

PUNUK BAG HANDLES



Top and bottom views, largest, 20.1 cm

BIRNIK BAG HANDLE



Top and bottom views, 27.7 cm

This bag handle with a bear head has a diamond-shaped cross section and typical Birnik decoration. The bear is a motif frequently seen in Birnik zoomorphic sculptures and is also common in early Punuk art. Archaeological evidence indicates that polar bear hunting played an important role in both of these cultures.