

Rv.: Veliko M, s lijeve strane šesterokraka zvijezda, zdesna križ, iznad slova manji križ, u sredini sigla u obliku slova O. Ispod slova M nema uobičajene oznake kovnice, što dokazuje da taj novčić nije otkovan niti u jednoj bizantskoj kovnici toga vremena.

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SUMMARY

A CONTRIBUTION TO THE STUDY OF THE BYZANTINE MINT IN SALONA - FOLLIS FROM THE VILLAGE OF GATA NEAR OMIŠ

There is no doubt that there was a mint of half-folles and decanummi in Salona at the time of Justinian I. The find analysed here is a coin – a follis of Justinian I and Justin I from 527. On the basis of studying this coin, the author concludes that it was minted in Salona. All contemporaneous Byzantine folles have the large letter M with a cross above it on the reverse, flanked by a six-pointed star and a cross in different combinations. In the middle of the letter M there is often a die-caster's mark, a siglum. All folles of this type have a mint mark in the exergue under the letter M. This is important, because the specimen described here has no mint mark in the exergue, i.e. in the bottom part of the coin. This indicates that it does not belong to any known Byzantine mint of that time so it was probably minted in the itinerant war mint in Salona, as has undoubtedly been proved for half-folles and decanummi with the marks K and I on the reverse, which were minted in Salona at the same time.