

Necked Jars

- jnh short necked jar with straight or slightly flaring rim
- jng short necked jars with groove on top of the narrow rim
- jnhr short necked jar with slightly flaring rim and rib at juncture of neck and body
- jnt necked jar with straight neck
- jnf necked jar with flaring neck
- jns necked jar simple rim
- jna necked jar angular rim
- jnc necked jar rim curved toward the exterior
- jni necked jar interior grooved rim
- jne necked jar exterior grooved rim
- jnl necked jar with collared rim
- jnff necked jar with flaring neck and folded rim

Hole Mouth Jars

- jhs hole mouth jar with simple rim slightly turned toward the exterior
- jht hole mouth jar with thickened rim
- jhr hole mouth jar with rounded rim
- jhe hole mouth jar with rim extended toward the interior

jhc hole mouth jar with rib below rim

jhf hole mouth jar with flat rim

jhq hole mouth jar with squared rim

jhd hole mouth jar with interior groove on rim

Restricted Neck Jars

jr jars with a restricted neck

Straight Sided Jars

js straight sided jars

Other Jars

jod other jars with folded rim and globular body

joc other jars with folded rim and cylindrical body

jof other jars with folded rim almost flat on top and ovoid body

jop other jars with pointed rim, no neck and cylindrical body

jog other jars with simple or pointed rim and globular body

jot other jars with wide flat rim slightly inclined toward the exterior

jol other jars with cylindrical body

jov other jars with various rim shapes

Interior Grooved Rim Jars with cylindrical or globular body

ji Jars with folded rim, restricted neck with interior grooved rim

jid jars with deep interior groove with globular body

jir jars with interior groove and slight rib below the rim with cylindrical body

Flaring Rim Jars

jf flaring rim jar

jfl flaring rim jar with a slight interior lip

jfr flaring rim jar with rib below rim

Folded Rim Jars

jdc folded rim jars with cylindrical body

jdg folded rim jars with globular body

Small Jars (rim diameter less than 8 cm)

js small jars

Temple BA General Ceramic Categories

BOWLS

Round Sided Bowls

- br round sided bowls
- brs round sided bowls with almost square rim
- bro round sided bowls with outturned rim
- bri round sided bowls with inturned rim
- brf round sided bowls with flat rim

Open Bowls with Straight Sides

- boi open bowls with slightly inturned rim
- bos open bowls with simple rim, rim diameter more than 20cm
- bol open bowls with interior oval lugs

Carinated Bowls

- bcr carinated bowls with rounded carination

Hemispheric Bowls

- bh hemispheric bowls
- bhg hemispheric bowls with strong wheel marks on interior

Straight Sided Bowls (conical in shape)

- bs straight sided bowls with rim diameter more than 9cm (same shape as conical cups but larger in diameter)
- bsw straight sided bowls with strong wheel marks inside

Bowls with Exterior Knobs or Handles

bkr bowls with round knobs

bko bowls with oval knobs

blc bowls with crescent shaped handles

Deep Bowls

bds deep bowl with straight sides (rim diameter over 25cm) can have slight depression below rim

bdl deep bowl with upper portion of body slightly flaring

bdf deep bowls with flat rim

bdi deep bowls with interior grooved rim

bdr deep bowls with slightly restricted rim

bdg deep bowls with groove on top of rim

bdp deep bowls with simple rim and rope-type decoration on upper body

Small Bowls (with rim diameter less than 13cm)

bms small bowls with pointed rim

bmo small bowls with outturned rim

Other Bowls

bo other bowls

Temple BA General Ceramic Categories

Cups

Conical Cups (conical cups with rim diameter less than 10 cm, usually have cut bases)

cc-1 conical cups with strong wheelmarks on the interior

cc-2 conical cups with smooth interior

Other Cups

oc-1 round sided cups

oc-2 cups with wide indentation at lip

oc-3 wide cups – wider rim and base than conical cups

Pots

p- -1 pots with pierced handle

pf pots with flaring rim

ps pots with short spout

Other Vessels

ov-1 miniature jars with handle near rim

ov-2 miniature flaring rim jars

ovsi strainers with slight indentation on rim

Bases

xf flat base

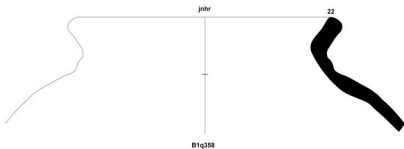
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xrd round base

