

A ROMAN AMPHORA SHERD FROM THE NEWPORT VILLA, ISLE OF WIGHT

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This plain bodysherd probably belongs to a southern Spanish amphora form. These amphorae types were made along the coastal regions of southern Spain, between Cadiz and Malaga where a number of kilns are known, and seem to have been mainly used to carry fish-based products from the late first century B.C. to the second century A.D. (Peacock, 1971; 1974; Peacock and Williams, 1986).

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