



s h a p u r I

Shapur I

Son of Ardashir I. Reign 241 - 272 AD.

Denominations: D; 4d, d, d/2, Obol; U, U/4, U/8

Regnal year to AD date conversion:

REGNAL YEAR	AD YEAR	NOTES	REGNAL YEAR	AD YEAR	NOTES
1	241	1st campaign against Rome.	17	257	
2	242		18	258	
3	243		19	259	
4	244		20	260	3rd campaign against Rome; Valerian captured.
5	245		21	261	
6	246		22	262	
7	247		23	263	
8	248		24	264	
9	249		25	265	
10	250		26	266	
11	251		27	267	

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12	252	2nd campaign against Rome; Nisibis captured.	28	268	
13	253		29	269	
14	254		30	270	
15	255		31	271	Aurelian marches against Zenobia.
16	256				

Gobl IV issue: Eagle crown



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

25 mm.

4.16 gm.

Göbl SN IV/1; SNS Ia/1b

Diameter of obverse dotted border=25 mm.; diameter of reverse border=23 mm.

Die position=8h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

Gobl I issue: Crown with earflaps

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Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

27 x 28 mm.

4.02 gm.

Göbl SN I/1; SNS IIc/1c

Diameter of obverse dotted border=25 mm.; diameter of reverse border=24 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse: Frahvar on altar.

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

30 x 29 mm.

4.14 gm.

Göbl SN I/1 (plate II/23)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=26 mm.; diameter of reverse border=25 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

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Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

26 mm.

4.10 gm.

Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=24 mm.; diameter of reverse border=24 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse: Diadem on globe.

Reverse: Composite/'Gondopharan' symbol on altar shaft.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

24 mm.

4.31 gm.

Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=22 mm.; diameter of reverse border=23 mm.

Die position=2h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

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Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

26 mm.

3.96 gm.

Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=23 mm.; diameter of reverse border=21 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse: Large portrait.

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

27 mm.

4.35 gm.

Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=25 mm.; diameter of reverse border=24 mm.

Die position=9h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

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Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

25 mm.

3.83 gm.

Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=23 mm.; diameter of reverse border=24 mm.

Die position=9h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

28 mm.

4.34 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 811v.; Sellwood ISC 12 (type I); Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=25 mm.; diameter of reverse border=24 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse: Bearded bust of king right, wearing turreted headdress with ear flaps and globe above; no pellets on globe. Pahlavi legend.

Reverse: Fire altar with two attendants facing outward holding spears. Pellet to either side of altar flame. Pahlavi legend.

Note: Courtesy William B. Warden, Jr. collection.

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Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

25 mm.

4.29 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 811v.; Sellwood ISC 12 (type I); Göbl SN I/1 (plate II/23)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=22 mm.; diameter of reverse border=23 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse: Bearded bust of king right, wearing turreted headdress with ear flaps and globe above; no pellets on globe. Pahlavi legend.

Reverse: Fire altar with two attendants facing outward holding spears. No ornaments above altar. Pahlavi legend.

Note: Courtesy William B. Warden, Jr. collection.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

27 x 28 mm.

4.40 gm.

Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=25 mm.; diameter of reverse border=25 x 24 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse: Bearded bust of king right, wearing turreted headdress with ear flaps and globe above; 1 pellet on globe. Pahlavi legend.

Reverse: Fire altar with two attendants facing outward holding spears. No ornaments above altar. Pahlavi legend.

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Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

27 mm.

4.09 gm.

Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=25 mm.; diameter of reverse border=24 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse: Bearded bust of king right, wearing turreted headdress with ear flaps and globe above, 1 pellet on globe; 1 pellet before globe. Pahlavi legend.

Reverse: Fire altar with two attendants facing outward holding spears. No ornaments above altar. Pahlavi legend.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

24 mm.

4.20 gm.

Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=22 mm.; diameter of reverse border=23 mm.

Die position=3h

reverse

Obverse:

Reverse: Pellet to either side of altar at bottom.

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

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Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

24 mm.

4.09 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 811v.; Sellwood ISC 14 (type I); Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=22 mm.; diameter of reverse border=21 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse: Bearded bust of king right, wearing turreted headdress with ear flaps and globe above; 3 pellets on globe, 3 pellets on right shoulder. Pahlavi legend.

Reverse: Fire altar with two attendants facing outward holding spears. No ornaments above altar; pellet to either side at bottom. Pahlavi legend.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

24 mm.

4.14 gm.

Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=23 mm.; diameter of reverse border=22 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse: Bearded bust of king right, wearing turreted headdress with ear flaps and globe above. Pahlavi legend.

Reverse: Fire altar with two attendants facing outward holding spears. Two pellets to right of altar shaft. Pahlavi legend.

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Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

26 x 24 mm.

4.20 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 819; Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=23 mm.; diameter of reverse border=22 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse: Bearded bust of king right, wearing turreted headdress with ear flaps and globe above. Pahlavi legend.

Reverse: Fire altar with two attendants facing outward holding spears. 'Gondopharan' symbol on altar. Pahlavi legend.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Hemidrachm

19 mm.

2.03 gm.

Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=17 mm.; diameter of reverse border=18 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

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Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Obol

14 mm.

0.70 gm.

Göbl SN I/1; SNS IIc/1a

Diameter of obverse dotted border=13 mm.; diameter of reverse border=13 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Obol

13 x 14 mm.