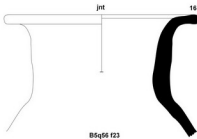
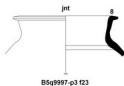
xp pointed base
xrg ring base
xfx slightly convex base
xh footed base
xhf high footed base with solid foot
xfc base with small round depression in center

Necked Jars

Short necked jar with slightly flaring rim and rib below rim



Necked jar with straight neck





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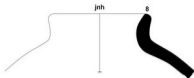
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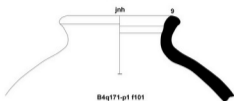
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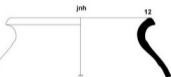
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Short necked jars with groove on top of narrow rim



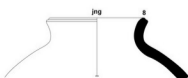
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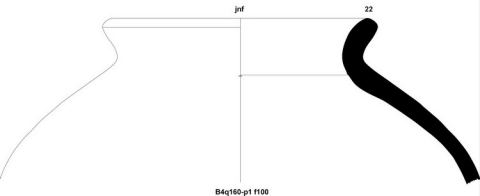
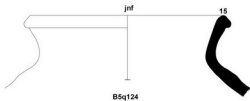
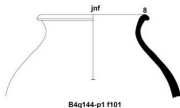
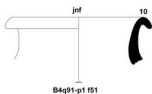
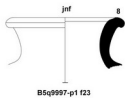
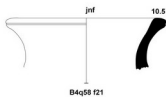
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Necked Jars

Necked jar with flaring neck



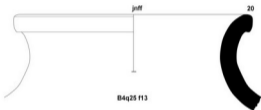
Necked Jars

Necked jar simple rim

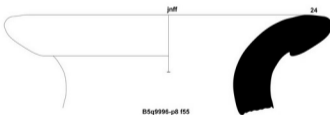


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Necked jars with flaring neck and folded rim



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necked jars with collared rim

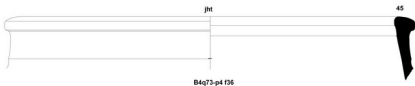
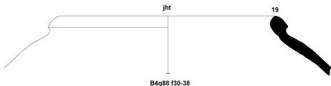


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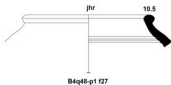
Hole mouth jar with simple rim



Hole mouth jar with thickened rim



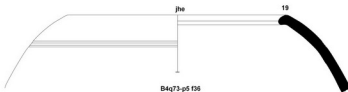
Hole mouth jar with rounded rim



Hole mouth jar with rim extended toward the interior



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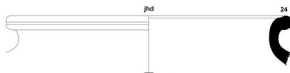
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Hole mouth jar with squared rim



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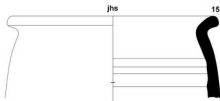
Hole mouth jar with interior groove on rim



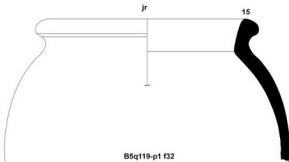
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Restricted Neck Jars

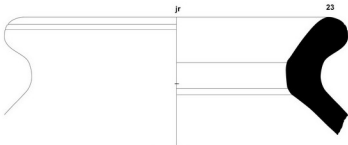
Jars with restricted neck



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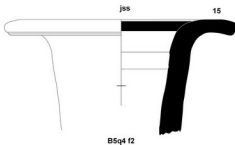
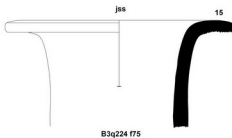
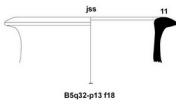
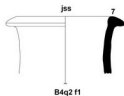


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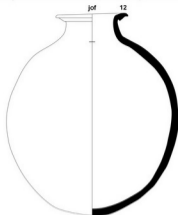


