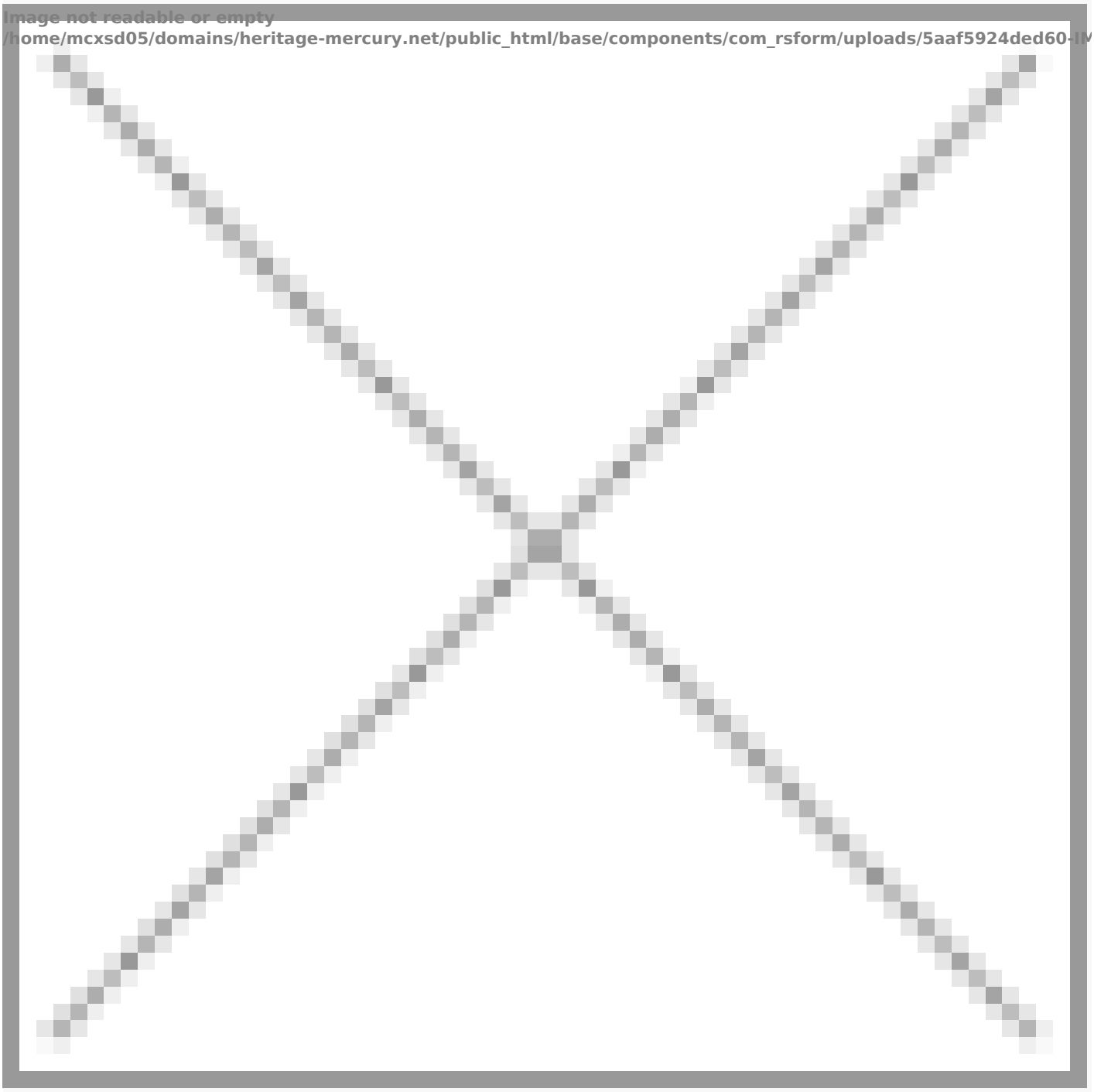
Name 1	VICE FOR SECURING STEEL FLASKS
Name 2	/
ID number	002.281.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Municipal Museum, Prelovčeva 9, SI-5280 Idrija
Ownership	Public
Owner	Municipality of Idrija, Mestni trg 1, SI-5280 Idrija
Local / Original ID Number	510:IDR;RZ-481
Type of Object	Transport - other transport, Smelting

