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## ALASKAN ESKIMO CARVED WALRUS IVORY ABSTRACT SCULPTURE

WESTERN ALASKAN ESKIMO CARVED WALRUS IVORY ABSTRACT SCULPTURE RESEMBLING AN IGLOO WITH BULGING EYES

THE BASE PIERCED FOR ATTACHMENT, PERHAPS AN ORNAMENT FOR A HUNTING HAT OR OTHER CLOTHING 18TH CENTURY OR EARLIER

SIZE: 4CM HIGH, 3.5CM WIDE, 2.5CM DEEP  $-\,1^{1\!/_2}$  INS HIGH,  $1^{1\!/_4}$  INS WIDE, 1 INS DEEP

## LITERATURE

SMALL LIFELIKE CARVINGS WERE A COMMON SUBJECT OF WESTERN ALASKAN IVORY CARVERS AS THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN FOR THE PREHISTORIC DORSET CARVERS IN THE EASTERN ARCTIC. BOTH CULTURES TOOK PLEASURE IN MAKING CARVINGS WITH HIDDEN SURPRISES OR VISUAL PUNS SUCH AS THIS CURIOUS PIECE.