

7206 A bronze kongōban

Japan 14th century Kamakura period

Dimensions: H. 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" L. 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x W. 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (3 cm 24.5 x 17 cm)

Kongōban are an important part of a Buddhist priest's accessories and are used as stands for the gokorei (bell), sanko (three pronged vajra) and dokko (single pronged vajra). All of these items are essential when performing various Buddhist ceremonies.