

**ISic4369**

Inscription recording an architect called Proxenos

**Language**

Ancient Greek

**Type**

building

**Material**

limestone

**Object**

block

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**Autopsy**

Autopsy by Brugnone

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2020-11-26 - Simona Stoyanova restructured bibliography

**Place of origin (ancient)****Place of origin (modern)**

Monte Riparato

**Provenance**

Identified following earlier excavations (prior to 1992) of a section  
of ancient road on the north-west slopes of Pizzo S. Angelo on  
Monte Riparato

**Coordinates**

37.849150, 13.883873

**Current Location**

Italy, Sicily, Caltavuturo, Museo Civico "Don G.  
Guarneri"

**Physical Description**

A block originally from the border of an ancient road, regular in front but  
angular on the reverse. Subsequently reused and cut  
along the lower edge and  
some damage to the right side.

**Dimensions**

Height 26 cm

Width 41 cm

Depth 28 cm

**Layout**

Four lines of Greek letters filling the surviving face, with a regular left  
margin, uneven right margin

**Execution**

Engraved

**Letter Forms**

Deep, square cut, regular letters showing features of both middle and later  
Hellenistic texts: alpha with broken bar; mu and sigma with  
parallel bars; pi with  
equal vertical strokes; omega closed as circle on the  
horizontal bar in line 3,  
above the bar in line 1; episoli and xsi with short middle  
bar; omicron smaller and  
above the line.

**Letter heights:**

Lines 1-4: 24-48 mm

## Interlineation

Interlineation: Not measured mm

## Text

1. Ἀρχιτέκτων
2. Πρόξενος Λωϊίσκου
4. Θερμίτας

## Apparatus

Text of Brugnone 2016

## Translation (en)

Proxenos, son of Loiiskos of Thermae Himeraeae, architect

## Translation (it)

Proxenos, figlio di Loiiskos, termitano, architetto

## Commentary

The name Proxenos is rare, known only in Sicily for the brother of the Syracusan Hermocrates (Xen. Hell. 1.3.13). the name Loiiskos appears to be unique. Mention of architects in Greek inscriptions is rare. In western Sicily, another example is known from a pavement inscription in front of the bouleuterion of Segesta ( ISic 3505 [<http://sicily.classics.ox.ac.uk/inscription/ISic3505>] ). Another pavement inscription of approximately this date is known from Solunto also ( ISic 3067 [<http://sicily.classics.ox.ac.uk/inscription/ISic3067>] ).

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