

## T-12 (Y-8) 5 Sho


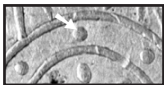
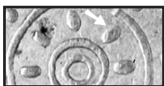
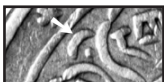
The 5 Sho coins were minted at the same time in 1909 as the copper coins were minted. The 5 Sho was called by the Tibetans 'Sho 1Na (= sGormo)' pronounced 'Sho-1Na (Gormo);' 5 Sho (coin). This issue is very scarce. However, the writer's trays contain two variations of this issue. The following tables detail this issue.

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### I. COIN FEATURE DETAILS

#### OBVERSE DETAILS

<u>Type</u>	<u>Code</u> <u>'T'</u>		<u>Description</u>
I	12.1		High arc connecting fleurets
			Small beads
			Oblong beads
II	12.2		Similar to 12.1 except low arc not connecting fleurets

**The image below is the coin in actual size. 26.1mm**



## II. DETAILS OF COIN TYPE

Type I  
Code T12.1  
Mint: Dode  
Denomination: 5 Sho Yr. 1 (1909)  
Diam: 26.1 mm; Th. 1.8 mm; Wt. 9.90 gms.  
Metal: Silver, Reeded Edge



**Obverse:** Similar to T11 1/4 Sho-gang in all respects except the Tibetan script inscribed in the South quadrant which reads: Sho.nga = Sho 5

**Reverse:** The reverse is struck from the same reverse die used in minting the 1/4 Sho-gang Type T11.1 coin, Code T11.1. Refer to this coin for details.

Type II  
Code T12.2



**Obverse:** Obverse struck from same obverse die used in minting coin Code T12.1.

**Reverse:** Low arc with bead not connecting fleurets. The reverse is struck from the same reverse die used in minting the 1/4 Sho-gang Type T11.2.

Comment: Kann's K1439 illustration Plate 178 is not a 5 Sho piece. It is a silver striking of 1/4 Sho-gang. Kann remarks under 1439a, "Date in lower sector differing." It appears Kann had both a genuine coin and a counterfeit. Kann picked the wrong one for illustration.

## III. TABLE SHOWING COIN DETAILS

<u>Type</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Rev</u> <u>Die</u>	<u>Diam.</u>	<u>Th.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>
	<u>'T'</u>	<u>Axis</u>	<u>mm.</u>	<u>mm.</u>	<u>gms.</u>
I	12.1	10°ccw	26.1	1.8	9.90
II	12.2	25°ccw	26.2	1.9	10.72