

Surface Observation vs Structural Conclusion

Describe the surface before inferring hidden structure

OBJECT OR CLAIM Pit, mark, polish or darkening Record location, scale, lighting and visible extent.	AVAILABLE EVIDENCE Surface observation The evidence supports what is visible at the shown resolution.	POSSIBLE EVALUATION Question for closer review Location or progression may make the observation consequential.
ALTERNATIVE EXPLANATION Process, wear or treatment Casting, finishing, repair, contamination or intentional texture may resemble one another.	LIMITATION Interior remains unproven Appearance cannot quantify hidden extent, cause or future outcome.	RESPONSIBLE NEXT STEP Document and escalate selectively Compare views over time or use an object-specific professional method.