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## MOZAN/URKESH WARE DESCRIPTIONS

## Introduction

For the 1997 field season (Mozan 10) it was decided to concentrate on processing the ceramic material from the earliest strata in the AK building. The present catalog is the result of this strategy decision; it reflects the main wares and ceramic shapes only from the earliest strata. A more complete catalog of shapes was prepared in May 1997, Ceramics from the Royal Palace AK: Seasons 19901996. The basic ware descriptions had been made and refined before the 1992 season and are found in Mozan Ceramics: the Third through the Fifth Season. A further refinement, on the basis of the material from the AK building, is included here. Drawings of the A1 and A5 examples along with drawings of the shape types from A6-8 are found in the shape catalog prepared for MZ 10 . This present catalog covers only the strata of the Simple Ware Tradition as excavated in the AK building and not the later Bitumen Use Tradition or Habur Tradition. There is some overlap however especially in the Chaff Tempered pottery and the Fine Chaff wares. It may be that the ceramic inventory is more varied in the later Bitumen Use Tradition in these two wares but that has to be further studied. While there are very few ETC sherds from stratified contexts, there are enough to indicate continuous contact with the mountainous region in eastern Anatolia where this pottery is made. Also relatively rare are sherds and vessels made of Metallic ware. In all mid to late third millennium strata there are always a few sherds of this ware, but the greatest amount has come from the disturbed tombs in the Outer City (Os11 and Os12) possibly indicating that strata with much more of this pottery do occurr at Mozan. Relatively little of this pottery came from temple BA and even less from the AK building and the storeroom in F1. Since the manufacture and distribution of this pottery centers more on the western portion of the Khabur region and the Upper Balikh, Mozan is on the periphery of this distribution and does not have major concentrations of Metallic ware. Again, as in ETC ware, there is a continuous contact with these western centers but in the case of Metallic ware the contact is greater as reflected in the greater number of Metallic ware vessels present on the site in general and specifically in the AK building. With manufacturing centers farther to the west, the presence of Imitation Metallic ware both at Mozan and Brak can be understood as an attempt to reproduce the same effect but with a different technology.

Also included in the Simple Ware Tradition is the pottery found in Temple BA. Because of this, many of the shape types given here as examples come from those strata. In general the earlier Simple ware ceramics as found in BA are more refined technically than in the AK building. The AK building however has a wider inventory of shape types. This must reflect the functional difference between these two buildings as well as the chronological difference which is about 200 years. A
small percentage of the ceramics from the AK building are made of a paste as fine or have a shape as well formed or are as uniformly well fired as the typical ceramics from BA. Even given this evidence, it is clear that the main strata in AK were still within this tradition. Drawings of examples from the temple BA and other related strata are found in an unpublished manuscript of MKB.

The distribution of third millennium ceramics in northern Syria and the cultural and possible political realities thereby reflected can only be done after the third millennium ceramics from Brak are published. However a first attempt at synthesis on the basis of the Mozan material can be made. Just before the middle of the millennium Khabur ware was being manufactured in the west and Ninevite V ware in the east. At Mozan both early Metallic ware and late Ninevite V ware are present in the $\mathrm{Ob1}$ and Oa 4 tombs. In the middle centuries of the third millennium Simple ware is a more uniform technology and more widespread than any ceramic tradition which is seen later. Metallic ware in the western Khabur is imported in Mozan and not part of the main ceramic tradition at the site. In this period the ceramic tradition at Mozan is centered on a continuation of the Simple ware tradition although with a ceramic standard which is,lower in technical achievement. The strength of this tradition locally is evidenced by its continution in the Bitumen Use Tradition at the site during the latest part of the millennium and probably the earliest part of the second millennium. The continuity of this tradition is impressive, and witheatreak. On the basis of the sphragistic evidence it appears that Urkesh, during the later third millennium was a separate political and cultural entity than Brak (probably Nagar in this period). How widespread geographically the kingdom of Urkesh is remains to be determined as well as the chronological limits of its existence.

In the first section of this catalog a description of the wares is presented according to an overall type classification and then the specific variety within the type. The main type classes as included here are: Chaff Tempered, Fine Buff, Metallic, Painted, Early Transcaucasian, Pebble Tempered, Rough. The second section is a shape catalog. This shape catalog is organized by ware and then divided by closed forms to open forms (jars, cups, bowls). The first part of this shape catalog is an index to the rest of the catalog. For more information see: Ceramics from the Royal Palace AK: Seasons 1990-1996. Work on these sherds has involved many people. Helene Cooper processed many of the sherds presented here; William R. Shelby was responsible for the analysis during the eigth season. Most of the drawings in this catalog were made and inked by Alice Frigerio. The Index was produced on Photoshop by Diep Shoemaker.

