

Okvik ivory maskoid, 7 cm (~1 cm deep at its rounded edges)



This possibly unique Okvik maskoid was apparently attached with sinew to a box or a piece of clothing through the six holes on the rear surface. The rather small holes suggest that it was most probably the latter. The nose is unusually broad but not unprecedented in this respect (see, for example, the small [7.4 cm] Okvik figure in Wardwell, 1986, No. 12, p. 40).

Another interesting feature of this maskoid is that it displays on one object all of the three most common facial markings (presumably tattoos) found on Okvik figures, but that are usually not seen together. These include a dot on each cheek, a V-shaped line extending from the sides of the nose up each cheek, and a band at the top of the forehead.

Wardwell, A. (1986): *Ancient Eskimo Ivories of the Bering Strait*, Hudson Hills Press, New York.