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Straight sided jars



Other jars with folded rim almost flat on top and ovoid body



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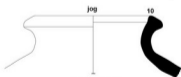
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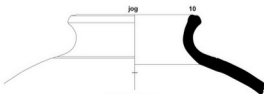
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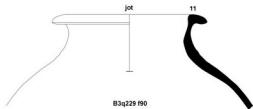
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Jars

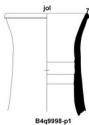
Other Jars

Other jars with wide flat rim

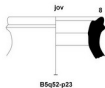
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Other jars with cylindrical body

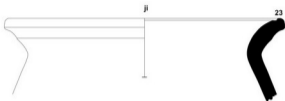


Other jars with various rims

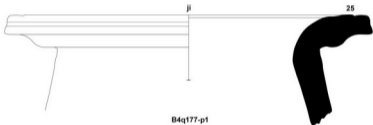


Interior Grooved Rim Jars With Cylindrical Body

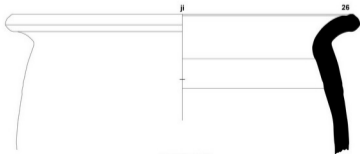
Jars with folded rim, restricted neck with interior grooved rim



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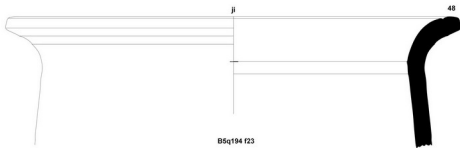
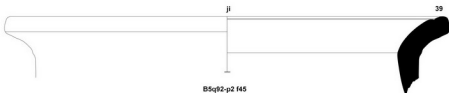
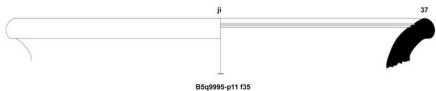
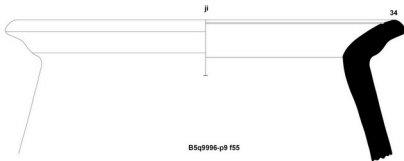


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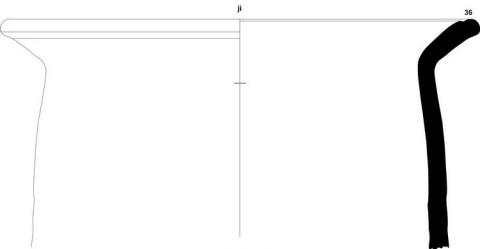


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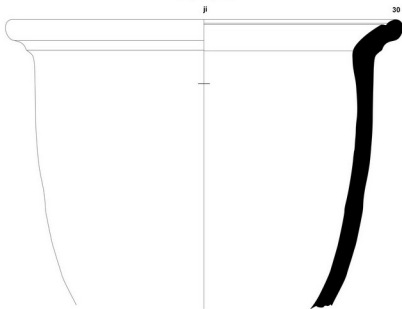
Jars with folded rim, restricted neck with interior grooved rim



Jars with folded rim, restricted neck with interior grooved rim



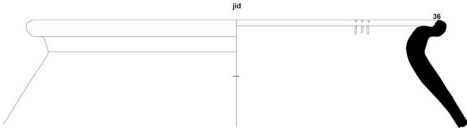
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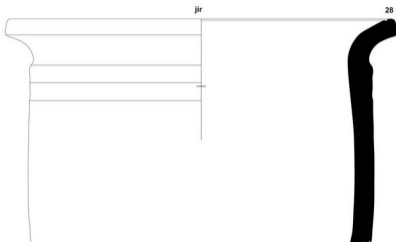
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Interior Grooved Rim Jars With Cylindrical Body

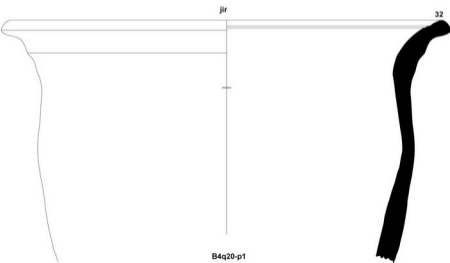
Jars with deep interior groove with globular body



