

Reclining Buddha (Skt.: Mahaparinirvana)

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	9360 
Type:	religious or cult object; metalwork; statuette
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Thailand (Siam), Southeast Asia
Materials/Techniques:	tin, with red lacquer, gilt
Dimensions:	height: 3.5 cm width: 6.5 cm depth: 2.8 cm

Heavily worn, painted and gilt reclining Buddha figure, depicted in a prostrate pose on a three-tiered reclining couch on a triangular cushion.

The sculptor of this tiny statue depicts the master in a dying (Skt. parinirvana) pose, just minutes before his death. A common formulation of the iconographic type can be seen here, the closed-eyed, bowed-headed Sakyamuni, now out of the fussy embrace of the samsara.