## Group: Mozan Third Millennium Wares from the Early Strata of the AK Building

Type: Chaff Tempered
Ware (Variety)

## Chaff Tempered

 millennium stratigraphy.Identifying Attributes: much organic temper on exterior and interior, medium fired, some examples have signs of secondary burning. Vessels are large to medium jars and bowls.

Paste color: orange buff to red
Temper: large amounts of organic temper some small mineral temper
Firing: medium
Firing cloud: none
Carbon core: none
Wall Thickness: $1-2 \mathrm{~cm}$
Forms:
hole mouth jars which can have a triangular tab at rim (MZ2B1q70-1); size range: rim d ca $10-25 \mathrm{~cm}$
jars with simple rim (M1 130; MZ4S1q35-1; A1q500-p1); size range: rim d ca $16-35 \mathrm{~cm}$
squared rim jars which can have an exterior lug (A8q94-p3); size range: rim d ca 25 cm
necked jars (A1q51-p1); size range: rim d $10-22 \mathrm{~cm}$
angled rim jars (A5q500-pi); size range: rim d $20-30 \mathrm{~cm}$
straight sided jars (A5q605-p1); size range: rim d ca 20 cm
jars with interior ledge (A5q494-p3); size range: rim d ca 20 cm
collared rim jar (A8q87-p2); size range: rim d ca 25 cm
large deep bowls (MZ5B4q224); size range: rim d ca $30-50 \mathrm{~cm}$
straight sided deep bowls, some with interior lugs (A1q570-pi); size range: rim dca $25-30 \mathrm{~cm}$
deep bowls with slightly carinated bodies (A5q645); size range: rim d ca 1830 cm
deep carinated bowls (MZ4Os12q5;A5q365-p1); size range: rim d ca $18-30 \mathrm{~cm}$
flat rim bowls (A1q835-p4); size range: rim d ca $25-35 \mathrm{~cm}$
platters (MZ4K1q200-1; A5903-p3); size range: h ca $5-7 \mathrm{~cm}$; rim d ca $30-70 \mathrm{~cm}$
flat bowls (MZ5B5f35+); size range: rim d ca $25-35 \mathrm{~cm}$
Surface Treatment: rough to wet smoothed
Burnished: no
Polished: no
Decoration: no
Comments: This ware is very common in all the third millennium stratigraphy; it is, along with Wet Smooth, the ware that is used most frequently for the manufacture of large jars and bowls. It is made from a paste similar to Wet Smoothed ware except that some jar and bowl shapes are different. Also the surface is coarser in this Chaff Tempered category because these vessels have not been as finely smoothed and have more chaff holes on the surface.

## Ware (Variety)

Fine Chaff Ware
Basis for Definition: Strata B10-12 in the AK Building
Identifying Attributes: Small amount of chaff and small white gypsum pebbles on the surface, some with strong wheel marks on the interior, especially in the conical cups. The interior of the bowls in this ware are somwhat smoothed but the exterior has evident wheel patterns.

Paste Color: Buff to Brick-Orange. In some conical cups most of the vessel exterior is darker orange but becomes orange-buff near the rim; in these examples the interior is a single color.

Temper: Chaff finely chapped (short stubby forms), small pebbles of white
 gypsum which appear in section but also on the surface, large amounts of haemetite in the clay of some examples.

Firing: medium to high
Firing Cloud: sometimes on the exterior of small shapes such as conical cups

Carbon Core: none
Wall Thickness: $3-7 \mathrm{~cm}$
Forms:
narrow necked bottles (A5q945-p1); size range: rim d ca 5 cm
wide spouts (vessel form undetermined); size range: wall thickness ca 5-6
mm
necked jars (A1q928-p3); size range: rim d ca $8-12 \mathrm{~cm}$
conical cups in this ware are in three basic shapes:

1) (A1.78; A1.232; A1q65); size range: h ca $7-10 \mathrm{~cm}$, rim d
ca $10-14 \mathrm{~cm}$
2) rougher cups many of which are poorly shaped on the wheel, string cut bases, with some tempering, especially sand, strong wheel marks on the exterior (MZ3B1.166); size range: h ca 8 cm ; rim d ca 9 cm
3) same as no. 2 but in a taller cup (MZ3B1.130); size range: $\mathrm{h} \mathrm{ca} 9-12 \mathrm{~cm}$, base d ca 4 cm .
straight sided deep bowls (A1q931-p1; A1.62-p1); size range: rim d 8-12 cm
deep bowls, some carinate (A1q931-p3); size range: $6-10 \mathrm{~cm}$
rounded profile bowls (A5q922); size range: h ca $4-6 \mathrm{~cm}$; rim d $12-15 \mathrm{~cm}$
carinate bowls (A5q45-p1); size range: rim d $18-25 \mathrm{~cm}$
bowls with interior thickened rim (A5q902-p1); size range: $18-25 \mathrm{~cm}$
flat rim plates (A5q680-p4); size range: rim d $12-25 \mathrm{~cm}$
Comments: The coarser conical cups were categorized in Temple BA as either Simple ware or a conical cup ware; it is only with the AK building that these coarser conical cups were reclassified into FC ware.