Jars with interior groove and slight rib below the rim with cylindrical body



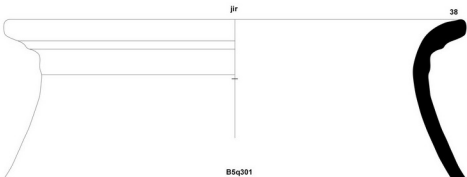
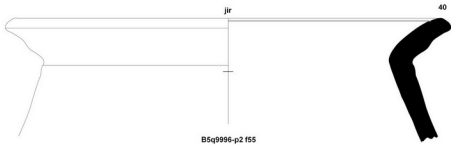
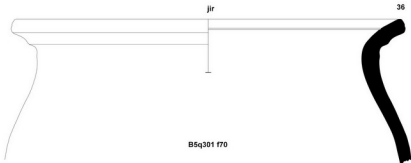
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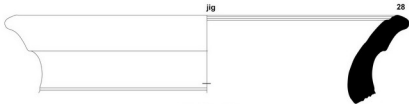
Interior Grooved Rim Jars With Cylindrical Body

Jars with interior groove and slight rib below the rim with cylindrical body



Interior Grooved Rim Jars With Cylindrical Body

Jars with interior groove with globular body

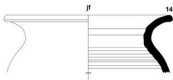


Flaring rim jars

Flaring rim jar



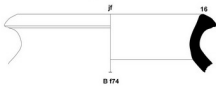
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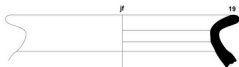
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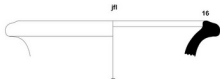


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Flaring rim jar with a slight interior lip



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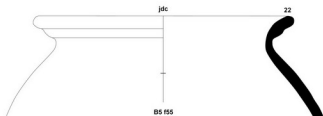
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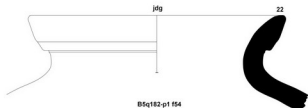
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Folded rim jars

Folded rim jars with cylindrical body



Folded rim jars with globular body



Jars

Small jars

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Small jars



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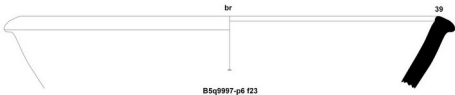
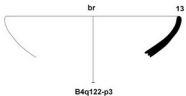
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Bowls

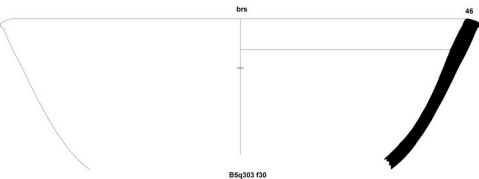
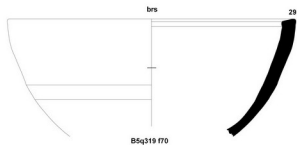
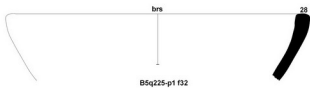
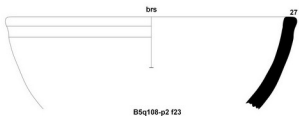
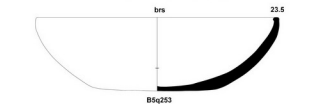
Round Sided Bowls

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Round Sided Bowls

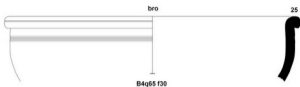


Round sided bowls with almost square rim

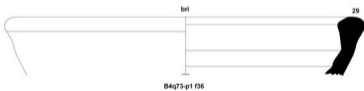
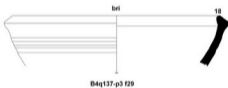
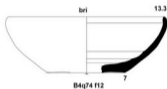


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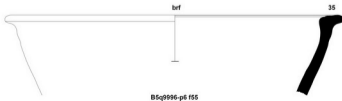
round sided bowls with outturned rim