0.65 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Göbl SN I/1 (plate II/25 (this coin))

Diameter of obverse dotted border=12 mm.; diameter of reverse border=13 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Göbl plate coin; ex-Foroughi. Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

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Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Obol

14 mm.

0.57 gm.

Göbl SN Ia/1; SNS IIc/1a

Diameter of obverse dotted border=13 mm.; diameter of reverse border=13 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse: Bust facing left.

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

Billon Tetradrachm

27 x 26 mm.

12.34 gm.

Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=26 mm.; diameter of reverse border=24 mm.

Die position=9h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

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Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AE Unit

28 x 26 mm.

15.89 gm.

Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=27 mm.; diameter of reverse border=22 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse: Very, very unusual for the attendants' headgear to have globes.

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AE Unit

17 x 19 mm.

3.46 gm.

Göbl SN I/1; SNS IIc/1a or 1b Mint: "Merv"

Diameter of obverse dotted border=14 mm.; diameter of reverse border=15 mm.

Die position=2h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AE Unit

13 x 15 mm.

1.41 gm.

Göbl SN I/1; SNS IIc/1a or 1b

Diameter of obverse dotted border=n/a; diameter of reverse border=n/a

Die position=9h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AE Unit

15 mm.

1.86 gm.

Göbl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=13 mm.; diameter of reverse border=n/a

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

Göbl II issue: Crown without earflans

Göbl II Issue: Crowned male captives



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

25 mm.

4.30 gm.

Göbl SN II/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=24 mm.; diameter of reverse border=23 mm.

Die position=9h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

27 x 26 mm.

4.24 gm.

Göbl SN II/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=25 mm.; diameter of reverse border=24 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

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Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

24 mm.

4.21 gm.

Göbl SN II/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=23 mm.; diameter of reverse border=21 mm.

Die position=9h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

25 mm.

4.26 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 809v.; Sellwood ISC 12 (type I); Göbl SN II/1 (plate II/30)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=21 mm.; diameter of reverse border=22 mm.

Die position=9h

Obverse: Bearded bust of king right, wearing turreted headdress without ear flaps and globe above; no pellets on globe. Large pellet behind crown and smaller one in left field. Pahlavi legend.

Reverse: Fire altar with two attendants facing outward holding spears. No ornaments above altar. Pahlavi legend.

Note: Courtesy William B. Warden, Jr. collection.

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Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AR Drachm

28 x 27 mm.

3.88 gm.

Göbl SN II/1 [plate II/29 (this coin)]

Diameter of obverse dotted border=25 mm.; diameter of reverse border=25 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Holed; ex-mount. Unusual style.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AE Unit

30 x 27 mm.

10.49 gm.

Göbl SN II/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=25 mm.; diameter of reverse border=n/a

Die position=9h

Obverse: Bust right. Traces of undertype.

Reverse: Altar and attendants. Traces of undertype.

Note: Overstruck on Ardashir I and Son type (Göbl SN VII)

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Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AE Unit

25 x 26 mm.

10.51 gm.

Göbl SN II/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=24 mm.; diameter of reverse border=25 mm.

Die position=5h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AE Unit

27 x 29 mm.

9.95 gm.

Göbl SN II/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=22 mm.; diameter of reverse border=n/a

Die position=9h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Jamison T. Graff collection.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AE Unit

29 x 26 mm.

11.64 gm.

Göbl SN II/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border= n/a ; diameter of reverse border=25 mm.

Die position=7h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

Göbl III issue: Crown with swept-back earflaps

See: Göbl SN Plate 2, 32 for drachm example.



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AE Unit

16 x 17 mm.

2.71 gm.

Göbl SN III/1; SNS IIc/1a or 1b Mint: "Merv"

Diameter of obverse dotted border= n/a ; diameter of reverse border=14 mm.

Die position=5h

Obverse: Obverse type not listed in Göbl.

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Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

Gobl - issue: "Merv Horseman" types



Shapur I/King of Merv under Shapur I

AE Unit

c. 240 - 260 AD and later

17 mm.

2.62 gm.

Loginov-Nikitin 'Type I' (see Plate 4, 127); Göbl SN -; Mochiri ENIS II -

Diameter of obverse dotted border=15 mm.; diameter of reverse border=16 mm.

Die position=8h

Obverse: Bust right. Tamgha (?) in front of bust.

Reverse: Horseman riding left.

Note: Loginov-Nikitin, Mesopotamia XXVIII, *Sasanian Coins of the Third Century From Merv* (1993)



Ardashir (?), King of Merv under Shapur I

AE Unit

c. 240 - 260 AD and later

Alram 1218A; Mitchiner ACW -

17 x 16 mm.

2.01 gm

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Die position= 4h

Obverse: Diademed bust, right.

Reverse: Horseman, left, holding diadem (?) in his outstretched right hand. Trace of legend.

Note: Loginov-Nikitin, Mesopotamia XXVIII, *Sasanian Coins of the Third Century From Merv* (1993). Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

Gobl - issue: Crown of pearls



Shapur I (240 - 270 AD)

AE Unit

17 x 16 mm.

3.28 gm.

Göbl SN - (see Göbl Hormazd I [plate 3, #37])

Diameter of obverse dotted border=16 mm.; diameter of reverse border=16 mm.

Die position=9h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

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