Type: Fine Buff Wares

General Description: All the wares in this type are characterized by being made of a fine buff paste which fires to a green to yellow buff. All are high fired with little mineral or organic temper, none have a firing cloud; none have a carbon core. The medium and large vessels made of this paste have more temper, and are thicker walled. None have been burnished but some surfaces of early examples have a deep, regular vertical pattern which is clearly a decoration ( S 1.57 ).

Ware (Variety):
Simple
Basis for Definition: excavated near city wall K 1 and S 1 , temple BA , Tomb in Oa4, the AK building strata $\mathrm{AKsB10-12}$, storeroom in F 1 , also found in abundance on the surface of both the High Mound and the Outer City.

Identifying Attributes: Little or no temper, high firing, uniform buff to green-buff color, conical cups and small bowls, spouted pots, string cut, flat, and slightly convex bases some cups have low footed bases. A group of conical cups are made in a rougher version of this ware with gypsum temper and even some gypsum pebbles appearing on the surface categorized as Fine Chaff ware and discussed separately.

Paste color: buff to greenish buff
Temper: some vessels have no temper while the coarser examples of the conical cups have some sand temper, some vessels can have small to medium white gypsum pebbles showing on the exterior

Firing: highly fired
Firing Cloud: none, but in many of the cups and bowls there is a change in color on the exterior from the body of the vessel to the vessel wall near the rim with the latter being lighter in color

Wall Thickness: from ca 3 to 5 mm
Forms: This is the most common type of pottery for small and medium cups and bowis in ED III and Akkadian periods.
small jars with S-curved profile (A5́q640-p1); size range: rim d ca 4-8 cm
small jar with outtumed rim, rounded base (MZ6 A1q58); size range: h ca 6-10, d ca4-8
high necked jars (A5q793-p1); size range: rim d ca 5 cm
conical cups are found on Mozan Urkesh in three basic shape types of which two are in the related FC ware:

1) shorter cups with a slight widening of the body just before the reamed base (MZ4Os11.13); size range: h ca $5-8 \mathrm{~cm}$; rim d ca 13 cm
2) rougher cups in FC ware many of which are poorly shaped on the wheel, string cut bases, with some tempering, especially sand, strong wheel marks on the exterior (MZ3B1.166); size range: h ca 8 cm ; rim d ca 9 cm
3) same as no. 2 but in a taller cup (MZ3B1.130); size range: $\mathrm{h} \mathrm{ca} 9-12 \mathrm{~cm}$, base d ca 4 cm .
deep bowls, some necked (A1q928-p1), hole mouth (A1q436-p1), straight sided ( $\mathrm{A} 5 \mathrm{p} 516-\mathrm{p}$ ) ; size range: rim d $5-18 \mathrm{~cm}$
carinated bowls (Alq897-p1); size range: rim d ca 20 cm
large bowis with flat or slightly concave bases; bases can have a groove around the exterior or a reamed edge as a transition from the body to the base (MZ3B3.47); size range: h ca 9.5; rim d ca 19
small rounded bowls with rounded or convex bases (MZ3B3.26, MZ5B5.54); size range: h ca 6.5 ; rim d ca 12
small straight sided bowl with flat base (MZ5B5.39) size range: h ca $4-7 \mathrm{~cm}$; d ca $8-10 \mathrm{~cm}$

Other shapes: footed cup (M1 16); size range: h ca 8 , d ca $6-10 \mathrm{~cm}$, base 34 cm
spouted vessels (MZ3B3.44, MZ5B5.42); size range: h ca $7-9 \mathrm{~cm}$; rim d ca $5-7 \mathrm{~cm}$; shape range of vessels unknown

Manufacturing Techniques: strong wheel marks on the exterior of some conical cups and bowls; very high quality ware in most of the vessels made from it.

Surface Treatment: self slip
Distribution: most common type of pottery for small and medium- small sized vessels in all excavation units dating from ca 2400 to 2200 BC .

Comparative material: spread throughout northern Syria; also found in parts of eastem Anatolia.

