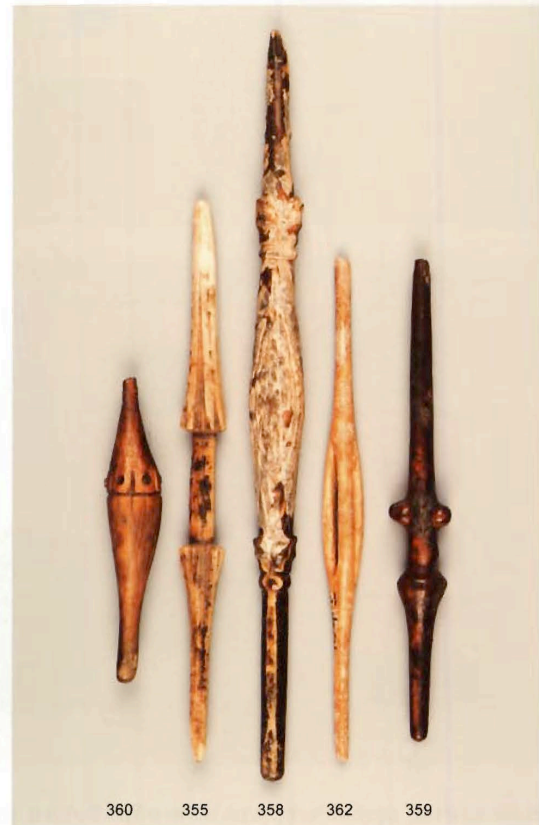


OBS II ivory engraving tool or tattoo needle handle, 9 cm



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Although these objects are usually described as engraving tool handles, it is equally likely that the smaller ones were used as handles for tattooing needles. A similarly carved but larger OBS handle from burial 132 of the Ekven site is shown in Arutiunov and Sergeev (1975, Fig. 83-4, below left), and a variety of sizes and styles of OBS and Punuk engraving tool handles from Ekven are illustrated in Bronshtein et al. (2007, #352-362, p. 148, below right).



Гравировальные орудия,
рукояти орудий (?)

Engraving tools, handles of engraving tools (?)

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