

Tomb Δ is of similar construction to the other built chamber tombs, and its burial chamber is roughly the same size as that of Tomb B, with internal dimensions of 3.45 m. x 2.50 m. x 2.66 m. It preserves in situ two of the five stone slabs that formed its roof, each of which measures 3.80 m. long x 0.90 m. wide x 0.45 m. high. The slabs rested on a wooden beam, the large sockets for which are visible in the two side walls. When the upper surface of the stone roof blocks was cleared, vivid black scorch marks and the remains of a fire were revealed. Rather than the remains of the dead person's pyre, these are believed to have been caused by the burning of a variety of materials in the performance of posthumous rites (Fig. 44). The tomb is enclosed by a rectangular edifice used for worship purposes, the south-west section of which was destroyed when the later Tomb B was constructed. Three sides of the rectangular plan survive, while on the north-east side three courses of stone masonry laid in a stepped arrangement survive, and Z-shaped lead-coated iron clamps can be seen. Against the inner wall of the south-west side lies a rubbish pit (which was actually partly hewn out of the stone), in which a quantity of ash was found. Apart from the rectangular plan, on the south-west and north-west sides remains of floors were found, constructed of slabs made from a mixture of gravel, sand, scoria and probably lime. The scattered drums of Doric columns also attest to the grandeur of this building.

The tomb dates from the first half of the 5th century BC and was looted via a small opening in the south corner measuring just 30 cm. across. Of the grave goods only a few remains survive, such as fragments of terracotta figurines, gold rosettes and bronze phialai with holes in their bases that had been crushed or deformed after they had been used to make libations during the performance of devotional rites. It is worth mentioning that other similar 'crushed' phialai have been found scattered throughout the Necropolis.

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