Comments: conical cups range in quality from the fine (Paste Category 1), well made examples to very coarse examples (Paste Categories 3 a and 4). One group from the temple is so fine that they are characterized by their smooth surface which appears to have been slightly polished, this untempered subtype is called at Mozan Stone ware (it occurs in sherds from the temple and in a bowl MZ3B1.184 which was found in the same deposit as the lion statue, near the statue). This type of ware must have been only manufactured mid third millennium because it is mostly found in the temple BA and associated strata; some sherds are associated with the earliest strata od the AK building. In later third millennium strata the pottery making tradition was not as refined and pottery probably could not duplicate such a high quality product.

Conical cups were very common in the temple BA and in the AK building with the chronological distinction being that in the temple these cups were made predominently in the finer Simple ware and in the AK building they were made in the coarser FC ware. This distinction holds true in the MZ9 excavations in the AK building entrance (A7). Most conical cups have string cut bases but many manufactured in Simple ware have reamed bases with a very sharp break between the body wall and the flat base (eg. A5q838-p1). In neither the temple BA nor the AK building were the tall form of these cups common. Also the type of conical cup with with a slight flaring before the base (in FC ware A1q1038-p1) is not common in either of these two excavations. Some conical cups were reused, after being broken, as lamps evidenced, by the burning pattern inside and over the broken section.

The conical cups have a very standard shape and size range. The shapes include tall cups (rarer), standard cups, and cups which instead of tapering directly
from the rim to the base, are slightly rounded before the base. Most bases are string cut ranging in size in FC ware from 3.5 cm to 4.6 cm ; a 4 cm base is most common. The taller cups in FC ware have a base size from 5.2 to 6.2 cm . In Simple ware the string cut bases range in diameter from 4.3 to 4.6 cm , slightly larger than the bases in FC ware. Taller conical cups made in S ware have a base diameter from 4.8 to 5.2 cm .

In seasons 1-6 seasons thin shapes of Wet Smoothed ware were separated from this Simple ware variety. After the 1991 study by Dr. Marilyn BeaudryCorbett these finer Wet Smoothed examples were added to the Simple ware variety (that is beginning with the 7th season, 1992).

Ware (Variety):
Wet Smoothed
Basis for Definition: excavated in all third millennium strata, especially mid and late third millennium contexts but also including some early third millennium material. This is the most common type of pottery for medium size vessels; some larger jars are also made in this ware.

Identifying Attributes: buff to yellow buff in color, paste appears to be the same as Simple ware but this ware is used for larger shapes of jars and bowls and has tempering in it; usually medium fired. The smooth surface finish is a very
 important distinguishing characteristic of this ware since its paste characteristics are the same as the Chaff Tempered ware.

Paste color: buff to yellow buff ( $10 \mathrm{YR} 8 / 2$ to $5 \mathrm{y} 8 / 2$ white)
Temper: can have very small amounts of chaff temper, mineral temper size can very from large pebbles to fine sand, density is medium

Firing: medium
Wall thickness: varies with size of the vessel but usually from 5 to 10 mm Forms:
In the early part of the third millennium stands with cut out designs from Ob 1 (MZ3Ob1.61); size range: h ca 18 cm ; rim d ca 19 cm .
narrow necked jar or bottle (A5q680-p5); size range: rim d $4-8 \mathrm{~cm}$
jars with interior grooves around the rim; some have potters marks or capacity marks incised at the rim (MZ2K1q118-1, MZ2K1q118-2, MZ2B1q176-1; A5q494-p1); size range: rim d ca $11-34 \mathrm{~cm}$
necked jars (A5q680-p1); size range: rim d ca $8-15 \mathrm{~cm}$
collared rim jars (A5q645-p4); size range: rim d ca 12 cm
flaring rim jars (MZ3B3.14; A5q901-p2); size range: h ca 14 cm; rim d ca $7-21 \mathrm{~cm}$.
small egg shaped jars (F1.129) size range: h ca 13 , tim d ca 6
large egg shaped jars (F1.110) size range: h ca 50 , rim d ca 16
bulbous rim jar (MZ3B4q106-1); size range: rim d ca $10-25 \mathrm{~cm}$.
deep bowls with s-profile (MZ3B4.69; A1q868-p3); size range: h
ca 13 cm ; rim d ca 19 cm .
other deep bowls (A5q899-p1); size range: rim d ca 20 cm
deep bowls with interior triangular lugs and flat bases (MZ2 B1 q176); size range: $\mathrm{d} \mathrm{ca} 20-30 \mathrm{~cm}$.
deep bowl with exterior lugs ( $\mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{q} 47-13$ )
wide bowls (A1q122-p1); size range: ca 22 cm
Manufacturing Techniques: Some large jars may have the upper portions only made on the wheel.

Surface treatment: Surface is wet smoothed so that all particles on the exterior of the vessel are uniform. There are no traces of the tool used for this so it must have been done when the vessel was quite wet.

