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ROMAN AMPHORAE FROM WINCHESTER

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- 1) Verbal identification of amphorae from the Hyde Road/Victoria Road Site, Winchester, brought to Southampton on 24th May 1984 by the Winchester City Archaeological Office. These included the forms: Dressel 2-4, Dressel 20, Pelichet 47, Camulodunum 185A, Camulodunum 186sp, Camulodunum 186C and Southern Spanish.
- 2) Amphora handle VR. 75 V 510. This handle probably belongs to one of the Gauloise series of amphorae which were made in southern France.
- 3) Body-sherd Ph.35 5633 3356. This is probably from an Italian Dressel 2-4 wine amphora. A thin section shows a volcanic assemblage which recalls previous material sampled from Campania, southern Latium and Etruria. This form was in production from the later first century B.C. to the mid second century A.D.
- Thin sectioning of body-sherds Ph.29 582, VR 75XA 508 and VR 75 Ph.904 511 shows them to be predominantly quartz-limestone fabrics, making it difficult to suggest likely origins.