

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

60 Million Year Old Dominican Amber Speciman

**Date**

60 ma.

**Primary Maker**

Natural History Specimen

**Medium**

Amber, Wood, Metal

**Description**

A large round-oval piece of fossilized amber containing plant material. It is mounted on a beveled wooden base with a plaque on the front labeled "AMBER, 60,000,000 YEARS OLD SANTO DOMINGO".

**Dimensions**

Overall: 7 x 6 x 3 1/2 in. (17.8 x 15.2 x 8.9 cm)

**Historical Note**

Presented Personally during a meeting and photo op in the Oval Office 1982-07-15 Dominican amber is amber from the Dominican Republic. Resin from the extinct tree *Hymenaea protera* is the source of Dominican amber and probably of most amber found in the tropics. Dominican amber differentiates itself from Baltic amber by being nearly always transparent, and it has a higher number of fossil inclusions. This has enabled the detailed reconstruction of the ecosystem of a long-vanished tropical forest.

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