Comments: This ware is probably made from the same or very similar clay source as the Ninevite V and Simple wares. It however was used to produce the medium and large bowl and jar shapes which are different from Ninevite V and Simple ware shapes. Unincised portions of Ninevite V Incised vessels may be mixed in with this ware in the sherd counts of the seasons through the sixth since during these years the finer Wet Smoothed sherds were counted separately. This problem is minor since very few Ninevite V vessels have been excavated at Mozan. The undecorated portions of Incised and Rope decorated vessels have often been counted in this category.

Ware (Variety):
Incised and Rope Decorated
Comments: This type existed in the late ED III period continued into the Ur III period. Second millennium examples have different rope patterns and incised designs.

Basis for Definition: Upper floor at top of stairs and shelf in temple BA and the AK building.

Identifying Attributes: green buff, highly fired, incised/rope decoration; ware related to Wet Smooth but separated out because of the decoration. Shapes include large bowls and jars. Bowls have only rope decoration while jars have either only the incised patterns or both incisions and rope decoration. The ware is very similar to WS ware but with the addition of decoration. The shapes are more limited and differ somewhat from WS ware.

Paste color: green buff
Temper: sand temper with some fine chaff
Firing: highly fired
Wall Thickness: $5-10 \mathrm{~mm}$
Forms:
large jars (Alq1031); size range: rim d ca 20 cm .
large necked jars (A5q926+); size range: rim d ca 22 cm
hole mouth jars (F1q559); size range: rim d ca 13-22 cm.
deep bowl (F1.23, F1.99, MZ3B4q101, A5q152); size range: rim
d ca $20-48 \mathrm{~cm}$
small bowl (MZ3B4.56; A1q963-p3); size range: rim d ca $10-18 \mathrm{~cm}$
Surface Treatment: in some cases can be rough and in others surface is wet smoothed
precised with the vessel walls an even thickness and the shapes uniform; the heavy wheel marks are gone. This pottery has a mass produced look of a very high quality product.

Burnished: sometimes burnishing marks are visible
Polished: a light polish
Comparative Material: see H Kuehne, Die Keramik vom Tell Chuera (1976), excavated sherds from Tell Chuera, and H. Kuehne and G. Schneider, "Neue Untersuchungen zur Metallischen Ware," Damaszener Mitteilungen 3 (1988), pp. 83-139 (mostly surface sherds). By this period Metallic ware had spread from northeastem Syria as far south along the Euphrates as Terqa and northward into the Keban area of northeastern Anatolia and westward; see the distribution map in Kuehne.

Comments: Bottles are found both in Metallic ware (the AK building and OS11) and Imitation Metallic ware (the AK building and F1).

Ware (Variety):
Imitation Metallic
Basis for Definition: surface, temple BA, storage room in F1, the AK building; there are few examples of this ceramic variety in the Mozan corpus but these examples increase in the AK building and in the slightly later F1 storeroom.

Identifying Attributes: coarser exterior surface than Metallic ware, paste not as fine as Metallic ware, painted portions on the neck and body in dark brown to red-brown color so that it appears to be same color as Metallic ware, shapes can be similar to Metallic ware but more varied than our inventory of the ware, more temper than Metallic ware and not as highly fired.

Paste color: red-buff; the exterior is often dark gray-brown because of the paint

Temper: some organic and small to medium mineral temper
Firing: medium
Firing cloud: one sherd from A1 f137 may have a firing cloud
Carbon core: none
Wall Thickness: near the rim of jars ca 4 cm , near the base ca $5-6 \mathrm{~cm}$
Forms:
bottles (A1q928; F1.114; the F1 example has three tiny feet, spouted)
necked jars, flat and rounded bases
Manufacturing Techniques: wheelmade with thick paint applied to the exterior.

Surface Treatment: painted to look like Metallic ware, surface wet smoothed and rougher than Metallic ware.

Burnished: no
Polished: no
Decoration: no (paint on exterior not meant as a decoration (and is not applied in any design pattern) but to make vessel appear like Metallic ware.)

Comparative material: some at Brak (personal communication from Joan Oates).

Decoration: placed below rim, can have incised lines, rope decoration or both. Incisions are in parallel horizontal bands either plain or wavy. Often the wavy bands are bordered on the top and bottom with bands of horizontal incised lines. A single band of rope decoration with parallel straight incised bands on the top and bottom is most common while just a single rope decorated band does occur, especially on large deep bowls; it is placed lower on the body of the vessel than the incised decoation.

Comments: On parts of the vessel bodies which are not decorated this ware may be confused with Wet Smoothed or, in the case of very well fired examples, a ware which is predominently second millennium but which begins at the end of the third millemnium (GBH). Rope decoration alone occurs in most time periods excavated thus far at Mozan. A narrow rope band was applied to a small vessel from the Ninevite V period, rope bands occurred on Wet Smoothed vessels in f16 of K1, temple BA and the AK building. During the Nuzi period rope decorated bands are very common; they are often found in more than one band applied to the body of the vessel near the rim.

