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- 6) B1, O3, R1, T3 Exe: SC
7) B1, O3, R5, T2

Reference(s)

- RIC IVii 7, C 8
RIC IVii 14, C 15

Maximus Bust**Maximus Types**

Gordian I

Augustus 238

Gordian came from an influential Roman family and had served in several high-ranking posts. He was appointed Governor of Carthage and some years into his duties a serious tax revolt erupted because of the drastic taxing Maximinus was imposing to fund his war machine. The elderly Gordian saw that the revolt would culminate in his own death unless he took action. In a life-saving marketing move he came across as the friend of the people

and equally disgusted with the situation and was named emperor. The Roman Senate went along with this since they much preferred him to Maximinus.

Although he made preparations to go to Rome, Gordian and his son (who he made co-Augustus) were unable to overcome the obstacle that was the neighboring Governor of Numidia, Capellianus, a long-time rival of Gordian. Because Capellianus was in command of the only legion in Africa he remained loyal to Maximinus if only to spite his nemesis. He sent the legion against the Gordians whose army consisted of nothing but undisciplined militia men and, as expected, were crushed almost immediately. With all hope lost he hung himself at the age of 87.

Bust:

- 1) Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust right

Obverse:

- 1) IMP CAES M ANT GORDIANVS AFR AVG
2) IMP M ANT GORDIANVS AFR AVG

Reverses:

- 1) PM TR P COS PP
2) PROVIDENTIA AVGG
3) ROMAE AETERNAE
4) SECVRITAS AVGG
5) VIRTVS AVGG
6) VIRT EXERCIT

For having been in power for less than two months it is to be expected that coins of Gordian senior and junior would be very hard to come by. And certainly, they are much more difficult to locate than the fairly rare duo of emperors that was to follow them, Pupienus and Balbinus, who ruled for not much more than that.

The good news is that for the most part the coins that have come to market in recent years tend to be higher grade material. The bad news is the price, which can invariably be expected to reach at least a thousand dollars per piece and often quite a bit more than that.

Types:

- 1) Gordian I standing left, holding branch and scepter.
2) Gordian I standing left, sacrificing over altar.
3) Pax standing left, holding branch and scepter
4) Providentia standing left, leaning on column and with legs crossed, holding wand over globe and cornucopia.
5) Roma seated left, holding Victory and scepter.
6) Securitas seated left, holding scepter.
7) Victory advancing left, holding wreath and palm.
8) Virtus standing left, holding branch and spear
9) Virtus standing left, holding Victory and spear.

Mint:

- 1) Roma

AR Denarius

- 1) B1, O2, R1, T1
- 2) B1, O2, R3, T5
- 3) B1, O2, R4, T6

Reference(s)

- RIC IVii 1
- RIC IVii 4, C 8
- RIC IVii 5

AE Sestertius

- 4) B1, O1, R1, T1
- 5) B1, O1, R2, T4
- 6) B1, O1, R4, T6
- 7) B1, O1, R7, T7

- RIC IVii 7, C 3
- RIC IVii 9, C 6
- RIC IVii 11, C 11
- RIC IVii 12, C 14

Gordian I Bust



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Gordian I Types



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Gordian II

Augustus 238

Gordian was the son of the father of the same name. He led a hopelessly outclassed militia army against a Roman legion headed by Capellianus and died in battle.

Bust:

- 1) Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust right

Obverses:

- 1) IMP CAES M ANT GORDIANVS AFR AVG
- 2) IMP M ANT GORDIANVS AFR AVG

Reverses:

- 1) PM TR P COS PP
- 2) PROVIDENTIA AVGG
- 3) ROMAE AETERNAE
- 4) SECVRITAS AVGG
- 5) VICTORIA AVGG
- 6) VIRTVS AVGG

Types:

- 1) Gordian I standing left, holding branch and scepter
- 2) Providentia standing left, with legs crossed and leaning on column, holding wand over globe and cornucopia.
- 3) Roma seated left, holding Victory and spear
- 4) Securitas seated left, holding scepter
- 5) Victory advancing left, holding wreath and palm.
- 6) Virtus standing left, resting hand on shield and holding spear.

Mint:

- 1) Roma

AR Denarius

- 1) B1, O2, R1, T1
- 2) B1, O2, R3, T3
- 3) B1, O2, R4, T4

AE Sestertius

- 4) B1, O1, R1, T1
- 5) B1, O1, R2, T2
- 6) B1, O1, R4, T4 Exe: SC
- 7) B1, O1, R5, T5

Reference(s)

RIC IVii 1
RIC IVii 4, C 8
RIC IVii 5

RIC IVii 7, C 3
RIC IVii 9, C 6
RIC IVii 11, C 11
RIC IVii 12, C 14

Gordian II Bust



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Gordian II Types



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