

Examining your pewter marks

veho - USB Magnification Microscope -

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The advertising for this product says -

View & Record Microscopic Images On Your Computer

Take a closer look at the world with the latest USB microscope from Veho. Featuring a more powerful 2 megapixel sensor it allows you to zoom in on the really, really tiny at up to 400x magnification and save the images on your computer. Simply upload the software provided to your PC, connect microscope to your computer's USB port, and begin! What's more, you can also record photographic stills and video clips - ideal for science education, technical exploration or just having fun in the microscopic world!



This web advertisement shows the USB connected microscope viewing a ring the image of which shows on the computer screen.

The image can be captured by taking a photograph (using button on the microscope or control on the programme) and saving it to your editing programme and Picture files.

The product is available at prices varying from about £30 to £70 and often discounted. The lower priced versions offer less magnification.

It is fairly easy to use.

Fairly easy - because in terms of using it to photo say a mark inside and on the bottom of a tall flagon/tankard/mug etc you need a steady hand. It would be improved if it incorporated a tripod attachment (screw hole) as then any hand held shaking might be eliminated easily

The following supposed York Flat lid flagon was offered for sale by a leading auction house. It was said to be made by an unknown York pewterer – W:G

Had they had this **veho** it would have been seen that the initials are - W:B(and the W is distinctive – as are the two dots between the letters)

- That might have led them to wonder if it was by a known Wigan pewterer! It is a distinctly Wigan thumb piece and can be found on the Pewter Society data base as PS10766 dating it 1680-1700. Advertised by the experts in May 2007 as –

An English Pewter Flat-lidded York Flagon circa 1690

With two bands of faint engraving at the top and bottom of the body, fretted denticulation to stepped over cover heart and spray thumbpiece an indistinct touch possibly by the maker W G inside the base

11 1/8" (28.2cm) overall height weighs just over 1700 grams.

Provenance -

Cooper Collection

Buckell Collection

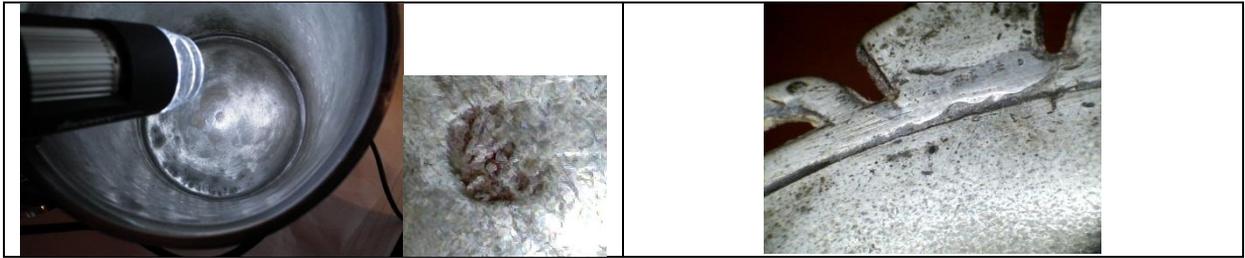
Little Collection (lot 110)

Similar Worshipful Company Collection no 140 fig 20c – again in the supplementary catalogue no 212 p 38. Attributes this style specifically to York makers

Similar in the Frank Holt sale Oct 98 Phillips Chester lot 35 by Leonard Terry.

So below are three photos of the veho in use, and one of the W:B mark photographed and one of a front denticulation showing clearly an old repair to the centre one.





The Veho would benefit if it could be attached to a tripod for a firm grip when held as in the photos above.

- also some photos of marks shown for use elsewhere on this website taken using this USB Microscope.