## TYPE: Metallic

Ware (Variety):
Later Metallic
Basis for Definition: surface sherds and vessels, few sherds in temple BA and the AK building, greatest amount near the disturbed burials in Outer City (Os11 and Os12)

Identifying Attributes: Fineness of paste, color grey or orange, highly fired, necked jars, medium bowls

Paste color: grey, or orange, sometimes orange-brown but most vessels are gray with a more uniform color then the early variety of this ware.

Temper: very little (sand or at times large white pebbles on the surface)
Firing: very highly fired
Wall Thickness: ca $3 \mathrm{~mm}-1 \mathrm{~cm}$
Forms
bottles (MZ4OS11surface, MZ8A1q943); size range: rim d 8 cm
necked jars with rounded bases (Alq153, MZ3OZ1.27); size range: rim d ca $7-15 \mathrm{~cm}$.
small jar (A5q841-p1); size range: rim d ca $8-10 \mathrm{~cm}$
medium jars ( $\mathrm{M} Z 5 \mathrm{~B} 5 \mathrm{f} 55+$ ), size range: rim d ca 16
medium and small rounded bowls (M1 119; MZ4OS11; A1q840-p7); size range: rim d ca $10-20 \mathrm{~cm}$.
medium and small straight sided bowls (MZ4OS11), size range daa $10-18$
cm
rounded, low footed, and small ring bases
Manufacturing Techniques: the firing control has been perfected so firing errors seen in the earlier variety are corrected, also control of the form is more

Identifying Attributes: open vessels with interior plastered with white or plum colored plaster. Many vessels from K1 f16 are large jars or vats with very little curvature shown in some body sherds. Signs of a liquid which has dripped down the exterior is frequent.

Paste color: buff-red
Temper: organic with some sherd temper
Firing: examples found in K1 f16 were well fired but this may be due to the fact they came from a storehouse which had burnt down, probably originally they were medium fired. In some examples the interior plaster was burnt to a bright orange red by the destruction fire.

Firing cloud: none
Carbon core: yes
Wall Thickness: in larger vessels 2.5 cm thick; thinner vessels are ca 1.3 cm thick

Forms:
jars with outturned rims (MZ5B5f55+); size range: large rim d ca 4870 cm
deep bowis with squared rims (can have interior oval lugs eg. MZ4K1 q215-1, A5 q400-p1); size range: rim d 25 cm and larger deep bowls with outturned $\operatorname{rim}$ (A5q852-p1); size range: rim d ca 60
vats (?) (MZ4K1q215-2); size range: rim d ca 80 cm
The thinner shapes have more curvature in the body walls so were probably of somewhat smaller jars. Both flat and rounded bases are preserved.

Manufacturing Techniques: Slab made and constructed in layers which can be seen in section; cracks from the drying process can also be seen on the exterior. In some cases the lower body wall is much thicker than the base, as much as 8 mm difference. The exterior surface was left rough without any wet smoothing in the manufacturing process. The interior is plastered.

Surface Treatment: left rough
Burnished: no
Polished: no
Decoration: no
Comments: In K1 f16 the majority of these sherds were found. They came from a burnt building so that all the vessels were secondarily fired. Some vessels had the plum red color on the interior plaster and also dripped down part of the exterior of the vessel. This is not uniform and more than likely was the result of later use rather than part of the manufacturing process. A few of these sherds were found in temple BA and the AK building.
temper is very low.
Burnished: yes but not carefully done
Polished: no
Decoration: no
Distribution: temple BA and the AK building; in most third millennium strata from the site.

Comparative Material: Harran
Comments: This ware was the principal third millennium cooking ware at Mozan. Many sherds are secondarily fired and appear to have been fired repeatedly making the vessels very friable. Some had been secondarily fired so many times that the sherds broke apart on washing.

Ware (Variety):
Fine Pebble Tempered
Basis for Definition: temple BA and the AK building
Identifying Attributes: Many small pebbles used as temper, these can be seen in section and on the surface, very friable, surface dark brown to black and bumished.

Paste color: dark brown
Temper: many pebbles, very little organic temper
Firing: low to medium fired
Firing cloud: none
Carbon core: yes
Wall Thickness: ca 2 mm
Forms: all small
small hole mouth jars (MZ3B4q48-2); size range: rim d ca $10-20 \mathrm{~cm}$.
small jars (MZ4S1q32-1, A1q963-p1); size range: rim d ca $8-10 \mathrm{~cm}$
small bowls (MZ3B4q48-1); size range: rim d ca $10-14 \mathrm{~cm}$.
deep bowls (A1q840-p2, A1q928-p2); size range: rim d ca $10-15 \mathrm{~cm}$
Manufacturing Techniques: very friable, burnished to compact the surface
which otherwise would have little consistency since the proportion of paste to temper is very low.

