

SASSANIAN COINAGE



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**281 Ardashir I, 224-241 AD.** Billon Tetradrachm. 12.15 gm. Cuirassed bust r. wearing a diadem and Parthian-style tiara; Pahlavi legend: *The Mazda worshipper, the divine Arda[shir], king of kings of Iran / Fire-altar*. Cf. Göbl II/4a/2, Paruck 20; MACW 784. *Grainy* **VF 150.**



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**282 Hemidrachm.** 1.68 gm. Cuirassed bust r. wearing a diadem and a Parthian-style tiara; Pahlavi legend: *The Mazda worshipper, the divine Ardashir, the king of kings of Iran / Fire-altar with no attendants*; Pahlavi legend: *Fire of Ardashir*. Cf. Göbl II/3/2, Paruck 19, Alram 665. **VERY RARE.** *Broad flan. Very minor chipping upper edge* **Good VF 750.**

**283 Hemidrachm.** 1.93. Bust r. wearing a dome crown with earflaps; Pahlavi legend: *The Mazda worshipper, the divine Ardashir, the king of kings of Iran who is descended from the gods / Fire altar with no attendants*; Pahlavi legend: *Fire of Ardashir*. Gbl III/1/2, Paruck 39. *Toned* **VF 200.**



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**284 Shahpur I, 241-272 AD.** Hemidrachm. 2.02 gm. Small crowned bust r. wearing "earflap" / Fire-altar w/ attendants; *Fire of Shahpur* in Pahlavi. Göbl I/1, Cf. Paruck 84. *Toned over deposits and light obv. Pitting* **VF 150.**

**285 Obol.** 0.71 gm. Types similar to above. Göbl I/1, cf. Paruck 86, Alram 691, MACW 822 **Good VF 175.**



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**286 Bahram (Varhan) II, 276-293, with the Prince.** Obol. 0.72 gm. Crowned Bahram bust r. facing a smaller bust l. of the Prince wearing a bonnet adorned with a horse head / Fire altar with attendants. **EXTREMELY RARE.** *Toned over deposits. Chipped, ragged edges* **VF 350.**

**287 Shahpur II, 309-379.** Obol. 0.63 gm. Crowned bust r. / Fire altar with no attendants. Cf. Göbl 109. **VERY RARE.** *Old scratch before bust* **Good VF 350.**



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- 288 Obol. 0.68 gm. Crowned bust r. / Fire altar with attendants. Cf.Göbl 1a/6a. *Toned* **VF** 200.  
289 **Bahram (Vahran) IV, 388-399.** Drachm. 4.22 gm. Crowned bust r. / Fire altar without attendants; legend above. Cf. Göbl 139. **RARE. Toned** **VF** 150.



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- 290 **Peroz, 457-484.** Obol. 0.46 gm. Crowned bust r. / Fire-altar with stylized attendants; SIN (?) at right side. Cf Göbl I/1. **VERY RARE. Toned** **Good VF** 350.  
291 **Balash (Valkash), 484-488 AD.** Drachm. AI mint signature. 3.86 gm. Crowned bust r. / Bust of Balash in front of fire-altar, attendant either side. Cf.MACW 998, Alram 888 (signature AY). *Light staining* **Good VF** 125.



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- 292 **Balash (Valkash)?** Obol. 0.50 gm. Crowned bust r., three 'crescents' behind, degraded legend before / Fire altar with attendants. **VERY RARE. Light deposits** **VF** 350.  
293 **Kavadh I, second reign, 488-497.** Obol. Mint signature: AY. 0.47 gm. Crowned bust r., star behind / Fire-altar with stylized attendants. Cf.Göbl 182. **VERY RARE. Light corrosion in obv. margin. Toned** **VF** 250.

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