

head-rest - Swazi

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✓ 167 50/893

Size: Height 140 mm
Length 415 mm
Width 70 mm

Description: Crossbar: Rectangular, ending in six small rounded pleats at the sides.

Lugs: One in centre, long, cylindrical and blackened.

Legs: Two flared and blackened with three deep rounded pleats at sides, and two at front and back. Each leg projects slightly above the crossbar to form two "V" shapes.

✓ 168 50/894

Size: Height 140 mm
Length 415 mm
Width 70 mm

Description: Crossbar: Rectangular with rounded edges ending in seven small, blackened square pleats at the sides.

Lugs: One at centre, rectangular and blackened.

Legs: Two, each with two joined blackened triangles raised slightly above the crossbar. They are rectangular and blackened and have four rounded pleats at the sides and three at front and back.

✓ 169 50/895

Size: Height 140 mm
Length 405 mm
Width 65 mm

Description: Crossbar: Curved rectangular top having a rounded base.

Lugs: One, pendant from centre, roughly cylindrical, flaring outward toward base with small circular holes pierced toward the centre from each side, but not meeting.

Legs: Two legs pleated at front, top and back and decorated at sides with featureless cattle-like "heads" each with an ovoid hole pierced through close to the bottom.

Comments: The wood has a golden sheen on the top and upraised areas, but is otherwise blackened.

✓ 170 50/896

Size: Height 145 mm
Length 525 mm
Width 65 mm

Description: Crossbar: Rectangular with two slight dips between rectangular raised sections at sides and centre.

Lugs: None.

Legs: Three legs, pleated at front and back, with vertical indentations on inner sides. The two outer legs are decorated with slightly raised triangular shapes similar to the "heads" of 50/895.

Comments: The whole head-rest is covered with a red substance. The extended length and two dips in the crossbar suggest a double head-rest.

✓ 171 50/897

Size: Height 175 mm
Length 430 mm
Width 75 mm

Description: Crossbar: Rectangular and straight, ending in five corrugations.

Lugs: One at centre, multifaceted and blackened.

Legs: Two, split slightly at bases to make four "feet". Roughly rectangular, blackened and pleated on all sides. Each projects slightly above the crossbar to form two semicircles.

✓ 172 50/898

Size: Height 140 mm
Length 450 mm
Width 80 mm

Description: Crossbar: Rectangular, straight and decorated with deeply incised vertical lines.

Lugs: One, at centre, blackened and roughly diamond shaped in cross section.

Legs: Two, flaring slightly to base, blackened and pleated on all sides. Each projects slightly above the crossbar to form a raised section which is decorated with incised arches.

✓ 173 50/899

Size: Height 140 mm
Length 405 mm
Width 45 mm

Description: Crossbar: Rectangular and slightly curved, with small "L" shapes at the narrow ends, and a slightly raised band extending from centre front and back down to the lug.

Lugs: One, at centre, cylindrical and blackened.

Legs: Two, blackened, pleated at front and back with concave sides.

object type: head-rest	acc no: 1987.3.2		
vernacular:	contact prints		
sub-type:			
community: Swazi			
sub-group:			
geographical location:	location: [REDACTED]	shelf: [REDACTED]	
	b/w:	c/t:	c/s:
	dimensions:		
date and place collected: Elim, Transvaal, c.1930	h: 14 cm	diam:	
date executed:	w: 41,5 cm	mounted:	
artist name, sex: male	d: 7 cm		
use: for resting the head while sleeping	medium: wood		

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