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## Uahibre's cube-statue

Uncertain provenance, probably Saïs End of the 26th dynasty

Diorite H.: 1.02 m; W.: 45 cm; D.: 66 cm Department of Egyptian Antiquities, Musée du Louvre (A 91)

Uahibre, a rich customs official, left four other cubestatues, just some of the fourteen different depictions of himself. In principle, the larger a cube-statue the more room there is for inscriptions, so the better the owner's wishes can be expressed. This one is an exception, however, since its sides are not inscribed and the front has only a short, three-line text identifying the figure, while the back has a simple version of the so-called "Saite formula" divided into two columns.



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