Burnished: yes, burnishing better done than on the coarse variety
Polished: some vessels may be polished
Decoration: no
Comments: Most of the sherds in this ware give evidence of secondary firing indicating that they probably were also utilized in food preparation although their small size would have restricted their use.

Type: Rough:
Variety Unspecified
Rough
Basis for Definition: K1 f16 burnt deposit outside city wall, some sherds from temple BA , some sherds from the AK building
neched jars (A1q936-p1); size range: rim d ca $10-20 \mathrm{~cm}$
flat rimmed jar or deep bowl (A1q1000-p1); size range: rim d
small bowls (M1 40, MZ5B5 $135+$ ); size range: rim d ca $18-20 \mathrm{~cm}$
medium bowl (MZ5B5f35+, A1q883-p1); size range: rim d ca 18-20
deep bowl (MZ5B5f35 +, A1q878-p2); size range: rim d ca $20-30 \mathrm{~cm}$
Manufacturing techniques: contrast between coarse pottery and very highly polished surface

Surface Treatment: very highly polished
Burnished: yes on the poorer examples
Polished: highly polished on most examples
Decoration: no, except see below
Distribution: not many sherds of this ware at Mozan
Comparative material: common throughout eastern Anatolia and into the Caucasus.

Comments: the Mozan examples are only black and grey, we have no orange. red or bicrome examples; the only bicrome example came from the surface (Z1.313). The examples of this pottery probably imported from the Elazig area where there are a large number of varieties in this type not found at Mozan. One very fine surface sherd in a finer variety of this ware was found with small stamped triangles along the interior rim of a small bowl (B1q35, f23). One fine black incised sherd was found in A5q503v.

Type: Pebble Tempered:
Ware (Variety):
Coarse Pebble Tempered
Basis for Definition: temple $B A, A K$ building; this is the standard third millennium cooking pot ware in Urkesh.

Identifying Attributes: many small pebbles used as temper, very friable, highly burnished, exterior; before being used as a cooking vessel its color is brick red but on use becomes dark brown to black.

Paste Color: unused medium brown (5YR 74 pink); used dark brown
Temper: many pebbles, small amount of organic temper
Firing: low to medium, most secondarily bunt
Firing Cloud: none
Carbon Core: yes
Wall Thickness: $1-2 \mathrm{~cm}$
Forms:
hole mouth jars (MZ3B4q88-1); size range: rim d ca $19-25 \mathrm{~cm}$
large jars (MZ1B1); size range: rim d ca 30 cm
deep bowl with exterior semicircular tabs (MZ4B4q134-1);
size range: rim d ca 30 cm but they can be as wide as 60 cm
lid (A1q927-p4)
Manufacturing Techniques: very friable, burnished to compact the surface which otherwise would have little consistency since the proportion of paste to

## Ware (Variety):

## Bi-Color

Basis of Definition: Very few examples from the excavations; none found on the surface. The AK building Str B12 ( 6 sherds incl 5 bowl rims and one body sherd), Str B11 ( 2 bowl rim sherds). This ware is placed in this type class but it is not clear that it is actually painted; color difference may be from firing. This ware may be associated with Imitation Metallic ware.

Identifying Attributes: Bright Brick Orange exterior and interior (interior usually somewhat duller in color), dark to medium brown at rim and the exterior; this color never extends beyond the rim onto the interior. Exterior smoothed and in some bowls polished.

Color: Exterior and Interior - Brick Orange body with brown portion at the top of the exterior

Paste Color: Gray-green
Temper: Very fine chaff, some small mineral inclusions; on exterior and interior can have some larger pieces of white gypsum

Firing: Wide range in firing temperatures from low to high. In highly fired pieces the section is the same color as the exterior, red-orange; in low fired examples the section is buff. This is especially seen in the one, thicker, body sherd from the AK building, f113.

Firing Cloud: none
Carbon Core: none, but fring low so some change color in section
Wall Thickness: bowls ca $4-5 \mathrm{~cm}$
Forms: Small and medium bowls but the one body sherd from the AK building f113 indicates that larger forms exist. Bases are rounded. Size range: rim d ca $10-25 \mathrm{~cm}$

Type: Early Transcaucasian

## Variety Unspecified

## Early Transcaucasian

Basis for Definition: surface sherds, sherds found in temple BA (eg B5 features 23 and 35 ), some from the AK building.

