

Name 1	PROTECTIVE MASK WITH FILTER
Name 2	/
ID number	002.225.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Municipal Museum, Prelovčeva 9, SI-5280 Idrija
Ownership	Public
Owner	Municipality of Idrija, Mestni trg 1, SI-5280 Idrija
Local / Original ID Number	510:IDR;RZ-60
Type of Object	Mine

DESCRIPTION

Short description	The protective mask has a shield for nose and mouth. The mask has two lenses installed which make it possible to see through the mask. It has a round filter on the front side. In addition, it also has two safety head straps, which are connected at the nape. The right side of the mask has a German sign – an eagle with swastika.
Measures	Length 21 cm, width 13.2 cm, height 13.2 cm.
Materials	Aluminium, rubber, leather, glass.
Dating	End of the first half of the 20th century.

Author / Producer

Germany (manufacturer information is not known).

**Picture
attachments**

Original use	Protective masks were used between 1945 and 1955 by the pit rescue service. It also served to protect miners from inhaling carbon oxide, smoke and dust particles. In the first twenty years after the Second World War, the protective equipment used in the Idrija Mercury Mine worksites was inadequate. Therefore, there were many cases of poisoning among miners and smelters. Dustiness of the worksites in the pit was the highest during mechanical loading and pouring of the ore. Especially high values of dust in the air also occurred during dry drilling, mining and blowing backfill. The share of individual dust particles in the air depended on its content in the excavated ore and on the ore excavation technology.
Present use	The protective mask is being preserved, secured and presented as important mining heritage of Idrija with exceptional universal values. It is a part of the mining collection of the Idrija Municipal Museum. It is stored in the depot. It may be used for temporary museum exhibitions and various forms of promotion mercury heritage.
Original location	Idrija Mercury Mine worksite.
Present location	Idrija Municipal Museum, Prelovčeva 2 depot.

STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation:	The object is appropriately preserved. Therefore, no additional interventions are necessary. Security of the premises is ensured.
Present state	good
Necessary activities:	Regular seasonal maintenance.

DOCUMENTATION

**Addresses /
collections / links
etc. where further
in-depth
information is
accessible:**

- Inventory Book of the Idrija Municipal Museum;
- Kobal, Alfred Bogomir, Dizdarevič, Tatjana. Varstvo
delavcev, izpostavljenih živemu srebru v Rudniku živega
srebra Idrija po drugi svetovni vojni. Idrijski razgledi, 41/2,
1996, p. 15-27.

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