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The Roman short sword is known as the gladius. It was a common weapon for the front line troops of the late Republic and the Early Empire.

Gladius (/ ˈ ɡ l eɪ d i ʊ s /; Classical Latin: [ˈɡladiʊs]) was one Latin word for sword, and is used to represent the primary sword of Ancient Roman foot soldiers. Early ancient Roman swords were similar to those of the Greeks, called xiphos .

The Gladius (Sword) For hand to hand combat, the weapon of choice was the gladius hispaniensis , a short stabbing sword. As the name suggest, the sword originally came from Spain. It is suggested that it was introduced by Spanish mercenaries fighting for Carthage in the first Punic war. They had a short, 50 cm two-edged blade, with a long point.

The Romans essentially designed a long sword for use by their cavalry. The spatha gradually took the place of the gladius as the standard weapon of the heavy infantry, thus continuing the general trend toward increasing the gladius's dimensions. In addition to the legionaries, the Roman gladius was also used by gladiators in the arena.

Osprey - Weapon 51 - The Gladius. The Roman Short Sword. The gladius Hispaniensis (1), a weapon long enough for both cavalry and infantry to use, was suitable for both chopping and stabbing. It is based on the Delos sword and the weapon depicted on the funerary relief of the centurion Minucius from Padua.

The Gladius: The Roman Short Sword (Osprey Weapons #11) Both a lethal stabbing weapon and a formidable chopping blade, it was first used by the Roman Army in Spain, but employed to greatest effect when a strict gladiatorial training regime was applied. Adopted from the Celtiberians in the late 3rd century BC and then adapted by the Romans,...

The Sword (Gladius and Spatha) The "classical" Roman short sword is called gladius and thought to be of Spanish origin, typical length up to ca. 55 cms. The two main types are the earlier gladius hispaniensis / Mainz with a short blade, broad towards the handle, while the later type Pompeianus / Pompeii...

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