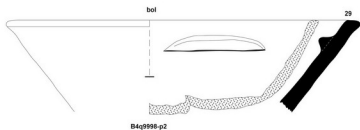
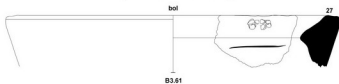
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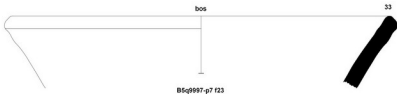
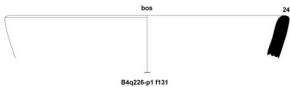
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Open bowls with interior oval lugs



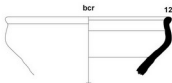
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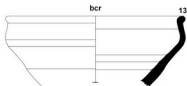
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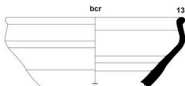
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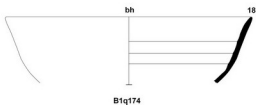
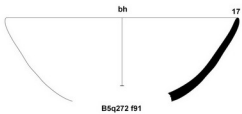
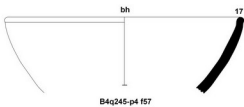
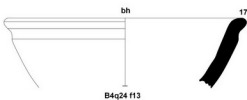
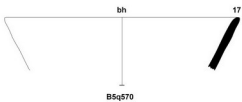
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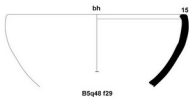
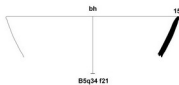
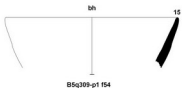
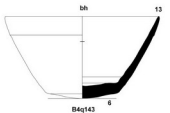
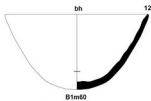
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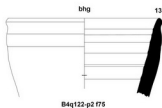
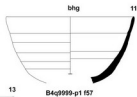
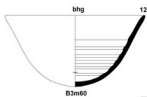


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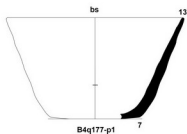
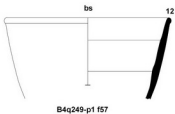
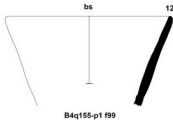
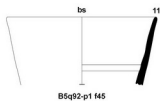
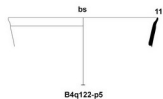
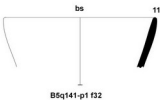
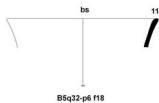
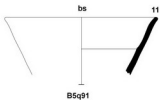


Hemispheric bowls with strong wheel marks on interior

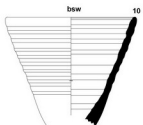


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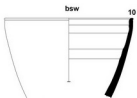
Straight Sided Bowls with rim diameter more than 9cm



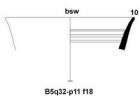
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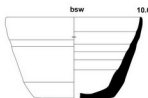
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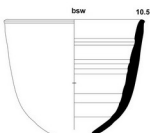
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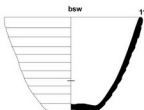
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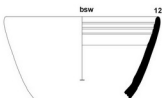
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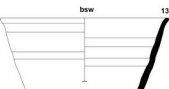
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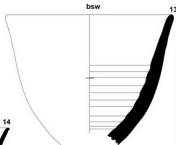
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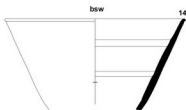
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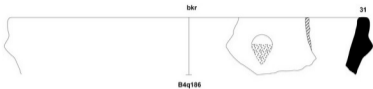
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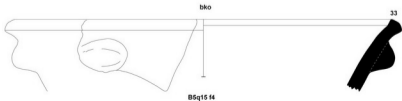
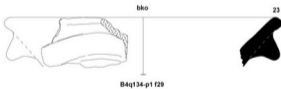
Bowls With Exterior Knobs Or Handles

