

IV.6. Taxon Ef: Blade-like flakes (4 items; #1015–1018)

#1015. Item no. 425-10959

Exc. nr.	Discovery date	Square -subsq.	Depth range Z(D)	Depth Z(datum)	UTM E (x)	UTM N (y)	Stratum	Stratig. comp. (SC)
X12	31/01/2016	i4	-0.98/ -1.08	-1.02	283921.26	2724533.17	1212	C
Taxon code	Taxon definition	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Weight (g)	Raw material class		
Ef	Blade-like flake	27	18.5	4.2	2.29	V(b)		



Characterization. This artefact is a thin blade-like flake of coarse-grained black limestone, with a dorsal ridge displaced towards the left edge. The distal end is broken, while the proximal end shows a flat, unprepared platform, without ventral lip or impact bulb. The edges show no evident use-wear produced by anthropic activities. The right edge is fractured, but the fractures are rather natural. The item is a debitage element that could have been used as a cutting tool in the form of a backed knife, but the evidence was erased by natural damage inside the stratum.



#1016. Item no. 484-9937

Exc. nr.	Discovery date	Square-subsq.	Depth range Z(D)	Depth Z(datum)	UTM E (x)	UTM N (y)	Stratum	Stratig. comp. (SC)
X12	02/02/2016	K4	-2.13/ -2.23	-2.18	283923.01	2724533.17	1212	C
Taxon code	Taxon definition	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Weight (g)	Raw material class		
Ef	Blade-like flake	33	20.3	7	4.29	V(b)		



Characterization. This artefact is a surface-eroded and patina-coated blade-like flake of blackish limestone that does not hold clear evidence of anthropic utilization as a tool after its extraction from the parent core. The platform is collapsed and can no longer be appreciated, leaving behind a protuberant fragment that creates the false impression of an isolated platform. There is no *erailure* scar or evident impact protuberance on the ventral side associated with

the platform itself, but a protuberant impact bulb formed much farther away, in the medial section of the item. The distal end was partly modified by a potentially intentional burin-like extraction, originating from the cusp of a ridge on the adjacent portion of the dorsal side. The distal segment of the left edge seems to reveal use-wear scars, but most of those features are rather part of the erratic profile naturally produced by the terminations of the deep impact ripples formed on the ventral side, and also modified by more recent natural damage.

#1017. Item no. 487-11121

Exc. nr.	Discovery date	Square-subsq.	Depth range Z(D)	Depth Z(datum)	UTM E (x)	UTM N (y)	Stratum	Stratig. comp. (SC)
X12	02/02/2016	i6	-1.55/-1.70	-1.62	283921.26	2724534.67	1217	C
Taxon code	Taxon definition	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Weight (g)	Raw material class		
Ef	Blade-like flake	25.2	18.4	6	2.66	V		



Characterization. This small item is a tertiary, *outrépassé* blade-like flake of green limestone, covered entirely by a thick coating of cemented orange-brown sediment. The proximal section is missing, broken. The distal end is flat, squarish, part of the parent core. The edges of the piece show no evidence of use-wear or other post-extraction anthropic modifications.

#1018. Item no. 2165-12774

Exc. nr.	Discovery date	Square-subsq.	Depth range Z(D)	Depth Z(datum)	UTM E (x)	UTM N (y)	Stratum	Stratig. comp. (SC)
X12	27/01/2017	L7-SE	-3.00/-3.10	-3.05	283924.36	2724535.91	1222	C
Taxon code	Taxon definition	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Weight (g)	Raw material class		
Ef	Blade-like flake	25	16.1	7	2.77	V		



Characterization. This item is a secondary blade-like flake of dark-green limestone, with a shape similar to the backed knife tools commonly employed as cutting tools at Chiquihuite, but lacking the expected markers of having been used for such a purpose. The left edge, which could have served as the working edge, is not thinned or retouched, and also lacks use-wear. The blade-like flake has a large, wide, flat, unprepared platform, strongly tilted towards the ventral side, and a feathered distal end. The right side of the dorsal face is cortical. The left side of the dorsal face is defined by the scar of a previous blade-like extraction.

