

Pantaleon

(c190-180 BC)

Indo-Greek – Pantaleon (c190-180 BC) – Silver – Type I

With Pantaleon, a new dynasty came to rule in Bactria. Pantaleon replaced the Heracles of the Euthydemids with the enthroned Zeus, who is inspired by the tetradrachms of Alexander the Great: instead of the eagle, however, he holds a small Hecate in his right hand. Hecate was the goddess of witchcraft and magic, as well as the mistress of the underworld; it is embodied by three women whose heads are clearly recognizable in the present specimen. It is rarely depicted in ancient coinage, in Bactria only under Pantaleon and his successor Agathocles. The chronological classification of Pantaleon's reign is based on the fact that he may have been responsible for the introduction of the Yavana era: this era, which was still in use south of the Hindu Kush in post-Christian times, began in 186/85 BC. The fact that Pantaleon reigned only for a short time is suggested by the pronounced rarity of his tetradrachms (from Gorny & Mosch)



Draped bust with diadem





ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΠΑΝΤΑΛΕΟΝΤΟΣ, Zeus with scepter n. l. enthroned, holding on the R. Hecate with two torches, l. below in the inner field monogram

Actual Weight (g) ~16

Actual Diameter (mm) ~30

Composition Silver

Catalogue

Cat No.	BN	Mitch	Denomination	Monogram Sketch	Rev Monogram	Comments	Rarity
IG 150	1A	157	Tetradrachm			Bactrian and Indo-Greek Coinage Pantaleon 1.1	RRR

Indo-Greek – Pantaleon (c190-180 BC) – Silver – Type 2



Diademed and draped bust right





ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ to right, ΠΑΝΤΑΛΕΟΝΤΟΣ to left, Zeus enthroned left, holding sceptre in left hand, and in right hand a statue of Hecate, who holds torch in each hand; monogram to inner left.

Actual Weight (g) ~4

Actual Diameter (mm) ~20

Composition Silver

Catalogue

Cat No.	BN	Mitch	Denomination	Monogram Sketch	Rev Monogram	Comments	Rarity
IG 151	2A	158	Drachm			Bactrian and Indo-Greek Coinage Pantaleon 2.1	RRR

Indo-Greek – Pantaleon (c190-180 BC) – Silver – Type 3

Diademed and draped bust right




Zeus enthroned left, holding statue of Hecate and sceptre; [monogram]

Actual Weight (g) ~0.5

Actual Diameter (mm) ~12

Composition Silver

Catalogue

Cat No.	BN	Mitch	Denomination	Monogram Sketch	Rev Monogram	Comments	Rarity
IG 152	3A	159	Obol			Bactrian and Indo-Greek Coinage Pantaleon 3.1	RR

Indo-Greek – Pantaleon (c190-180 BC) – Cupro-Nickel – Type 1

Draped bust of Dionysus with ivy wreath, tunic and shouldered thyrsos n. r.









ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΠΑΝΤΑΛΕΟΝΤΟΣ, panther with hung bell n. r., l. in field monogram

Actual Weight (g) ~7.5

Actual Diameter (mm) ~23

Composition Cupro-Nickel

Catalogue

Cat No.	BN	Mitch	Denomination	Monogram Sketch	Rev Monogram	Comments	Rarity
IG 153	4A	160a	Double Unit			Bactrian and Indo-Greek Coinage Pantaleon 4.1	R
IG 154	4B					Bactrian and Indo-Greek Coinage Pantaleon 5.1	
IG 155						Bactrian and Indo-Greek Coinage Pantaleon 5.2	
IG 156						Bactrian and Indo-Greek Coinage Pantaleon 5.3	

Indo-Greek – Pantaleon (c190-180 BC) – Copper – Type 1, Bilingual



Head of Dionysus right, laureate, with thyrsus over left shoulder




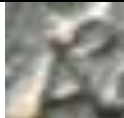
ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΠΑΝΤΑΛΕΟΝΤΟΣ, Panther standing right with left paw raised, vine to right, monogram in left field

Actual Weight (g) ~9

Actual Diameter (mm)

Composition Copper

Catalogue

Cat No.	BN	Mitch	Denomination	Monogram Sketch	Rev Monogram	Comments	Rarity
IG 157	5A	160?	Double Unit			Bactrian and Indo-Greek Coinage Pantaleon 6.1 BN 5B has uncertain monogram	RR

Indo-Greek – Pantaleon (c190-180 BC) – Copper – Type 2



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Female (deity?) moving to left, draped, holding flower in right hand]



ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΠΑΝΤΑΛΕΟΝΤΟΣ (orientation: ⇓)
[transliteration: *basileōs pantaleontos*]

Actual Weight (g) ~13

Actual Diameter (mm)

Composition Copper

Catalogue

Cat No.	BN	Mitch	Denomination	Comments	Rarity
IG 158	6A	161	1½ Unit	Bactrian and Indo-Greek Coinage Pantaleon 7	C