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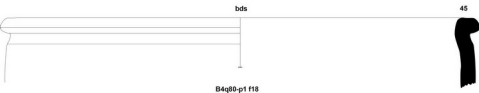
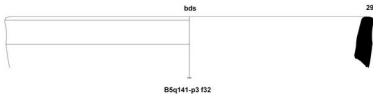
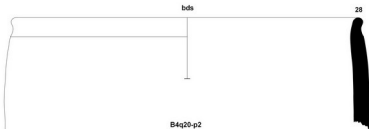
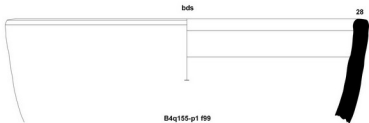
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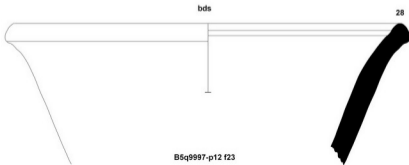
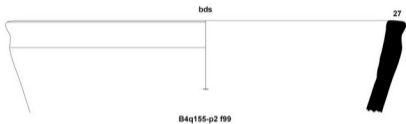
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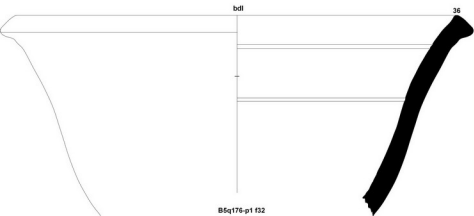
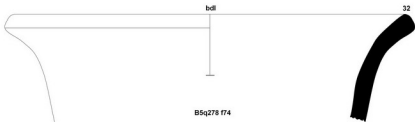
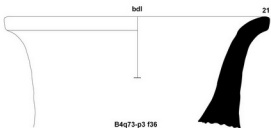
Deep bowl with straight sides



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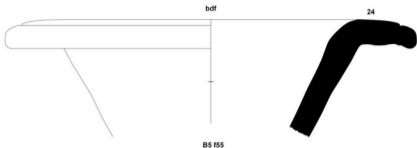


Deep bowl with upper portion of body slightly flaring

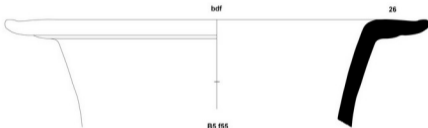


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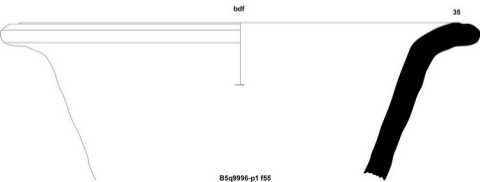
Deep bowls with flat rim



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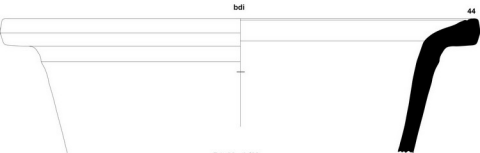
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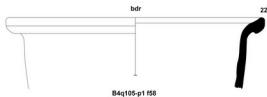
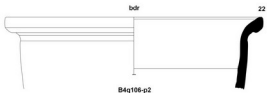
Deep Bowls

deep bowl with interior grooved rim

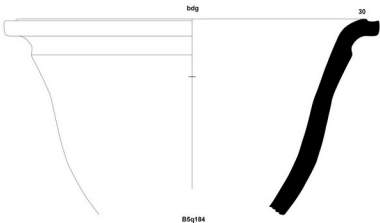


Deep Bowls

Deep bowl with slightly restricted rim



Deep bowl with groove on top of rim

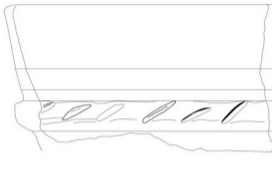


Deep Bowls

Deep bowl with simple rim and rope-type decoration on upper body

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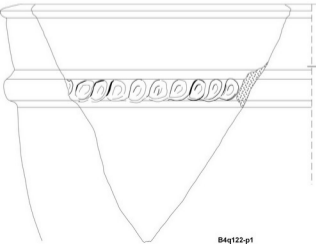
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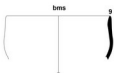
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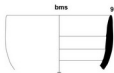


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Small bowl with pointed rim



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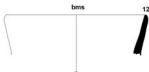
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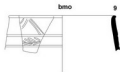


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Small bowl with outturned rim