Identifying Attributes: highly polished black or gray? surface, much temper, small and medium bowls, necked jars

Paste color: dark gray (10YR 3/1 very dark gray)
Temper: much organic and small mineral temper
Firing: medium
Firing cloud: none
Carbon core: usual
Wall Thickness: rim d ca 5 mm
Forms:

## PART TWO. SHAPES

## COVER

ware CH
jars
bowls
misc.
ware FC
jars
conical cups
strainers
bowls
ware S
small jars
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bowls
ware WS
jars
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ware I
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wares M, BC, ETC
wares P, FP, R


AKSB12


HOLE MOUTH JAR


STRAIGHT SIDED JARS
 JAR WI INTERIOR LEDGE


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DEEP BDewls

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AKSB/O


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Pot
Ca $1: 6$



AK BM 1







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FKSB12


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Wide Bowls




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## Appendix

# Ceramic shapes <br> from the service quarter AK of Palace AP 

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## SHAPE CODES <br> FOR THIRD MILLENNIUM CERAMIC SHAPES <br> FROM AK BUILDING

code shape category name



## ch (chaff tempered pottery)

1. square rim jar $\mathbf{~ s q j} \quad$ A8sA8a (A8q94-p3 f32)

2. necked jar nj A8sA8 (A8q105-p4 fl2)

3. angled rim jar arj AKsB12 (A1q813-p2)

4. hole mouth jar hmj AKsB12 (Alq973-pl)

5. jar with interior ledge ilj AKsB12 (A5q494-p3)

6. straight sided jar ssj A8sA8a (A8q89-p2 f32)

7. collared rim jar crj A8sA8a (A8q87-p2 f32)

8. $\quad$ simple rim jar $\quad$ srj $\quad$ A8sA8a - (A8q84-pl f32)
9. platter pl AKsB12 (A5q903-p3)


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## ch (chaff tempered pottery, cont.)

10. straight sided deep bowl ssb AKsB10 (Alq507-p1)

11. deep bowls with slight carinated bodies cdb AKsB12 (A1q905-p3)

12. carinated bowl cb AKsB12 (A5q704-pl)

13. other bowl otb AKsB12 (A1q862-p2)

14. flat rim bowl frb AKsB11 (A5q243-p2)

15. necked jar $\mathbf{n j}$ AKsB12 (A1q928-p3)
SCALE=1:2

fc (fine chaff ware)
16. straight mouth jar smj A8sA8 (A8q109-p6 f12)

17. conical cup cc AKsB12 (Ali232)


## fc (fine chaff ware, cont.)


21. rounded profile bowl rpb AKsB 12 (A5q678-p1)

23. slightly curved rim bowl scb AKsB12 (A5q494-p2)

24. angled rim bowl arb AKsB12 (A5q951-p1)

25. carinated bowl cb AKsB12 (Alq733-p3)

27. straight sided deep bowl ssb AKsB11 (Alq62-pl)

26. bowl with interior thickened rim bit AKsB12 (Alq818-pl)

28. flat rim plate frp AKsBl 12 (A1q818-p2)


## s (simple ware)

29. high neck jar nj AKsB12 (A5q793-p1) SCALE $=1: 2$

30. small jar with s-curved profile scj AKsB12 (Alq835-p3)

31. conical cup cc

AKsB12 (A5q705-p1)

32. bowl ob

AKB11 (A1q1044-p1)

33. pot op

AKsB12 (A5q939-p2\&3)

34. deep bowl db AKsB12 (A5q642-p1)

35. carinated bowl cb AKsB12 (A5q945-p4)


## ws (wet smoothed ware)

36. necked jar nj AKsB12 (A1q866-p2) 37. interior grooved jar igj AKsB12 (A5q494-p1)

37. flaring rim jar
frj AKsB12 (A5q901-p2)

38. collared rim jar crj AKsB12 (A5q645-p4)

ws (wet smoothed ware, cont.)

39. deep bowl db AKsB12 (A5q899-p1)

$i$ (incised ware)
40. necked jar nj AKsB12 (A5q926-p1 \& A5q945-p3


## i (incised ware, cont.)

45. other bowls otb AKsB12 (A1q152-pl)

46. deep bowl db Alq691 SCALE=1:6


## br (brick red ware)

48 bowl ob AKsB12 (Alq840-p8)

etc (early trans-caucasian ware)
50. necked jar nj AKsB12 (A1q936-pl)


## r(rough ware)

51. jar oj AKsB10 (A5q852-p1) $\underline{\text { SCALE }=1: 6}$


## fp (fine pebble tempered ware)

52. bowl ob AKsB12 (A1q928-p2)


## p (pebble tempered ware)

53. $\begin{aligned} & \text { cooking pot } \\ & \text { SCALE }=1: 4\end{aligned} \quad$ op MZ7A5.4


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