

**Item number:** 10928**Xipe-Totec**

The volcanic stone image seen here represents a sitting figure, which carries on its own skin, the skin of a sacrificed. Therefore, it seems to have four legs and four arms. This is a representation of a pre-Hispanic ritual held in honor of Xipe Totec, deity of vegetation, soon after the spring equinox. The relationship of this deity to the fertility is clearly expressed in the representation of the erect phallus of the character.

**Type of object:** Sculpture**Raw material:** Basalt**Culture:** Central Veracruz**Temporality:** Late Classic 600 - 900 AD**Measurements****Length:** 80 cm.**Width:** 87 cm.**Height:** 135 cm.**Diameter:** N/A**Origin****State:** Veracruz de Ignacio de la Llave**Municipality:** Vega de Alatorre**Current location:** Gallery 3**Image**