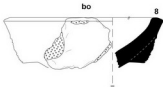
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Other bowls

Other bowls

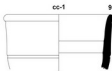


Conical cups

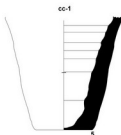
Conical cups with strong wheel marks on the interior



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Conical cups with smooth interior



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Cups

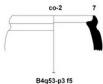
Other cups

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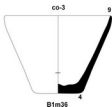
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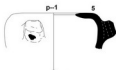
Cup with wide indentation at lip



Wide cup - wider rim and base than conical cups



Pot with pierced handle

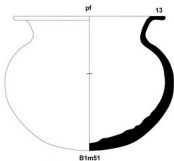


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Pot with flaring rim



B5q9997-p4 f23



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Pots with short spout



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B5q120 f47

Other Vessels

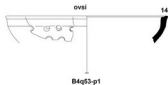
Miniature jar with handle near rim



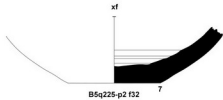
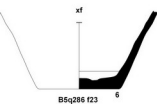
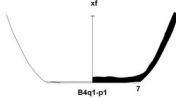
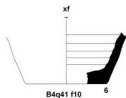
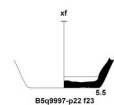
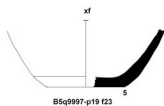
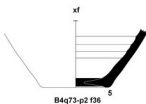
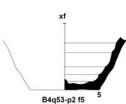
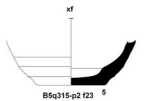
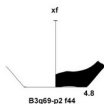
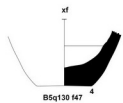
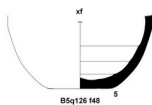
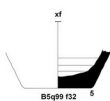
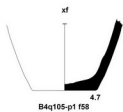
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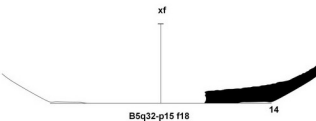
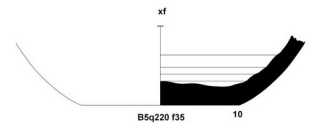
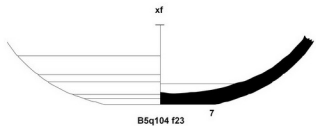
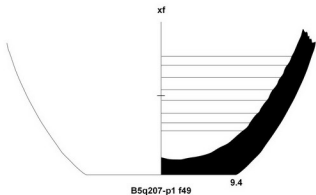
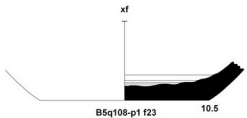
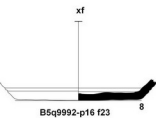
Strainer with slight indentation on rim



Flat base

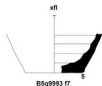


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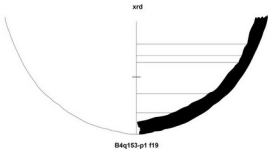
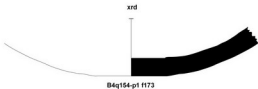


Flat base with exterior lip

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Round base



Bases

Pointed base

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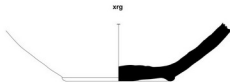


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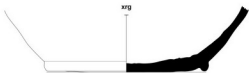
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Ring base



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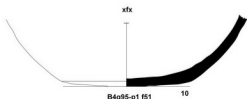
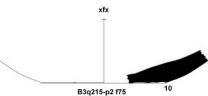
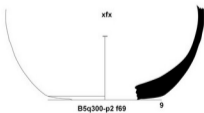
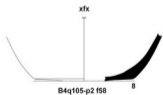
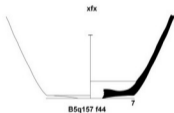
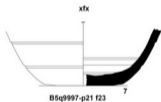
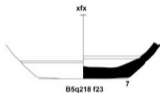
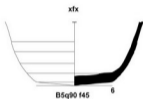
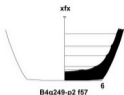
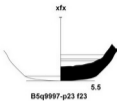
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Slightly convex base



Footed base



High footed base with solid foot



Base with small round depression in center

