

Kavad I, 1st reign

Son of Peroz I. Possible short reign/investiture 484 AD; 1st reign, 488 - 496 AD (interrupted by Zamasp); 2nd reign 498/9 - 531 AD. I'm having a slight problem assigning regnal years to AD dates for Kavad (and making them fit the different terms of his reign); for now I think I'll use: year 1 = 488 AD, year 11 = 498 AD (2nd reign start), year 33 = 520 AD, and year 43 = 530 AD. There were obviously important events occurring in years 11, 13, 20, possibly 25, and 33.

Denominations: D/6; d, Obol; U, U/12

Kavad I, 1st reign: Twenty (20) mints listed in SNS: AH, AM, ART, AS, AT, AW, AY, BN, BYSh, GD, GW, KA, KL, LD, LYW, MA, MY, ST, ShY, WH as listed in SNS. BHL (see below) [check].

Kavad I, 2nd reign: Thirty-nine (39) listed in SNS: AH, ALM, AM, AP, APL, ART, AS, AT, AW, AY, AYL, AYLAN, BN, BYST, BYSh, BShT, DA, DYWAN, DYWAS, DYWAT, GD, GNCKL, GW, HL, KA, KL, LD, LYW, MA, ML, MY, NY, PL, ST, Sh, ShY, WH, WYH, WYHC.

Regnal year to AD date conversion:

REGNAL YEAR	AD YEAR	NOTES	REGNAL YEAR	AD YEAR	NOTES
1	488	1st crown; vertical shoulder ribbons	23	510	
2	489		24	511	
3	490		25	512	
4	491		26	513	
5	492		27	514	
6	493		28	515	
7	494		29	516	
8	495		30	517	
9	496	Reign of Zamasp	31	518	

10	497	Reign of Zamasp	32	519	
11	498	Reign of Zamasp First dated issue (of Kavad)	33	520	Double reverse border
12	499		34	521	
13	500	2nd crown; diadem ends through top border Horizontal shoulder ribbons; stars and crescents outside border on obverse	35	522	Juan-juan leader, P'olo-men, flees to Hephthalites.
14	501		36	523	
15	502		37	524	
16	503		38	525	
17	504		39	526	
18	505		40	527	
19	506		41	528	
20	507	Star before bust; annulets disappear from garment Back to vertical shoulder ribbons	42	529	
21	508		43	530	
22	509	Hephthalites seize Sogdiana.			

Gobl I/1 issue: 1st crown (crescent type) no date/vertical diadem ends; single reverse border



Kavad I (First reign 488 - 497 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: WH

Regnal year: none/king's name

28 mm.

4.02 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 1015v.; Gobl SN I/1v.

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Meaningless dots/blundered 'KaVAT' to right.

Reverse: Design on either side of altar has 3 pellets to right, 4 pellets to left (!). An early issue.

Note: This coin has an extremely odd style. Perhaps the die engraver wasn't exactly sure who the new king was going to be...



Kavad I (First reign 488 - 497 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: KA

Regnal year: none/king's name

27 x 28 mm.

3.93 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Odd style; courtesy William B. Warden, Jr. collection.



Kavad I (First reign 488 - 497 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: AY

Regnal year: none/king's name

27 x 29 mm.

3.80 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 1016, Gobl SN I/1v.

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Pahlavi legend 'KaVA' base inwards.

Reverse:



Kavad I (First reign 488 - 497 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: GW (?)

Regnal year: none/blundered king's name

28 x 30 mm.

4.09 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Pahlavi legend 'KaVA' base inwards.

Reverse:



Kavad I (First reign 488 - 497 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: BHL

Regnal year: none/king's name

28 mm.

3.59 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Pahlavi legend 'KaVA' base inwards.

Reverse:



Kavad I (First reign 488 - 497 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: T

Regnal year: none

28 x 30 mm.

3.90 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: No Pahlavi legend.

Reverse:

Note: This is an imitation.



Kavad I (First reign 488 - 497 AD)

AR Hemi-obol (?)

Mint: BYSh

Regnal year: none (?) [looks like 'SSh']

13 mm.

0.46 gm.

Mitchiner ACW -, Sellwood ISC -, Gobl SN -

Diameter of obverse dotted border=9 mm.; diameter of reverse border=9 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection. Struck from 1/6 Dinar dies (?)



Kavad I (First reign 488 - 497 AD)

AE 1/6 Unit

Mint: BYSh

Regnal year: (?)

17 x 18 mm.

0.77 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=13 mm.; diameter of reverse border=14 mm.

Die position=3h

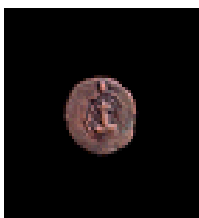
[reverse](#)

Large 300%/150 dpi scan [obv/rev](#) [73K JPG]

Obverse: Three diadems through border at 2h, 6h, 10h.

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Kavad I (First reign 488 - 497 AD)

AE 1/6 Unit

Mint: (?)

Regnal year: (?)

12 mm.

0.95 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=7 mm.; diameter of reverse border=9 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Large 300%/150 dpi scan [obv/rev](#) [43K JPG]

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

Gobl I/1 issue: 1st crown (crescent type) dated years 11 and 12/vertical diadem ends; single reverse border



Kavad I (First reign 488 - 497 AD)

AR Drachm

498 AD

Mint: LD

Regnal year: 11

28 x 29 mm.

3.98 gm.

Gobl SN I/1; Mochiri ENIS II 1150

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Kavad I (First reign 488 - 497 AD)

AR Drachm

498 AD

Mint: AW

Regnal year: 11

28 x 29 mm.

3.92 gm.

Gobl SN I/1; Mochiri ENIS II 1150

Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=23 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

[Obverse:](#)

[Reverse:](#)

http://www.griffterrec.com/coins/sasania/sas_kavI_1a.html