

Detail of the pommel

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Conan's (Arnold Schwarzenegger) Atlantean Sword Ω
Conan The Barbarian (1982)

Conan's (Arnold Schwarzenegger) Atlantean sword from John Milius' fantasy epic Conan the Barbarian. Conan stumbled upon the Atlantean sword in an ancient tomb and used it throughout his adventures.

Conan the Barbarian was the film that brought Arnold Schwarzenegger to a wide cinematic audience and established him as a leading man in Hollywood. While not a critical hit, it was certainly a commercial one, and led to a sequel, Conan the Destroyer, two years later.

The swords in the movie were designed by legendary artist Ron Cobb and made by master bladesmith Jody Samson. This sword features Atlantean runes running along the section of blade nearest its handle, and has an interesting design quirk: the handle continues past the guard, so the weapon can be held further up. The design of the swords was slightly changed for the second film, with longer handles.

The sword is made of resin painted a silver colour to resemble steel, with cord wrapped around the handle as a grip. The sword is intentionally distressed to look old and battle-worn, and features stage blood near the base of the blade. The lot has some wear from production use and age. The paint has worn away in various places, exposing the resin underneath, and the resin has chipped away in certain areas, most notably at the tip of the blade.

Original resin swords from Conan the Barbarian are extremely scarce, and only a handful are known to have survived to this day, making this a rare opportunity to own one of the most iconic swords in cinema history.
Dimensions: 96 cm x 17 cm x 4.5 cm (37.75" x 6.75" x 1.75")

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Estimate: £75,000 - 150,000