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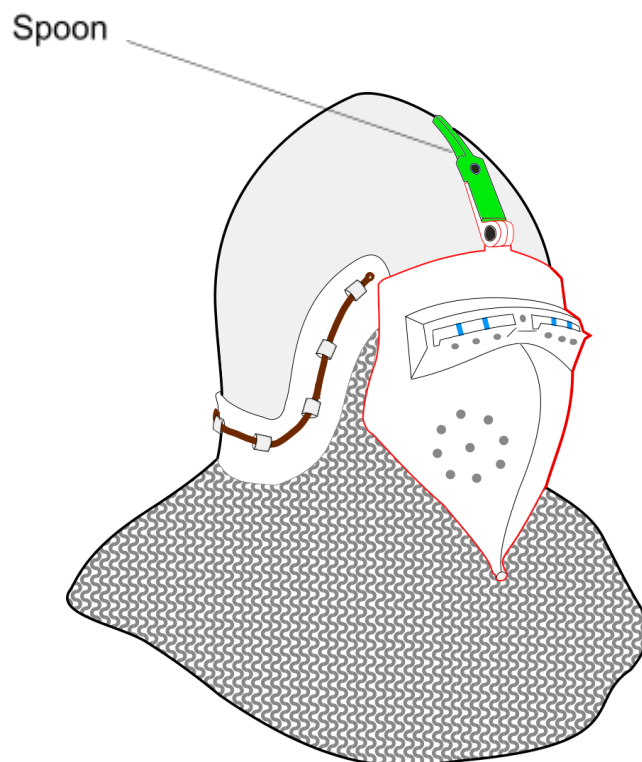
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1. Definition

- Klappvisor Bascinet is a medieval helmet that originated in the 14th century. "Klappvisor" is German and translates to "folding visor." The single brow-mounted hinge is a distinctive feature of early bascinet visor designs. These bascinet visors were often low profile to fit underneath a great helm, but would also serve as a primary defense on their own.
- Klappvisor uses a solid metal visor to protect the face, attached on the forehead by a piece of metal, the "spoon".
- Klappvisor was used from 1340 to 1400, mainly in Germany and Italy.
- Klappvisor is **approved** for 14th century and Transitional armors.
- Klappvisor is **denied** for 15th century armors.



2. Historical sources and datation

2.1 German-Style Klappvisors



A



B



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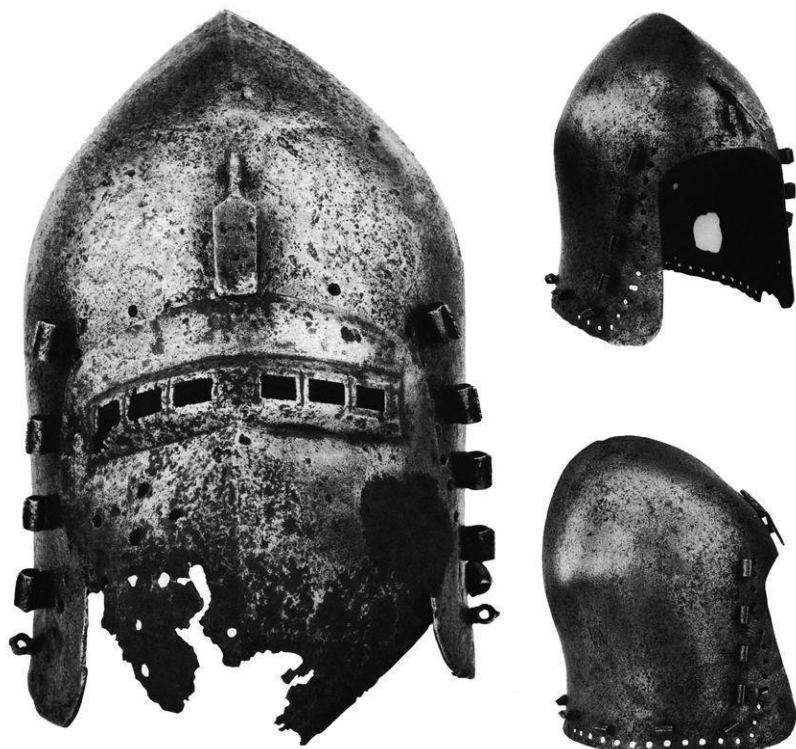
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A: "Sitten Klappvisor" - 1390 - Switzerland, Picture from Musées cantonaux du Valais, Sion (Jean-Yves Glassey, Martigny) ©

B: "Bavarian Klappvisor" - unknown datation, probably late 14th cent.- Bavarian Army Museum, Munich, Germany

C: Nuremberg Museum - 1370/1380 - Germany

D: Coburg helmet - 1380/1390 - Germany



Berlin Museum - 1350 - Germany

2.2 Italian style Klappvisor



A



B



C

A: 14th century (datation unknown) - Italy

B: 1350 - Italy

C: Milan Klappvisor, Museo Stibbert, 1390/1400 - Italy

2.3 Other style Klappvisor



1375 - Netherlands



Leeds Armouries - 1350/1380 - England

3. Requirements

3.1 General Requirements

- Reproductions must closely resemble the appearance and proportions of a Klappvisor source.
- Any metal part of the helmet must conform to the Armors and weapons Aesthetics and decorations document.
- Any textile or leather part of the helmet must conform to the Textiles and Leather document.

3.2 Visor Requirements

- Visor must not be too long or too short, it must respect the proportions of historical sources.
- The hinge must be reproduced as per historical sources.
- It is allowed to weld the hinge. Welded hinges must resemble a functional hinge.
- It is allowed to weld the visor down. Welded visor must resemble a functional removable visor.
- It is allowed to add a metal plate to protect the throat. Such a plate must be strong enough to endure full contact fight and must be concealed under the aventail.
- A leather strap can be used to secure the visor down.
- Breath holes should be round and must not exceed a diameter of 10mm. Breath holes must not be so numerous that they compromise the helm's structural integrity. It is acceptable to mirror breath holes to both sides.
- Breath holes of another shape must be documented by historical sources to be allowed.

3.3 Eye-slots

- Eye slots should resemble sources for the visor.
- Eye slots should not exceed 25mm tall to prevent any injury.
- Klappvisor with 2 eye slots are allowed to add up to two (2) buhurt-optimization eyebars per eye slot.
- Eye bars must conform to the Eye bars rules document.

3.4 Aventail

- Klappvisors must be worn with chainmail aventails, fabric aventails, or scales aventails.
- Aventails must conform to the Aventails document.
- Aventails must be attached to the bascinet by a system of leather and vervelles.
- The aventail must be fastened down to the edge of a padded pelerine attached to the helmet liner.
- Protective plates covering the cervical spine must be hidden under the aventail.

3.5 Others

- Klappvisors may be decorated in the spirit of medieval styles, such as orle, torse, decorated aventails (with cooper/brass chainmail rings), vervelle covers and coat of arms badges etc.
- Such decoration must be made in coherence with historical sources.
- Using modern and/or offensive imagery and slogans is prohibited.

4. Approved Reproductions



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5. Denied Reproductions



Eye slot out of historical proportions



Visor not based on historical sources
+ incomplete aventail

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6. Changelog

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