

*Architectonica nobilis* Röding, 1798  
Common Sundial

Class Gastropoda  
Family Architectonicidae

Classification according to Turgeon *et al.* (1998)  
References used: Description from Abbott (1974)

**Diagnostic characters:** 1 to 2 inches in diameter, heavy, cream with reddish brown spots which are especially prominent just below the suture. Sculpture of 4 or 5 spiral cords, usually beaded. Umbilicus round, deep and bordered by a heavily beaded, spiral cord. Operculum corneous, thin paucispiral, brown and with lamellate growth lines.

**Habitat:** Moderately common in sand below low-water line to a depth of 37 m.

**Range:** North Carolina to Florida; Texas and the West Indies; Brazil; Baja California to Peru.