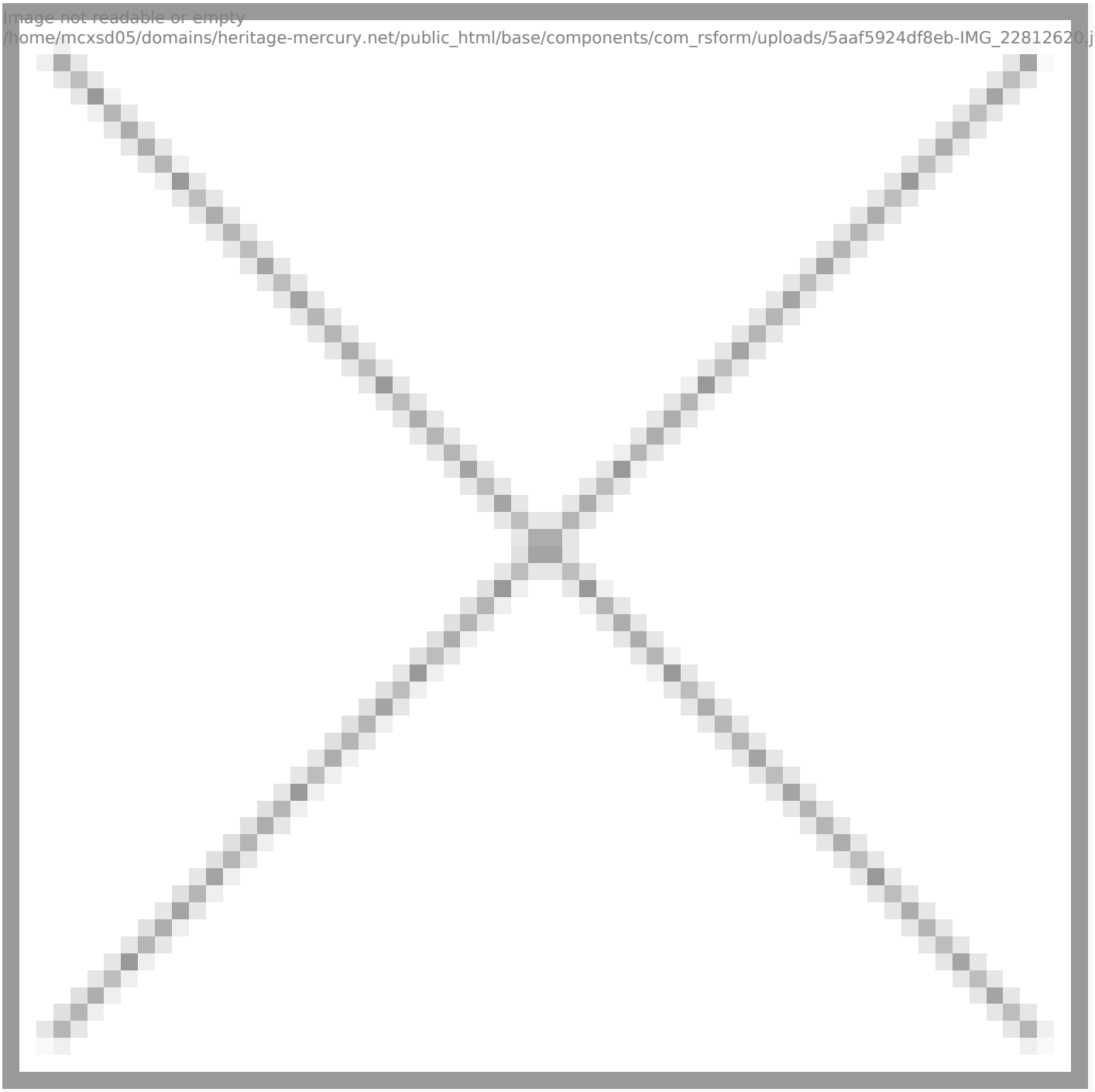
DESCRIPTION

Short description	The base of the vice consists of a large trapezoidal oak log, which is reinforced with two forged rings on the bottom and on the top. The vice itself consists of a circular lever, adjustable opening and a screw shaft. Just under the adjustable opening, the opening with a diameter of a steel flask is embedded in a wooden log. For the jaw regulation, a hinge and a screw spindle (on the other side of the jaw) with a circular lever, are used. All the iron parts are fixed on the wooden part with forged spikes.
Measures	Length 54 cm, width 44 cm, height 61.5 cm.
Materials	Oak wood, cast iron.

Dating	The time of creation is unknown.
Author / Producer	Manufacturer information is not known.

Picture attachments




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Original use	The vice was used for securing steel flask filled with mercury. First, the steel flask was filled using the measuring cylinder and the scale for weighing and filling the refined mercury. Then the filled steel flask was inserted into a special carve-out in the chopping block. It was then clamped using the hand-wheel and the jaw on the hinge, and was therefore fixed in order to prevent its spinning. A plug was screwed on with a special purpose wrench. After removing the steel flask from the vice, it was turned upside down (bottle neck facing down) and was kept in this position for one day, to check if it was sealed properly. If it was sealed properly, a seal with the sign of the Mine was fixed at the top of the bottle neck. This meant that the steel flask was ready for transport and sale.
Present use	The vise for securing steel flasks for mercury is being preserved, secured and presented as an important monument of Idrija mining heritage with exceptional universal values. It is a part of the collection called “Municipal Museum”. Visitors can view it within the permanent museum exhibition “Five Centuries of the Mercury Mine and the Town of Idrija”. It can also be used for different types of mercury heritage promotions.
Original location	The Smelting Plant of the Idrija Mercury Mine.
Present location	Idrija Municipal Museum, Gewerkenegg Castle (showroom 9).

STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation:	The described object was conserved before 1995, during the time of preparations for the opening of the permanent museum exhibition. Additional interventions are not necessary. Security of the premises is taken care of.

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.
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